

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Readings: Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22 – Wicked thoughts; John 7. 1-2, 10, 25-30 – Hidden no longer.

Reality: Once there was a king who decided to disguise himself as a peasant. He lived among the people, and he was treated very rudely. He began to realize that people treated him with respect and fear only when they knew him as their king. One day his identity was discovered. The people protested and insisted he stop going around as an ordinary person like one of them. They demanded that he return to his throne, put on his royal robes, and act like a king. After all, he was playing a nasty trick on them to see if he could catch them off guard.

Prayer: Help us not to control or manipulate your presence; may we give you the freedom to be who you are.