

## now / see

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Gospel reading: John 9:1-41



### Poetry

#### be sent

murky mud, this clay  
this spit and dirt  
completes creation  
breaks the day  
from blinding night

so, go and wash  
in pools of ancient gold  
be sent  
into your story,  
told with weighted words  
by those whose eyes  
closed shut with fright

now is the light  
intruding where the holy  
hold their sway  
curtain torn in two  
for you, a gift of sight

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### Questions to ponder/discuss:

What does the image evoke within you? What words, phrases or questions arise for you in the poetry? Where do you find yourself in this story? What do you make of Jesus using spit and mud, when in other healing stories he simply touches? Can you think of a time when you saw something clearly and deeply for the first time?

### Prayer

Discerner of hearts,  
you look beneath our outward appearance  
and see your image in each of us.  
Banish in us the blindness  
that prevents us from recognizing truth,  
so we may see the world through your eyes  
and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us. Amen.

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