

## Reconciliation in Holy Week 2020 during Covid19 Crisis

### Opening Hymn:      *Dear Lord and Father (116)*

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

### Greeting and Introduction

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.**

**The Lord be with you:** And with your Spirit.

### *Intro*

### Opening Prayer

Lord our God, you are patient with sinners and accept our desire to make amends. We acknowledge our sins and are resolved to change our lives. Help us to celebrate this sacrament of your mercy so that we may reform our lives and receive from you the gift of everlasting joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel; 36: 22-28 (7<sup>th</sup> Reading at Easter Vigil)

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations will know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. You shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The Word of the Lord

All:      Thanks be to God.

### Psalm (Hymn 771)

*Turn to me, O man and be saved, Says the Lord for I am God;  
There is no other, none beside me. I call your name.*

*1. I am He that comforts you;  
Who are you to be afraid of man who dies,  
is made like the grass of the fields, soon to wither.*

*2. Listen to me, my people;  
Give ear to me my nation:  
a law will go forth from me,  
and my justice for a light to the people.*

*3. Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth down below.  
The heavens will vanish like smoke,  
and the earth will wear out like a garment.*

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

### **Homily:**

### Examination of Conscience

I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD

- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin and turn again to God?
- Do I seek a deeper relationship with God in this sacrament of reconciliation?

#### AND TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Do I have a genuine love for my family and friends, neighbors and co-workers, or fellow students?
- Have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of others at home?
- Am I aware of my global relationship to those suffering and dying in other parts of the world?
- Am I committed to seek peace and promote justice for every person?

#### THAT I HAVE GREATLY SINNED

- Do I blame others for my wrongdoing or for the misfortune that befalls me?
- Do I accept responsibility for the commitments I have made to others – my spouse? My parents? My children? My parish?
- Do I accept that society's evils are within my power to change?

#### IN MY THOUGHTS AND IN MY WORDS

- Have I harbored ill thoughts against another person?
- Have my addictions affected my judgment or behavior?
- Have my fears or prejudices prevented me from speaking out on behalf of the poor, the unborn, or people of other races?
- Have my words caused others hurt? Has my silence caused others harm?

#### IN WHAT I HAVE DONE

- Do I seek to be the center of attention? Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their needs or freedoms?
- Am I focused on my needs to the detriment of the needs of others?
- Am I obsessed with having the perfect body, making more money, or having the latest technology?
- Do I need to be in control of all people and all situations?
- Do I work more than is healthy for my mind or body?

#### AND IN WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO

- Have I neglected my responsibilities to my family?
- Have I neglected my health?
- Have I neglected my prayer life and faith?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

#### THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY MOST GREIVIOUS FAULT

- Do I recognize my own sins?
- Does my ego or my self-righteousness prevent me from seeing my own errors?
- Do I blame broken relationships on others?

#### THEREFORE I ASK BLESSED MARY, EVER-VIRGIN, AND ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS

- Do I appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist?
- Do I worship with my Community each and every Sunday?
- Do I reflect often on what God is calling me to do?

#### AND YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Am I so independent that I refuse to ask for help or let others assist me?
- Do I support and defend other members of my family?

- Do I give others the opportunity to share their gifts and talents?
- Do I treat those who wait on me, or who work with me, with the dignity they deserve as fellow human beings?

TO PRAY FOR ME TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

- Do I promise prayers for people and situations and not follow through?
- Do I remember to pray for others in my parish, especially for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments?
- Do I pray for the living and the dead?

**Litany of Repentance:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.

God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God, **have mercy on us.**

Incarnate Lord, Lover of souls, Savior of sinners, who came to seek and save those who were lost, who fasted for them forty days and nights, **have mercy on us.**

By your tenderness towards Adam when he fell,  
 by your faithfulness to Noah in the ark,  
 by your remembrance of Lot in the midst of sinners,  
 by your mercy on the Israelites in the desert,  
 by your forgiveness of David after his confession,  
 by your patience with the Ninevites when they repented in sackcloth and ashes,  
 by sending John to go before you as the preacher of repentance,  
 by your testimony about the tax collector who hung his head and smote his breast,  
 by your welcome given to the returning Prodigal,  
 by your gentleness with the woman of Samaria,  
 by your mercy towards Zacchæus, leading him to return what he had stolen,  
 by your pity on the woman taken in adultery,  
 by your mercy to Magdalene, who loved much,  
 by your converting look, at which Peter wept,  
 by your gracious words to the thief on the cross, **have mercy on us.**

We poor sinners pray, **hear us, Lord God.**

That we may submit to your loving discipline, that we may bring forth fruits of repentance, that sin may not reign in our mortal bodies, that we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling, hear us, Lord God. **Son of God, hear us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Lord, hear our prayer. and let our cry come before you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, give your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their offences and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Source: Based on 'Litany of Penance' by John Henry Newman.*

*Act of asking God's forgiveness and healing*

## **CONCLUDING RITES**

*Concluding Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**P: Let us pray**

**God Our Father**, You sent your Son into the world to destroy sin and death by his passion, and to restore life and joy by his resurrection. We thank you for the wonders of your mercy, and the joy you give our hearts through this sacrament of healing. May we journey onwards to celebrate worthily the Paschal Mystery in these coming days. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

*Blessing and Dismissal*

*Final Hymn:*

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people, Light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others Shared until all are fed.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us Your building, sheltering others Walls made of living stone.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another Making Your kingdom come.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.