

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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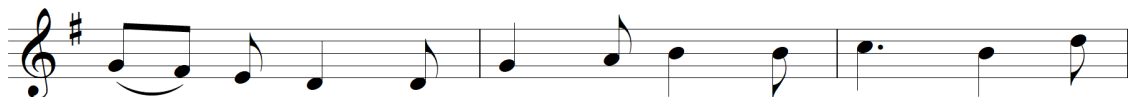
INTRODUCTORY RITE

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.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-18

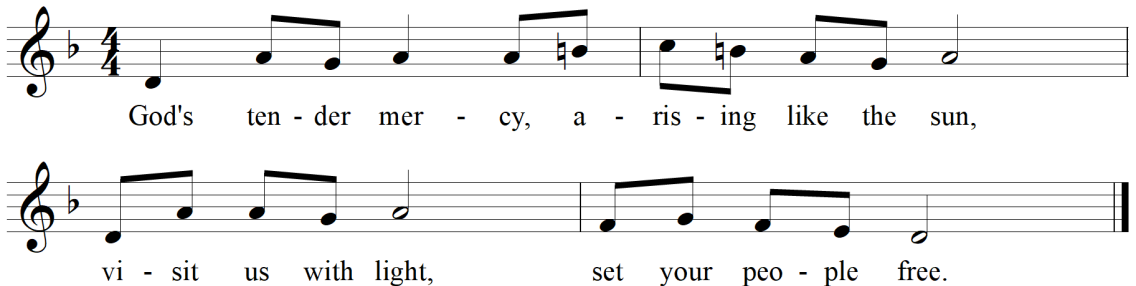
For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger and rich in kindness

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

Colleville Composers Group

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: *Alleluia 11*

Berthier/Taizé

Refrain:



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

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), © 1991, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love

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.*

“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

- Am I humble enough to acknowledge my total dependence on God?
- Am I able to admit to others that I don't have all the answers? Can I admit mistakes without blaming others?

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

- What has been my attitude towards situations which caused me grief and sorrow?
- Have I accepted them and learned from them?
- Have I been able to say: “I am sorry” and mean it?
- Do I have an “I don't care” attitude about evils in society?

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.”

- Am I humble enough to handle conflicts and insults without an “ego crisis”?
- Am I able to affirm others rather than criticize them?
- Do I respect the worth of others?
- Am I a good listener?

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.”

- What is the primary focus of my life?
- Do I seek acceptance, success, and material possessions?
- Do I really want to seek and find a relationship with God?
- Do I listen with attention and devotion to the Word of God proclaimed?
- Am I hungry for the Eucharist?

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

- Am I sensitive to others' needs? Do the needs of others come before my own?
- Do I give of myself without thinking of what I will receive in return?
- Am I a caring, compassionate, merciful person in my dealings with others?

“Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”

- Am I a person of integrity and sincerity? Am I honest about my own faults and failings?
- Do I treat others with respect and love? Have I ever used anyone as an object for my own pleasure?

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.”

- Do I return evil for evil?
- Am I a person who bridges differences between people of other races, nationalities, and religions?
- Do I accept genuinely and sincerely those who do not agree with me?
- Am I at peace with myself, with my family, friends, and those with whom I live and work?

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

- Do I examine myself and my conduct in light of the Gospel call to be a disciple?
- Am I able to suffer in silence or am I always complaining?
- Do I uphold the teachings of the Church to the best of my ability when they are attacked?
- Do I follow my conscience or acquiesce to peer pressure?

ACT OF REPENTANCE

The community prays together the Confiteor:

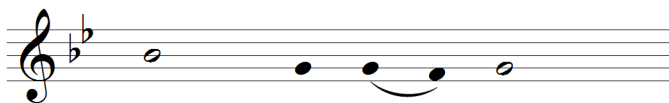
**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;**

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:*



Lord, have mer - cy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

^Fr. Paul Ruwe - Cry Room

#^Fr. James Shutte - Conference Room

^Fr. Bill Dorrman - Music Room

*Fr. Mike Savino - Main Sacristy

^Fr. Jim Meade - Reconciliation Room

^Fr. Ed Shine - Vesting Sacristy

*Fr. Tom Nolker - Storage Room by Organ

* = Face-to-face only ^ = Face-to-face & Anonymous # = El habla Español

Line 1

- Fr. Savino
- Fr. Dorrman

Line 2

- Fr. Schutte
- Fr. Ruwe
- Nolker

Line 3

- Fr. Shine
- Fr. Meade

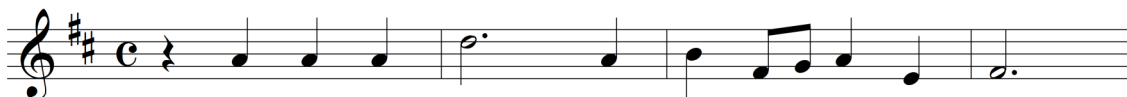
During individual confessions we take part in the Church's ancient tradition of keeping vigil for our brothers and sisters who are offering their confession and receiving absolution. Prayer, meditation, and spiritual reading are among the possibilities for this time.

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, which 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.

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 - joice.
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!

CONCLUDING RITE

CONCLUDING PRAYER

BLESSING & DISMISSAL





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