



The
blind man
“Rabbi said,
Rabbi, I want
to see.”
Mark 10:51, NIV

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . *“Rise, Shine, You People!”* vs. 1,3,4

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: God of abundant love, pour your love and your Spirit upon us, that we may recognize our abundance and give our love and our lives completely and freely to you.

All: In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are an Open and Affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

All: There is a place in God’s heart, there is a place at Christ’s table, there is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people.

L: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: May our hearts be open to Christ’s leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

*P: Merciful God, when we have inflicted injuries upon others,
forgive us;*

**All: when we have laughed and sung as our enemies faced
calamity, pardon us;**

*P: when we have belittled the convictions of others through
word or deed, restore us in your mercy.*

**All: Reclaim us, Mighty One, that amidst the trials of life,
we might walk on the dry land of your powerful hope
and your loving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Time of silence for reflection

P: If it had not been God who was on our side,

All: the forces of death would have claimed us as victims.

P: If it had not been God who was on our side,

**All: we would have fallen to the sword or been drowned by
the sea.**

P: Dance and sing to God who is on our side,

All: and is on the side of all God's children.



LITANY

L: Holy Spirit, giver of life, creative breath of God through whom this world was breathed into existence and is sustained,

All: blow through the parched earth of our existence, and breathe Your Life into our lives.

L: Spirit of Truth and Wisdom through ages past and present who guides God's people into all Truth,

All: blow through the parched earth of our knowledge, and breathe your Truth into our lives.

L: Holy Spirit, Counsellor, sent by the Creator; comforting, guiding and reassuring,

All: blow through the parched earth of our faith, and breathe peace, love and reassurance into our lives.

L: Holy Spirit, enabler of your servants and prophets through the ages; source of authority, wisdom and power,

All: blow through the parched earth of our lives and breathe into them Your Spirit's power.

L: Holy Spirit, indwelling presence of God, empowering the lives of the apostles at Pentecost and the Church today,

All: blow through the parched earth of our witness, and empower our lives in the service of Your Kingdom.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

All: Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Abiding Spirit, may our hearts be opened to the
mystery of the gospel,

All: that the Creator of life may be made known to all.

READING . . . *Psalm 126 (The Inclusive Bible)*

“When Yahweh brought us captives back to Zion,
we thought we were dreaming!

Our mouths were filled with laughter then,
our tongues with songs of joy.

And from the nations we heard,

“Their God has done great things for them.”

Yes— Yahweh has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

Now set our captive hearts free, Yahweh!

Make them like streams in the driest desert!

Then those who now sow in tears
will reap with shouts of joy;

those who go out weeping as they
carry their seed for sowing

will come back with shouts of joy
as they carry their harvest home.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.

All: Bless us with your gifts, O God.

Reader: Our God feeds us with the bread of life and the
wellspring of our salvation.

All: Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.

Reader: Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.

All: Bless us with your gifts, Mighty Spirit.

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

Gospel . . . *Mark 10:46-52* (read as part of the Message)

As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: We become a flavorful and peaceful community by sharing the gifts of our lives with the world.

All: **We are a compassionate and generous people, so let us give joyfully.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Jesus, make us and our gifts salt for the world.

All: **Make us and our gifts the source of comfort and relief to the suffering, joy and courage to all.**

L: Bless our gifts of presence and treasure,

All: **that people may recognize you, Life-Giver, in our lives and in our world. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation with which we are most comfortable:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE . . . *“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”* vs. 1,2,4

SINGING BOWL

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