

Forth Sunday of Lent
Call to Worship – Lector 1

Good morning/ Good Evening (*pause*).

We gather together today, as sisters and brothers in Christ, to celebrate the fourth Sunday in Lent, traditionally known as Laetare (lay-tahr-ay) Sunday which means, “rejoice”.

As we begin, let us take a moment to silence our cell phones.
(*pause 5 seconds*)

In today’s gospel, we hear the story of the man born blind. This intervention of Jesus in a human disability is another example of how the power of God works through Jesus, revealing that the mercy of God comes to those who believe that Jesus is Lord.

Please rise as we begin in silence.

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Prayer of the Faithful – Lector 2

Priest: Like the blind man, God leads us from darkness into light. Let us humbly offer our needs before the Lord.

1. For all God's people, that we recognize our blindness and repent, so Christ may heal us, *We pray to the Lord...*

2. May the blindness of hatred, the darkness of war, and the gloom of greed be transformed by the light of Christ, *We pray to the Lord...*

3. For those who take their blessings for granted, that they learn generosity of spirit, *We pray to the Lord...*

6. For those preparing for the Easter Sacraments, that they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit, *We pray to the Lord...*

7. For the sick (especially _____
_____) that they find recovery from all that ails them, *We pray to the Lord...*

8. For those who have died, (especially _____
_____) that they may be led by the choirs of angels to their heavenly reward, *We pray to the Lord...*

Priest: God of mercy and love, you defend the poor and weak. Listen to our prayer and lead us out of darkness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.