

RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION

Examination of Conscience based on the Beatitudes

Entrance Rite (*Please stand*)

1. Opening Hymn:

2. Greeting: (*All make the sign of the cross*)

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

3. Introduction:

Jesus said: "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous who have no need of repentance."

No matter how hard we try, we are a people who always stand in need of repentance, and our gathering tonight brings joy to the Lord. Let us now turn to him in prayer, humbly asking for the gift of sincere repentance.

4. Opening prayer:

Let us pray - - -
Lord, hear the prayers of those who call upon you,
Forgive the sins of those who confess to you,
and in your merciful love
give us your pardon and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word (*Be seated*)

5. Reading from the Word of God:

Sirach 15:15-20 (*Sunday Lectionary #76 p. 452, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A*)

Psalm 103 (*The Lord is Kind and Merciful*)

1 John 4:7-10 (*Sunday Lectionary #56 p. 360, Sixth Sunday of Easter B*)

Gospel Acclamation (*All stand*)

Matthew 5:1-12a (*Sunday Lectionary #667 p. 815, All Saints*)

6. Short homily or Silent reflection: (*all sit*)

Examination of Christian Living

7. Examination of conscience based on the Beatitudes: *(Please remain seated)*

Presider: Let us turn to God our merciful Father,
as we reflect on the Gospel we have just heard,
asking Him to guide us as we examine our lives in truth and honesty.
Please respond to the petition “Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned”
with “Father, forgive us”.

Presider: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: *Do I recognize that the world belongs to God, not me?
Do I thank God for all I have been given and share my abundance?
Do I humbly acknowledge my total dependence on God?*

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All : Father, forgive us

Presider: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Reader: *Do I recognize that every person is created as frail as myself
and is also in need of help and encouragement?
Do I show compassion, console and help those who are suffering?
Do I share my sadness with others, especially with God?*

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Father, forgive us.

Presider: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Reader: *Do I recognize that every person is created by God and equally loved by Him?
Do I affirm others rather than criticize them?
Do I take out my impatience on those who are weak and least likely to fight back?*

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Father, forgive us.

Presider: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Reader: *Do I recognize that all creation is for the good of every person and equally to be enjoyed
by all?
Do I work for the triumph of love, peace and justice?
Do I want to seek and find a relationship with God?*

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Father, forgive us.

Presider: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Reader: *Do I recognize that I am in need of mercy?*

Do I give of myself without thinking of what I will receive in return?

Do I try to be a caring, compassionate and merciful person in my dealings with others?

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Father, forgive us.

Presider: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Reader: *Do I recognize that my heart will only rest when it is centered on God?*

Do I treat others with respect and love?

Do I ever use others as objects for my own pleasure?

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Father, forgive us.

Presider: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Reader: *Do I recognize the source of peace; the dignity God has given me in making me one of His adopted children?*

Do I try to bridge differences between people of other races, nationalities and religions?

Am I at peace with myself, with my family, friends, and those with whom I live and work?

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Father, forgive us.

Presider: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: *Do I recognize that it is in suffering that we enter most deeply into the mind of Christ?*

Do I examine myself and my conduct in light of the Gospel call to be a disciple?

Do I uphold the teachings of the Church to the best of my ability when they are attacked?

(Silent prayer)

Presider: Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Father, forgive us.

Presider: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

8. Community act of sorrow: *(Please stand)*

My brothers and sisters, let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father, and acknowledge our sins, so that we may receive His merciful forgiveness.

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

Lord, have mercy *(Lord, have mercy)*
Christ, have mercy *(Christ, have mercy)*
Lord, have mercy *(Lord, have mercy)*

Conclusion of the Rite

9. Lord's Prayer:

Let us now ask our merciful Father to forgive our sins and to bring us to forgive those who sin against us.

Our Father - - -

10. Thanksgiving for God's forgiveness and mercy:

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 sin so that renewed in spirit they may give you thankful praise.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

11. Invitation to the Sacrament: *(Announcements - confession stations - confessions begin immediately following the blessing.)*

12. Blessing:

May God our loving Father bless us, for we are His children, born to eternal life.

Amen!

May God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bless us and show us His saving power, for He died and rose for us.

Amen!

May God the Holy Spirit give us His gift of holiness, bless us and lead us by the right path, for He dwells in our hearts.

Amen!

May you be protected and blessed, made strong in faith, hope and love by our all-powerful and loving God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

13. Instrumental Music *(Priests leave to hear confessions)*