

**First Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7,  
10–13a

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**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

**T**he LORD said to Samuel:  
“Take some olive oil with you  
and go to a man named Jesse who lives in Bethlehem.  
I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

When Jesse and his sons got there,  
Samuel saw Jesse’s oldest son, Eliab, and thought,  
“He must be the one the LORD has chosen.”

But the LORD told Samuel,  
“Don’t choose him just because he is tall and handsome.  
He isn’t the one I have chosen.  
People judge others by what they look like, but I don’t.  
I judge by what is in a person’s heart.”

Jesse sent seven of his sons to Samuel,  
but each time Samuel would say,  
“The LORD has not chosen him.”

Finally, Samuel asked Jesse,  
“Do you have any more sons?”

Jesse answered,  
“Yes, my youngest son David is out taking care of the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him.  
We won’t start until he gets here.”

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Jesse sent for David, and he came.

He was a healthy, good-looking boy with a sparkle in his eyes.

The LORD told Samuel, “This is the one.

Pour the olive oil on his head.”

Samuel poured the oil on David’s head while his brothers watched.

At that moment the LORD’s Spirit took control of David

and stayed with him from then on.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 23:1–3a,  
3b–4, 5b–6c*

**All:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

*You, LORD, are my shepherd.  
I will never be in need.  
You let me rest in fields  
of green grass.  
You lead me to streams  
of peaceful water,  
and you refresh my life.*

**All:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

*You are true to your name,  
and you lead me  
along the right paths.  
I may walk through valleys  
as dark as death,  
but I won't be afraid.  
You are with me,  
and your shepherd's rod  
makes me feel safe.*

**All:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

*While my enemies watch,  
you honor me as your guest,  
and you fill my cup  
until it overflows.  
Your kindness and love  
will always be with me  
each day of my life.*

**All:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading**  
Ephesians 5:1–2, 8–10

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

Brothers and sisters:  
Do as God does.  
After all, you are his dear children.  
Let love be your guide.  
Christ loved us and offered his life for us  
as a sacrifice that pleases God.

You used to be like people living in the dark,  
but now you are people of the light  
because you belong to the Lord.  
So act like people of the light  
and make your light shine.  
Be good and honest and truthful,  
as you try to please the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel**

John 9:1, 6–12, 35–38

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**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

One day as Jesus walked along,  
he saw a man who had been blind since birth.  
Jesus spit on the ground.  
He made some mud and smeared it on the man's eyes.  
Then he said, "Go and wash off the mud in Siloam Pool."  
The man went and washed in Siloam,  
which means "One Who Is Sent."  
When he had washed off the mud, he could see.

The man's neighbors and the people who had seen him begging  
wondered if he really could be the same man.  
Some of them said he was the same beggar,  
while others said he only looked like him.  
But he told them, "I am that man."

"Then how can you see?" they asked.

He answered,  
"Someone named Jesus made some mud and smeared it on my eyes.  
He told me to go and wash it off in Siloam Pool.  
When I did, I could see."  
"Where is he now?" they asked.  
"I don't know?" he answered.

When Jesus heard what had happened,  
he went and found the man.

Then Jesus asked, "Do you have faith in the Son of Man?"  
He replied, "Sir, if you will tell me who he is,  
I will put my faith in him."

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“You have already seen him,” Jesus answered,  
“and right now he is talking with you.”  
The man said, “Lord, I put my faith in you!”  
Then he worshiped Jesus.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**