

Cycle B – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct. 27, 2024

“... Teacher, let me see again ...”
(Gospel Only)

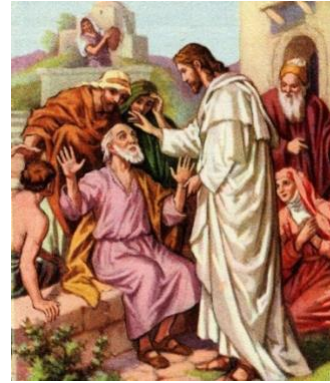
Opening Prayer (Psalm 126)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the desert.

All: May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.



Gospel – Mark 10: 46-52

The account of Bartimaeus' recovery of sight is the Gospel of Mark's final account of a miracle before Jesus enters Jerusalem and faces his passion and death. In contrast to previous accounts in Mark, where the "messianic secret" was emphasized, this healing takes place very publicly and is described in great detail, employing even politically-loaded terms like "Son of David," thus identifying Jesus as the King of the Jews. Persistent in faith, Bartimaeus is given sight both physically and spiritually, as evidenced by his decision to become a disciple.

1. What part of this passage speaks to you most?
2. Do you know someone who is blind – either physically or otherwise? What is it like to relate to this person, and what do you think this person needs most?
3. Is it possible for us to know and recognize our own blindness? Who/What could help us "see" our own blindness of heart?
4. What qualities in Bartimaeus would you like to develop more within yourself?

Praying the Word

Intention: For all who suffer blindness in body, mind and heart and for those who reach out to be Christ's healing touch to restore the kind of seeing which leads to eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

(Invite personal intentions, ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Concluding Prayer

Leader: Jesus, our Healer and Teacher,
we cry out with Bartimaeus:

All: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.

Leader: Recover our blindness of heart and mind,
by increasing our faith, hope and love.

All: While we weep and confess our short-sightedness
may you bring joy at the harvest time of our lives.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

(Let us offer each other a Sign of Peace)