



# second rite of reconciliation

Advent Year C

## SUGGESTED PRAYER AND REFLECTION CENTRE.

Use the darker colours of magenta/purples or deep blue blended as a base. Place a lit candle to represent Christ near or into the prayer centre.

Also place the word of God into the prayer centre opened at the Gospel reading to be used. If possible place a container with lit charcoal for incenses and ask the priest to put a small amount of incense into this at the beginning of the rite. The container can be processed through the people and placed at the opening hymn.

This is to represent prayer rising to God.

Each person can be given a slip of paper when they go to personal reconciliation with a simple thanksgiving prayer to say and take with them.

## OPENING HYMN

Suggested Music:	Come to Me	Michael Joncas	Gather Australia 471
	I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say	Horatius Bonar	Gather Australia 468
			As One Voice, Volume 1, 54

## GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and Christ Jesus his Son.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: We gather here today /tonight in confidence that God in his mercy will hear our prayers and forgive our faults.



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## OPENING PRAYER

Priest: My brothers and sisters God has called us to conversion;  
let us then ask him to assist us to be truly repentant.

*Silent Prayer*

Priest: Father of mercies come to the aid of your people  
that they may turn away from sin.  
May they be attentive to your word always growing  
in the knowledge of what you ask of them.  
Help them to live in the truth of your love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son.

All: Amen.

## READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 or  
Joel 2:12-13

Psalm: Psalm 145: 1,9,10-11, 12-13  
The Lord is gracious and merciful;  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 or  
Romans 6:2-11

Verse before the Gospel: Lord show us your love and grant us your salvation.

Gospel: John 1:29-34 or  
Matthew 9:1-8

## HOMILY



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## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Priest: God who is infinite mercy pardons all who are repentant and takes away their sins.  
Confident in his mercy we confess with a sincerity of heart.

*The following may be read by a member of the community and/or placed on PowerPoint.*

### **Am I a person of integrity, who is honest and reliable?**

Do I treat people with respect and dignity?

Am I patient with other?

Have I been faithful in my relationships?

Do I put my needs and wants before others?

Do I treat people who are different to me socially and physically with disrespect and indifference?

Am I a trustworthy person who cares for the property of others?

### **Am I a person who believes that God has redeemed me?**

Do I attend the sacraments of the church willingly keeping Sunday as a Holy Day?

Do I trust in God's goodness and providence?

Do I stand up for my faith in society, and educate myself as to what the church teaches?

In my family and work place do I contribute to the wellbeing and happiness of other?

### **Am I a person of respect?**

Do I respect mine and others bodies?

Do I use alcohol and drugs incorrectly?

Do I use the gifts given by God for his glory?

Do I share my time and talents to assist others?

Am I patient with myself forgiving my weaknesses as God forgives me?

### **Am I a person who lives out the birth right of my Baptism?**

Do I fulfil my commitments as a member of the faith community?

Do I attend to my faith life through prayer?

Do I try to grow by listening to the word of God and reading scripture?

Do I stand up for what is right?

Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins, praying for each other, that we may be healed.

## CONFITEOR

*All recite the Confiteor*



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## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

*The priest or minister points out the places where the confessors will be located and explains how the second rite should occur. The assembly is encouraged to remain in the church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet music is played during this time.*

## THANKSGIVING

Priest: As a sign of peace and reconciliation let us join together and pray the prayer the Lord gave us.

All: Our Father...

Priest: We have been given the peace that comes from restoring our friendship with God.  
Let us now offer peace to our brothers and sisters.  
*All offer one another the sign of peace*

## CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: Jesus Christ came that we may be forgiven our sins and renew our  
commitment to follow and live out the love of God.  
He now sends you out to take his love and mercy to all you meet.  
May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: Go now to live in the peace of the love of God.

All: Amen

## RECESSIONAL SONG

Suggested Music:	Glory and Praise to Our God	Dan Schutte	Gather Australia 417 As One Voice, Volume 1, 16
	Now Thank We All Our God	Martin Rinkart	Gather Australia 425 As One Voice, Volume 1, 189