



*mud*



O heavenly Father, you  
have filled the world

with beauty: Open our eyes to  
behold your gracious hand in all your  
works; that, rejoicing in your whole  
creation, we may learn to serve you  
with gladness; for the sake of him  
through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.



# THE *readings*

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## ***A reading from Psalm 40:1-3.***

1 I was patient while I waited for the Lord.

He turned to me and heard my cry for help.

2 I was sliding down into the pit of death, and he pulled me out.

He brought me up out of the mud and dirt.

He set my feet on a rock.

He gave me a firm place to stand on.

3 He gave me a new song to sing.

It is a hymn of praise to our God.

Many people will see and have respect for the Lord.

They will put their trust in him.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.***



## ***A reading from John 9:1-7.***

1 As Jesus went along,  
he saw a man who was blind.

He had been blind since he was born.

2 Jesus' disciples asked him,

"Rabbi, who sinned?

Was this man born blind because he sinned?

Or did his parents sin?"

3 "It isn't because this man sinned," said Jesus.

"It isn't because his parents sinned.

He was born blind

so that God's power could be shown

by what's going to happen.

4 While it is still day,

we must do the works of the one who sent me.

Night is coming. Then no one can work.

5 While I am in the world,

I am the light of the world."

6 After he said this, he spit on the ground.

He made some mud with the spit. Then he put the mud  
on the man's eyes.

7 "Go," he told him. "Wash in the Pool of Siloam."

Siloam means Sent.

So the man went and washed.

And he came home able to see.

***The Word of the Lord.***

***Thanks be to God.***



# THE *wonderings*

*what do you wonder about  
because of what you've read or heard?*

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# THE *observations*

*what do you notice about mud?  
what do you notice about God?*

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# THE *connections*

***what does today's conversation make you think of?  
are there other stories from the Bible that come to mind?***

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# THE *response*

***what do you want to draw or write or remember  
because of what you read or heard or saw?***

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THE *prayers*

***what do you want to say to God  
because of what you read or heard or saw?***

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

**THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**God knows you! He's crazy about you! He goes with you everywhere!**