

Children's Liturgy – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Gospel: John 9:1-41 (shortened version)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind.

Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud; he rubbed the mud on the man's eyes and said, "Go and wash your face in the Pool of Siloam." So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing.

His neighbours and the people who had seen him begging before this, asked, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No he isn't; he just looks like him."

So the man himself said, "I am the man."

Then they took the man to the Pharisees. The day that Jesus made the mud and cured him of his blindness was a Sabbath. The Pharisees asked the man how he had received his sight. He told them, "He put some mud on my eyes; I washed my face, and now I can see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "The man who did this cannot be from God for he does not obey the Sabbath law."

Others, however, said, "How could a man who is a sinner perform such miracles as these?" And there was a division among them.

So the Pharisees asked the man once more, "You say he cured you of your blindness — well, what do you say about him?"

"He is a prophet," the man answered.

They answered, "You were born and brought up in sin — and you are trying to teach us?" And they expelled him from the synagogue.

When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

The man answered, "Tell me who he is, sir, so that I can believe in him!"

Jesus said to him, "You have already seen him, and he is the one who is talking with you now."

"I believe, Lord!" the man said, and knelt down before Jesus.

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