

## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

### *General Introduction*

#### *Sign of the Cross*

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

#### *Greeting of the president*

The grace, the mercy and peace from God, our Father and from Jesus Christ, who loved us and washed our sins in his blood, be with you.

#### *The people reply:*

And with your spirit.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, you have sent your beloved Son Jesus Christ to restore our love for you, and to receive those who come back to you from their sins. Look upon your children, who recognise themselves as sinners, so that, reconciled with you in the celebration of this sacrament, they may taste the joy of your mercy. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### *The people reply:*

Amen

### **CELEBRATION OF THE WORD**

#### *Gospel*

##### ***Luke 15:4-10***

*4 'Which one of you with a hundred sheep, if he lost one, would fail to leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the missing one till he found it? 5And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders 6and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, I have found my sheep that was lost." 7 In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner repenting than over ninety-nine upright people who have no need of repentance.*

*8'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? 9And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, I have found the drachma I lost." 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'*

#### *Homily*

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### Examination of Conscience (Stand)

Priest: Sisters and brothers let us call to mind our failings so that we may seek God's forgiveness. You may sit or kneel.

Reader 1:

Do I pray daily?

Do I receive the sacraments regularly?

Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?

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

Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and reading the Word of God?

Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

Lord, if these are my sins

**All: Help me to be sorry**

Reader 2:

Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?

Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?

Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?

Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

Lord, if these are my sins

**All: Help me to be sorry**

Reader 3:

Do I share my time and my goods with those in need?

Do I speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?

Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?

Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?

Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

Do I purchase a lot of material goods that I don't really need?

Lord, if these are my sins

**All: Help me to be sorry**

## **Confiteor**

### **President:**

My brothers and sisters, 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 greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, 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.

### **The absolution by the Priest follows:**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**The people reply:** Amen.

## **Prayer of the President**

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 grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever.

Amen.

## **Our Father**

### **President:**

Now, in obedience to Christ himself, let us join in prayer to the Father, asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.

### **All say together:**

Our Father...

### **The President concludes:**

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.

Amen

## *Individual Confession and Individual Absolution*

Students not receiving the sacrament of penance can quietly conduct their own examination of conscience. Questions and images, which will help students focus their attention, will be displayed on the screen. Quiet reflection music will also be played in the background during private and individual confessions.

## CONCLUDING RITE

### SIGN OF PEACE

The Priest, turned towards the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

Then, the Priest, adds:

Brothers and sisters the Lord has forgiven your sins. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### FINAL BLESSING

Then the Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest blesses the people, saying:

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

The people reply:

Amen.

Then, the Priest, adds:

The Lord has forgiven your sins go in the peace of Christ

The people reply:

Thanks be to God