



4th Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2025

As most of you know, I love to read. During the last few months I devoured several books on Lincoln. The best one I read was Team of Rivals, about how Lincoln was able to rise above pettiness and be a true leader. He was able to take all his enemies and put them in his cabinet. It was a small book about all his speeches. In his 2nd inaugural address, he vowed to lead “with malice toward none and charity for all.”

Repent. This summarizes today’s reading – all about reconciliation. We are a new creation in Christ. It was through Christ God reconciled the world. The disciples of Christ are called, not to be at odds with each other, but to be ambassadors of Christ.

Even the familiar Gospel reading of the Prodigal Son – emphasizes God’s reaching out 1. to the scribes and pharisees, who think they did nothing wrong (you know the type). God also is reaching out to his sons – those closest to Him, who should know better. 2. He reached out to the son – potting (Malabo), you know the type. 3. He reached out to the younger son – who only returned home out of self-interest, you know the type.

But you see the type doesn’t matter, God doesn’t care.

He wants us all to be reconciled.

The same is true for us. We are called to be ambassadors for Christ, given the ministry of reconciliation. God has given us new life in Baptism. What matters is not the # of days of our life, but what we do with these days.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.