



Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy,
may your healing hand rest upon me,
may your life giving powers flow
into every cell of my body and
into the depths of my soul,
cleansing, purifying, restoring me
to wholeness and strength
for service in your Kingdom.
Amen.

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Remember In Prayer

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before
the Lord who made us.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

Fr. Al Kirk will offer a half day course on the Mass on Sat., Feb. 6 from 9:15 - 2:30.

It will include short talks, a Teaching Mass and Q and A with the Presenter.

\$20 per person, lunch included. To register: debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org OR 731-548-2500

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day

Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;

Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions; First
Saturday

Feast of Faith
I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or “I confess,” a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—“I confess”—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our “fault,” with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can (“The devil made me do it!”). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

Feb 7th
Lector Mary

MORE
Care more than others think necessary.
Trust more than others think wise.
Serve more than others think practical.