

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Lent 2019

Opening Song

God of Mercy and Compassion - Michael Hodgetts

Catholic Worship Book 692

Gather Australia 302

Return to God - Marty Haugen

Gather Australia 304

Welcome/ Opening Prayer

Celebrant: Welcome to our Reconciliation service for Lent.

We are all journeying in faith to a deeper relationship with God confident that through His mercy we will receive the gifts of forgiveness and renewal.

Let us pray

God of goodness and mercy,

you offer us the opportunity of healing and renewal of our relationship with you and your people. Give us the strength and courage to truly open our hearts to your will as we come to you in humility and trust.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading

Philippians 3: 17, 4-1 or Corinthians 5:17-21

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102 [Lectionary: Third Sunday of Lent Year C]

If sung:

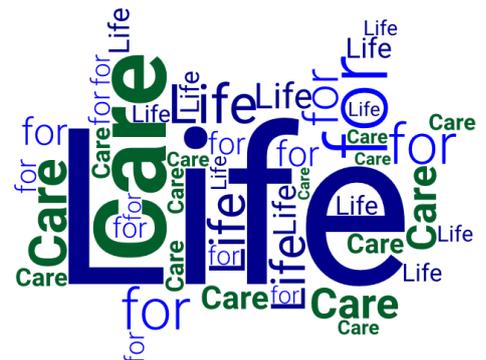
Gather Australia Psalm 103:

The Lord is Kind and Merciful #61

Catholic Worship Book 216

Gospel Reading

Luke 4: 1-13 or Luke 6: 31-38



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Celebrant: We will now spend some time reflecting on how God is calling us to live as disciples of his Son.

Examination of Conscience

This reflection is best read slowly and reflectively. Gentle, reflective music could be played in the background. A photocopy of the examination of conscience could be handed to people as they arrive at the church for their own personal reflection during the ritual and throughout Lent.

Let us reflect on God's love for us and how we respond.

- ❖ Do I act as a follower of God in what I say and do?
- ❖ Am I letting God in his Word and in the Eucharist lead my life?
- ❖ Do I put things of the world, false teachings and worldly matters, before my relationship with God?
- ❖ Do I care for and protect the world and its people by my words and actions?

Let us reflect on the way we live our lives as members of the Catholic Church.

- ❖ Do I take time to understand and support the teachings of the Church or do I just follow the crowd?
- ❖ Am I willing to stand up for my faith in public?
- ❖ Am I happy to be known as a Catholic?

Let us reflect on how we live as people of faith.

- ❖ Do I show Christ-like respect and acceptance of my family and neighbours?
- ❖ Do I act with justice and mercy with others?
- ❖ Do I spend time in prayer?

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Let us reflect on how we live with other people.

- ❖ Do I use my talents for others and the Church or do I do only what I have to?
- ❖ Do I share what has been given to me, especially with those less fortunate than myself?
- ❖ Do I care for and respect my body and other people's bodies?
- ❖ Do I treat the Elderly with respect and compassion?

Let us reflect on our behaviour.

- ❖ Do I act honestly in both word and action?
- ❖ Am I respectful of other people's property?
- ❖ Do I speak of other people with respect and truth?

Celebrant: Lord, help us to come to you with humble and contrite hearts, prepared to accept your forgiveness and with the intention to change our lives.

All: I confess... *The text may be displayed on a PowerPoint slide*

Celebrant: Let us now come before the Lord in faith acknowledging our faults and accepting his forgiveness.

*An explanation should be given on how to attend this form of reconciliation.
The penitents only need to concentrate on two or three areas of difficulty in their lives.
They should stay until the end of the rite.*

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After Personal Confession

The celebrant invites the community to join him in the Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father ...

Celebrant: Almighty God, you show us your love and mercy, making us new again. May we always seek the truth and live as people of faith.
Amen.

Sign of Peace

Celebrant: The Lord has given us the gift of peace, let us now give the same gift to our brothers and sisters.

All exchange the sign of peace.

Final Blessing

Celebrant: God has forgiven your sins. Go now in peace to proclaim the Good News of his love by your lives, in the way you act, speak and guard the gift of life we have been given.
May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Recessional Song

I Have Loved You - Michael Joncas

As One Voice 126

Gather Australia 402

Now We Thank We All Our God - Catherine Winkworth

As One Voice 189

Catholic Worship Book 755

Gather Australia 425