

Second Rite of Reconciliation Lent

Year A

Opening Song

God of Mercy and Compassion Michael Hodgetts

Catholic Worship Book #692 or Gather Australia #302

God of Mercy and Compassion Edmund Vaughn CSsR /Paul Bird CSsR

Catholic Worship Book II #290

Return to God Marty Haugen

Gather Australia #304 or Catholic Worship Book II #298

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.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

Reading

Option 1:

Philippians 2: 1-5

Option 2:

Romans 5: 6 -11

Psalm

Sung Version of Psalm

Gather Australia #41 or Psalm 50 (First Sunday of Lent year A)

Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Gospel

Option 1:

Luke 4: 1-13.

Option 2:

Luke 6: 27 - 38.

Examination of Conscience

Let us reflect on the way live out our faith in God our Father.

- 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 teaching and worldly matters, before my relationship with God?
- Do I care for and protect the world given to us by God?
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- 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 allow myself to act out of anger, envy or impatience, putting my needs and desires before others?
- Do I spend time in prayer?

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 me?
- Do I care for and respect my body and other people's bodies?

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 to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
[And, striking their breast, they say:]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore 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.

Individual Reconciliation

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.
After personal confession, the celebrant invites the community to join
him in the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord's Prayer

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

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

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.

All: 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.

Celebrant: God has forgiven your sins. Go now in peace to proclaim the Good News of his love by your lives.

May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Recessional Song

I Have Loved You Michael Joncas

As One Voice #126 or Catholic Worship Book II #511 or Gather Australia #402

Now Thank We All our God Catherine Winkworth

As One Voice #189 or Catholic Worship Book #755 or Catholic Worship Book II #561 or Gather Australia #425