



LESSONS FOR LAMBS

WEEK OF QUINQUAGESIMA

The word *Quinquagesima* comes from the Latin word for "fiftieth." It is named this because it is the Sunday approximately 50 days from Easter. The color for the Week of Quinquagesima is green or purple.



- | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------|
| blind | Jericho | mercy |
| sight | faith | praise |
| heal | Jerusalem | cross |
| recover | Israel | promise |
| Samuel | King | David |
| Saul | prophet | judge |
| fiftieth | | |

Produced by Heidi D. Slas. May be reproduced intact for congregational use only, not to be sold. For further permissions contact heid@heldslas.com.

Front cover art (by Ed Riojas) copyright © 2006 by Higher Things. Used by permission. Available from Higher Things through their web store at: www.higherthings.org/store.html.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Catechism excerpts from the 1912 Catechism, other art and all hymns are in the public domain.

Remainder copyright © 2010 Heidi Dawn Slas.

What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the word "mercy" during the service. What are we asking Him when we ask for mercy? In what parts of the divine service do we ask for God's mercy?

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:31-43

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." 42 And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Who is the Son of Man and what is going to happen to Him in Jerusalem?
- 2) What did the people tell the blind man was happening?
- 3) What does the blind man say to Jesus and what does he know that Jesus can do for him?
- 4) The people thought Jesus shouldn't be bothered with the blind man's problems, but what did Jesus think about it?
- 5) What did Jesus do for the blind man?
- 6) What does Jesus going to Jerusalem and the cross mean for your problems? What's the biggest problem Jesus takes care of for all people?

People of the Bible: Samuel

In the Old Testament reading we hear about Samuel. But who was Samuel? Samuel was a prophet in the Old Testament, and was the last of the judges to rule Israel. God first called on Samuel to condemn the wickedness going on in the house of Eli. Later, when Samuel's own sons became corrupt, the people of Israel asked Samuel to give them a king. Samuel told them of the dangers of having a king, but they wanted one anyway. God told Samuel to appoint Saul as king, so he did. But Saul didn't listen to what God wanted and didn't follow His Law, so God told Samuel to remove him as king and make David the king of Israel. In doing this, God fulfilled His promise and had mercy on the people because Jesus would later be born from the family line of David.

Catechism Corner

The CREED (The First Article: Creation)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth
What does this mean? Answer:

I believe that God has made me and all creatures, that he has given me my body, soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and my senses, and still preserves them; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children; fields, cattle, and all my goods; that he richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; that he protects me from all danger and guards and protects me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me, for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Draw a picture of Jesus healing the blind man

