

WHEN INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS ARE COMPLETE:

CONCLUDING RITE

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (stand)

Presider: Having confessed our sins and received absolution,
we are forgiven.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Presider: The Lord has once again shown us his mercy and forgiveness.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Presider: The great feast of Christmas approaches. We are once
again reconciled.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Presider: As God has shown mercy to us, we now must show mercy
to others.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Presider: Let us pray.
All-powerful Father, guide us with your love as we await
the coming of your Son. Keep us faithful to our call to
follow Christ. May we show mercy and compassion to all
we meet. Fill our Advent days with joy. We pray this
through Christ, our Lord, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Presider: May almighty God bless you, † the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider/Deacon: Go in peace and may our Advent preparation continue until
the great day of Christmas.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: *We Are the Light of the World* or
Proclaim the Joyful Message
(or any appropriate Advent Song)

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

2009

"WE PREPARE FOR THE LORD JESUS"

(stand)

Opening Song: *The King of Glory* or
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(or any appropriate Advent Song)

Presider: In the † name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: Advent is a time of waiting - waiting for Christmas,
waiting for family to come home for the holidays,
waiting for more patience, waiting for God's mercy,
waiting for the Lord's return in glory.

(period of quiet reflection)

Presider/Deacon: Lord, we wait and we long for your forgiveness.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider/Deacon: Lord, we wait and we confess our sins.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider/Deacon: Lord, we wait and we know of your love.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: Let us pray.
Lord, free us from our sins and make us whole. Hear
our prayer, and prepare us to celebrate the incarnation
of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING: **Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13** (sit)
*(Lectionary for Weekday Mass, Volume III,
Tuesday, Third Week of Advent, Number 188, page 81)*

HOMILY:

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:

Presider: We gather this Advent day to prepare for the great feast of Christmas. We will confess our sins to the priest. In preparation, let us reflect on our lives. Let us name those sins that keep us from the love of God and from loving our sisters and brothers. Let us now examine our conscience. (kneel)

Deacon/Commentator:

"I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me."

Is God the center and focus of my daily life? Have concerns over money, security, and stress dominated my days?

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Do I have the habit of swearing or cursing and cheapening the name of God?

"Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day."

Do I make Sunday a special day for family, for those in need, and for Mass?

"Honor your father and your mother."

Am I respectful of all those in authority in my life?

"You shall not kill."

Do I possess a respect for the sanctity and dignity of all human life?

"You shall not commit adultery."

Have I properly used God's gift of sexuality in my life?

"You shall not steal."

Have I taken anything that does not belong to me?

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Have I lied? In gossiping, have I harmed the good name of another?

"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife."

Am I satisfied and thankful in my life - for my spouse, my family, my friends?

"You shall not covet your neighbor's goods."

Do I seem to always want more? Am I jealous of what others have and I do not?

ACT OF REPENTANCE:

All: Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER: (stand)

Presider: As we wait in hope for the promises of our God, we pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father.....

DIRECTIONS: (sit)

Priests take their place within Church for individual confession and absolution. The penitent will say when was his/her last confession and confess sins. The priest will give a penance. **NO ACT OF CONTRITION** is said. Penitent returns to the body of the church joining in singing of community. All remain to join in prayer of thanksgiving.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



DURING INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION: (sit or kneel)

Possible Songs:

You are Near

Sing A New Song

The Cry of the Poor

Though the Mountains May Fall

On Jordan's Bank

On Eagle's Wings

We Are the Light of the World

Be With Me, Lord