

# THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

## MARCH 24, 2021

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

GATHERING SONG: *The Master Came to Bring Good News*

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All: 1. The Mas - ter came to bring good news, The  
Men: 2. The Law's ful - filled through Je - sus Christ, The  
Women: 3. To seek the sin - ners Je - sus came, To  
All: 4. For - give us, Lord, as we for - give And

1. news of love and free - dom, To heal the sick and  
2. man who lived for oth - ers. The law of Christ is:  
3. live a - mong the friend - less, To show them love that  
4. seek to help each oth - er. For - give us, Lord, and

1. seek the poor, To build the peace - ful king - dom.  
2. Serve in love Our sis - ters and our broth - ers.  
3. they might share The king - dom that is end - less.  
4. we shall live To pray and work to - geth - er.

All: Fa - ther, for - give us! Through Je - sus hear us!

As we for - give one an - other - er!

GREETING

Grace and peace be with you from God our Father  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ who laid down his life for our sins.  
R/. **Glory to him forever. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

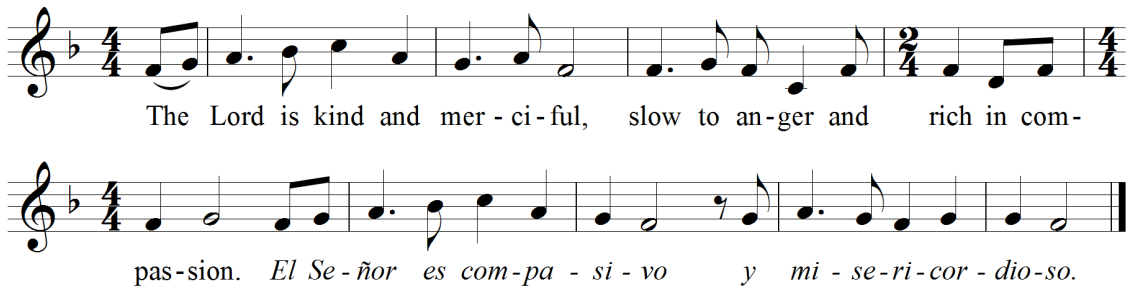
Hebrews 4:12-16

*Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful/El Señor*

Alonso

Refrain:



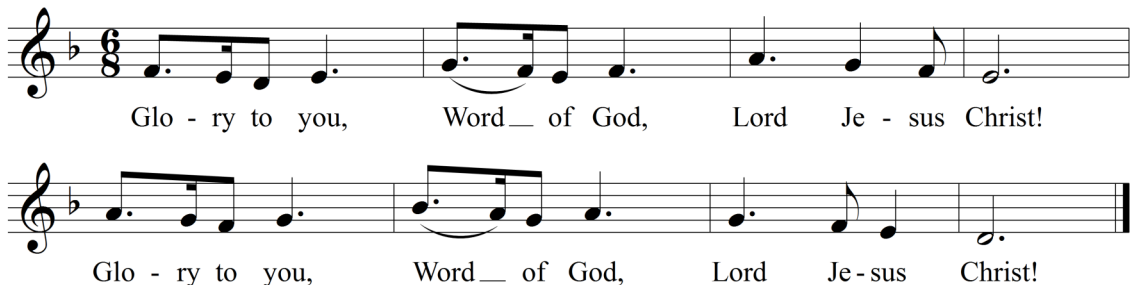
The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger and rich in com -  
pas - sion. *El Se - ñor es com - pa - si - vo y mi - se - ri - cor - dio - so.*

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Alonso

Refrain:



Glo - ry to you, Word\_ of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!  
Glo - ry to you, Word\_ of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.*

## HOMILY

**RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*Following the homily, 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.*

**Am I attentive to God's presence in prayer and worship?**

- ❖ Do I pray daily?
- ❖ Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- ❖ Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- ❖ Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?
- ❖ What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?
- ❖ Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?
- ❖ Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

**In my daily living, do I act as a child of God?**

- ❖ 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?

**Do I reflect the mercy of God in my relationship 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 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?

## Do I bring the love of God to the world?

- ❖ Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- ❖ Do I fail to 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?

## Will I accept the forgiveness of God and change my way of life?

- ❖ Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?
- ❖ Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?
- ❖ Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?
- ❖ Do I forgive others who have offended me?



## 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,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

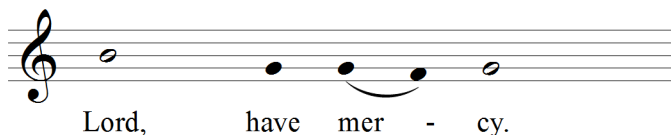
**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;**

*Then they continue:*

**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. Dave Kobak, OFM - 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.*

# CONCLUDING RITE

## SONG OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY (*Please stand.*)

*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.*

*Luke 1: My Soul Rejoices*

Farrell

### Refrain:



### Verses:



- Cantor:* 1. My soul pro - claims your might - y deeds. My  
*Women:* 2. Your mer - cy flows through - out the land and  
*Men:* 3. You cast the might - y from their thrones and  
*All:* 4. You fill the hun - gry with good things. With  
*All:* 5. Just as you prom - ised A - bra - ham, you



spir - it sings the great-ness of your name.  
ev - ry gen - er - a - tion knows your love.  
raise the poor and low - ly to new life.  
emp - ty hands you send the rich a - way.  
come to free your peo - ple, Is - ra - el.

COLLECT PRAYER

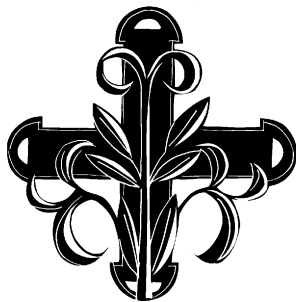
BLESSING

*To each invocation please respond, "Amen."*

DISMISSAL

**The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.**

R/. Thanks be to God.



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