

Rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents

With Individual Confession and Absolution

Lent 2007

Introductory Rites

Song: “Attende Domine ” *(or another appropriate song)*

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and from Jesus Christ who loves us and washes away our sins.

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

Presider: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, You do not wish the sinner to die but to be converted and live. Come to the aid of your people, that they may turn from their sins and live for you alone. May we be attentive to your word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and always be grateful for your loving kindness. Help us to live the truth in love and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit both now and forever.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12
The Lord laid upon him our guilt.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129 *(any sung version)*
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 6:2b-13
Consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God.

Gospel Verse: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel: Luke 23:39-43
Today you will be with me in paradise

Homily

Examination of Conscience

Presider: My sisters and brothers, our Lord Jesus was sent into the world that we might be set free from our sin and be saved. We examine our conscience mindful that we have not always been open to the grace we have been given.

Reader: Do I worship God at Sunday Mass? (*read slowly with a pause at the breaks*)
Am I faithful to my daily prayer?
Are money, power or sex gods to me?

Do I swear?
Do I misuse the Lord's name?

Am I respectful of people who do not think or look like me?
Am I a gossip?
Have I harmed anyone's reputation?

Am I faithful to my promises?
Have I given my parents proper respect?
Am I grateful for the gift of my children?

Do I fight with anyone?
Do I hear what people are trying to tell me?
Do I control my temper?

Do I treat my body with respect?
Am I faithful to my spouse and family?

Am I honest?
Do I give a full days' work for my wages?
Do I take advantage of people?

Am I honest in paying my taxes?
Am I jealous of the wealth or position of others?
Am I selfish?
Do I live within my means?

Do I recognize that God is present and active in every moment of my life?

Rite of Reconciliation

Presider or Deacon: My sisters and brothers, confess your sins and pray for each other,
that you may be healed.

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Presider or Deacon: Christ, the Good Shepherd seeks
out the lost sheep and carries it back with joy.
Let us pray with confidence to the Lord.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You were sent with good news for the poor
and healing for the contrite.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You come to call sinners, not the just.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You forgave the many sins of the woman who showed
you great love.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery, but sent her
away in peace.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You called Zacchaeus to repentance and new life

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You promised paradise to the repentant thief.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Minister: You are always interceding for us at the right hand of the Father.

All: Lord, seek us out and bring us home.

Priest or Deacon: Now in obedience to Christ himself, let us join together in prayer to God our loving Father.

All: Our Father...

Presider: Lord, draw near to your servants who in the presence of your Church confess that they are sinners. Through the ministry of the Church free them from all sin so that renewed in spirit they may give you thankful praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Individual Confession and Absolution

(The penitents now go to the priests designated for individual confession.)

Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy

(When individual confessions are completed the presider invites all present to stand and sing a song of thanksgiving acknowledging God's power and mercy. The rite is specific in recommending a scriptural Text.)

Song: Luke 1:46-55—The Magnificat *(or another appropriate song ie. Daniel 3:52-57, Isaiah 12: 1b-6, Psalm 102, 144 or 145)*

Concluding Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presider: God and Father of us all,
you have forgiven our sins
and sent us your peace.
Help us to forgive each other
and to work together to establish
peace in the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rite

Presider: May the Father bless us,
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Lord show us his saving power for he died and rose for us.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Spirit give us the gift of holiness and lead us by the right path,
for he dwells in our hearts.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: The Lord has freed you
from your sins.
Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song: *(any appropriate selection)*

Music Suggestions

Gathering Songs

Amazing Grace	Traditional	Various
Ashes	Conroy	GIA
Deep Within	Haas	GIA
Draw Near/Attende Domine	Chant Mode V	WLP
Escúchanos Señor	Traditional Spanish	OCP
Espero en Ti, Señor	Fernandez	OCP
Eye Has Not Seen	Haugen	GIA
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	KINGSFOLD	Various
Lift High the Cross	CRUCIFER	Various
Parce Domine	ALSTOTT	Various
Perdóname, Jesús	Silva	OCP
There's a Wideness	Faber	OCP

Closing Songs

Alabaré	Traditional Spanish	Various
All You Nations	Deiss	WLP
Adoramus Te Christe	Haugen	GIA
Blest Be the Lord	Schutte	OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)	Various	Various
Enviá Tu Espíritu	Hurd	OCP
Glory and Praise to Our God	Schutte	OCP
Holy God	TE DEUM	Various
How Excellent Is Thy Name	Higdon	LMGM
Lift Up Your Hearts	O'Connor	OCP
One Spirit, One Church	Keil	OCP
Praise God from Whom	Watts	Various
Return to God	Haugen	GIA
Thanks be to You	Haugen	GIA
UBI Caritas	Traditional	Various
Zion Sing, Break Into Song	Deiss	WLP