

4th Sunday of Lent

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"My son was lost but now he has been found."

GATHER

Make the sign of the cross

Pray

God our Father

We have spent several weeks on our Lenten journey. It is hard and we sometimes make mistakes or do not make the right choices, even though we want to. Guide us, be with us and help us remember the promises we made at the start of Lent.

In your mercy Hear our prayer.

WORD - LISTEN

Read or listen to the reading from the Gospel of Saint Luke (15:11-24)

Jesus uses a parable to show the everlasting love and mercy of God.

RESPOND

Look at the picture on the front cover. It is by Sieger Köder (1925–2015), who was a German artist and priest. It is called "Home".

Take some time to look closely at the image. Notice where it is light and dark.

Look at each of the colours. See the variation in shades.

Notice the shapes in the picture. You may like to trace around them with your finger.

Does the picture remind you of anything?

What feelings do you have when you look at this picture?

What are you drawn to in the picture? What do you like about it?

Is there something you do not like or that disturbs you?

If you were part of this picture, where would you be?

If Jesus were part of this picture, where would He be?

Imagine that Jesus is looking at the image with you. What do you want to say to him?

What does He want to say to you?

Is there anything else that you want to say to Jesus about the picture?

What gift will you take from this image? Is there a word or phrase that sums this up for you.

Thank God for this gift or insight.

Extra

Read Luke 15:25-33 How does the older brother feel? Have you ever felt like this? What is the Father's message to the son?

MISSION

Show God's mercy and love to people you meet.

If you have made your First Holy Communion, go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) this Lent.