

# THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

## DECEMBER 2, 2020

### GATHERING RITE

GATHERING SONG: *O Come, Divine Messiah*

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence  
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et  
3. O Come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your



waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And  
long fore - told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re -  
cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We



sad - ness flee a way.  
deem the long lost fold. Dear Sav - ior haste! Come, come to earth.  
shall your God - head see.



Dis - pel the night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace.



O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day



When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

GREETING

May God open your hearts to his law and give you peace;  
may he answer your prayers and restore you to his friendship.

**R/. And with your spirit.**

OPENING PRAYER

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58: 6-11

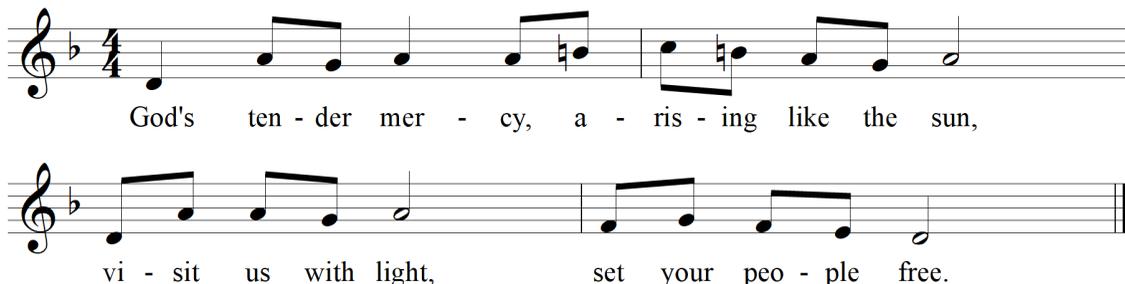
*Your light shall break forth like the dawn.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Psalm 92: God's Tender Mercy, Arising Like the Sun*

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Refrain:



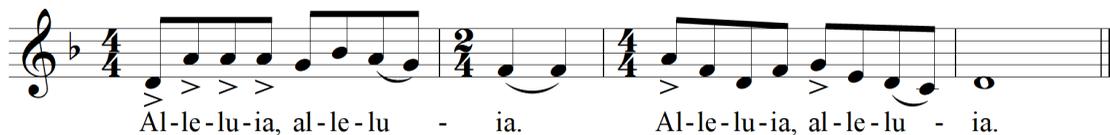
God's ten - der mer - cy, a - ris - ing like the sun,  
vi - sit us with light, set your peo - ple free.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Advent Alleluia*

Pishner

Refrain:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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*I am the light of the world.*

## HOMILY

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*A period of silence is given so that each person may personally examine their conscience.*

*The following questions are intended to serve as a guide .*

**1. Have How have I failed to worship God in private and communal prayer?**

- Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- Do I value the sacrament of reconciliation?
- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, to turn again to God and to begin a new life in deeper friendship with God?
- Have I tried to grow in my faith through prayer and the reading of the word of God?
- Do I pray daily?
- Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

**2. How have I failed to use the gifts of God in daily living?**

- Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?
- Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?
- 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?

**3. How have I failed in my relationships with others?**

- In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?
- Do I treat my parents [children] with respect?
- Am I ever angry with those I love?
- Have I been faithful in my relationships?
- Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?

Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?

- Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
- Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?
- Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?

**4. Have I failed to share God's love with the world?**

- Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- When I saw someone hungry, did I give them food?
- When I saw someone thirsty, did I give them drink?
- When I saw someone needing clothing, did I clothe them?
- When I saw a stranger, did I welcome them?
- When someone was homebound or imprisoned, did I visit them?
- When someone was ill, did I care for them?
- Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

ACT OF REPENTANCE

*The community prays together the Confiteor:*

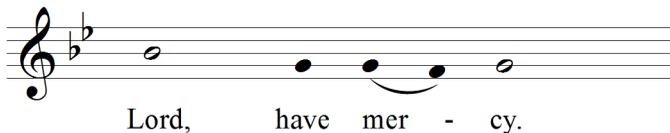
**I confess to almighty God,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;**

*They strike their breast:*

**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.**

## LITANY OF REPENTANCE

*Repeat each time  
after minister:*



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Ten confessors will be available throughout the Church to celebrate the sacrament with you.*

Fr. Jeff Kemper - Cry Room  
Fr. Bill Farris, OFM - Main Sacristy  
Fr. Bill Dorrman - Music Room  
Fr. Tom DiFolco - Vesting Sacristy  
Fr. Jim Meade - Conference Room  
Fr. Mike Savino - Gathering Space: Kitchen  
Fr. Jim Schutte - Storage room beside Music Room  
Fr. Ed Shine - Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
Fr. Rey Taylor - Reconciliation Room  
Fr. Steve Walter - Gathering Space: Community Room

*During this time of individual confessions we take part in the ancient tradition of the church of keeping vigil for our brothers and sisters who are offering their confession and receiving absolution. Prayer, meditation, and spiritual reading are among the possibilities for this time.*



## SONG OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY:

*Knowing that sins hurt our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we give praise for God's mercy that heals those relationships. We sing the words of Mary's song of praise to God who chose her to do great things by being Jesus' mother. We are also called to do great things by God and the grace we receive in Reconciliation helps us.*

*Tell Out. My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!*

WOODLANDS



All: 1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
Women: 2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his name!  
Men: 3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
All: 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it voice,  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done,  
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by;  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.  
His ho - ly name the Lord, the might - y One.  
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING & DISMISSAL



