

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

DECEMBER 18, 2025

GATHERING RITE

GATHERING: *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Stars, keep the watch. Whennight is dim One more
3. An - gels an - nounce withshouts of mirth Him who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley

a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing.

Peo - ple look East and sing to - day:

Love the Guest is on the way.
Love the Star is on the way.
Love the Lord is on the way.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

COLLECT

(Following the prayer, all remain **standing** for the Gospel Reading.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia 11*

Berthier/Taizé

Refrain:



Al - le - lu - ia - al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R/. Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

SIT

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE & LITANY OF SORROW

KNEEL

We are led through questions that invite us to reflect on our relationship with God and each other.

At points throughout, we sing the following acclamation:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.

**Lord, have mercy.*

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ACT OF CONTRITION

O, my God, I am heartily sorry
For having offended you, and I detest all my sins
because of your just punishment, but most of all
because they offend you, my God, who are all good
And deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
To sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

SIT

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

SONG OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

Sin hurts our relationship with God and with other people. We give praise for God's mercy, which heals those relationships. We sing the word of Mary's song of praise to God who chose her to do great things by being Jesus' mother. God calls us to do great things and the grace we receive in Reconciliation helps us.

My Soul Rejoices

Alstott

Refrain:

A musical score in G major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is in soprano range, starting with a quarter note. It consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a melodic line that includes a sustained note and a descending pattern. The lyrics "My soul rejoices in God, my Savior" are written below the notes, corresponding to the musical phrases.

My spir-it finds its joy in God, the liv-ing God.

Verses:



Cantor: 1. My soul pro - claims your might - y deeds. My
Women and girls: 2. Your mer - cy flows through - out the land and
Men and boys: 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.

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CONCLUDING RITE

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

