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3. Christ “loved the Church and handed himself over for her, that she might be made holy” (Eph 5:25-26) and united her to himself as a bride (Rev. 19:7); he fills her, who is his Body and fullness, with his divine gifts, and through her spreads truth and grace to all.

The members of the church, however, are exposed to temptation and unfortunately often fall into sin. Because of this, “while Christ, ‘holy innocent, and undefiled’ (Heb 7:26), knew nothing of sin (2 Cor 5:21), but came expiate only the sins of the people (Heb 2:17), the Church, at the same time holy and always in need of being purified, embracing in her bosom sinners, always follows the way of penance and renewal’ (Lumen gentium, 8).

4. In many and various ways the People of God performs and perfects this continual repentance. For the Church, sharing the sufferings of Christ through her own patient endurance, performing works of mercy and charity, conforming herself daily more and more to the Gospel of Christ, become a sign in the world of conversion to God. She expresses this in her life and celebrates it in her liturgy, while the faithful confess themselves to be sinners and implore the forgiveness of God and their brothers and sisters, as happens in penitential services, in the proclamation of the word of God, in prayer, [and] in the penitential elements of the Eucharistic Celebration.

In the Sacrament of Penance the faithful truly “obtain pardon from the mercy of God for the offense committed against him and are at the same time reconciled with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, example and prayer seeks their conversion” (Lumen gentium, 11).

5. Because sin is an offense committed against God which disrupts our friendship with him, repentance “ultimately implies that we should love God and entrust ourselves completely to him” (Paul VI, Paenitemini 179 and Lumen gentium 11). The sinner, therefore, who by the grace of a merciful God, enters on the way of repentance, returns to the Father who “loved us first” (1 Jn 4:19), to Christ who has given himself up for us (Gal 2:20; Eph 5:25), and to the Holy Spirit who has been poured out upon us in abundance (Titus 3:6).

But “there reigns among people, by the hidden and benign mystery of the divine will, a supernatural solidarity whereby the sin of one harms the others just as the holiness of one also benefits the others,” (Paul VI, Paenitemini 4 and Pius XII, Mystici corporis, 213), and so repentance always carries with it reconciliation with one’s brothers and sisters, to whom sin always causes harm.

In fact, often when people commit deeds of injustice, they act together. In the same way, when they repent they help one another, so that, freed from sin by the grace of Christ, they may work together with all people of good will for justice and peace in the world.
FORGIVE AS YOU ARE FORGIVEN

A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2024

THE ORDER FOR RECONCILING SEVERAL PENITENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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The Concluding Rites
Greeting
Blessing
Dismissal
Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.

At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.

Musician(s) and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions is included herein.)

A Lectionary or the Order of Penance should be readied with the appropriate readings.

Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo.

Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.

For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

LITURGICAL SONG

When the faithful have gathered, and as the Priest enters the church, if appropriate, a psalm, antiphon, or appropriate song may be sung. (See music suggestions herein.)

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING

Presider: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

All: And with your spirit.

INTRODUCTION Sample

Presider: Rightfully, we gather tonight [today] to seek God’s forgiveness for our sins. We acknowledge our failings, beg his mercy, and resolve to do better.

But let us also acknowledge that sin has a communal nature.

When we sin, we harm others. When others sin, they often hurt us. When each of us sins, we harm the community, just as our holy deeds benefit the community. Our repentance, too, brings reconciliation within the community – within our family, within our city, and within our world (Cf. Order of Penance, 5).

As we seek the grace of God’s mercy in this sacrament, let us also acknowledge that, free from sin, “all people of good will may work together for justice and peace in the world” (ibid.)

As we are forgiven, may we be more eager to forgive others.
PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, (brethren)
that God, who calls us to conversion,
will grant us the grace of true and fruitful repentance.

Silent prayer

Graciously hear the prayers of those who call upon you,
we ask, O Lord,
and forgive the sins of those who confess to you,
granting us in your kindness both pardon and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected.

“If there are several readings, a Psalm or other appropriate liturgical song or even a period of silence should intervene between them, so that the word of God may be understood more deeply by everyone and heartfelt assent be given to it. If there is only one reading, it is desirable that it be taken from the Gospel” (Order of Penance 51).

The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal.

**FIRST READING**  
Sirach 28:1-7  
Forgive your neighbor’s injustice;  
them when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Psalm 130(129): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 6c-8  
With the Lord is mercy,  
in him there is plentiful redemption.

**SECOND READING**  
1 John 1:5- 2:2  
If we acknowledge our sins,  
he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every wrongdoing

**VERSE**  
John 17:17b, 17a  
Your word, O Lord, is truth;  
consecrate us in the truth.

**GOSPEL**  
Luke 17:1-4  
If your brother wrongs you seven times in one day  
and returns to you seven times saying, “I am sorry,”  
you should forgive him.

**HOMILY**
In the new *Order of Penance*, Chapter IV provides “Various Texts to be Used in the Celebration of Reconciliation.” Besides beautiful options for greetings, invitations, and prayers, the chapter lists the following Scripture passages which may be used “For the Reconciliation of Several Penitents.” The text offers multiple options from the Old Testament (32); Psalms (15); New Testament Letters (28); and Gospels (26). [Please see *The Order of Penance*, nos. 101-201].

“The readings proposed here have been selected for the benefit of pastors and the faithful. For diversity, and according to the special nature of the assembly, other readings may be chosen” (OP 101).

**II. FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS**

**READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

101. Gn 3:1-19: *She took some of its fruit and ate it.*
103. Gn 18:17-33: *For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it.*
104. Ex 17:1-7: *They tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”*
105. Ex 20:1-21: *I, the LORD, am your God. You shall not have other gods.*
106. Dt 6:4-9: *Love the LORD, your God, with all your heart.*
107. Dt 9:7-19: *Your people have become depraved; they have already turned aside from the way I pointed out to them.*
108. Dt 30:15-20: *Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom.*
109. 2 Sm 12:1-9, 13: *David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan answered David: “The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die.”*
111. Wis 1:1-16: *Love justice because into a soul that plots evil wisdom enters not, nor dwells she in a body under debt of sin.*
112. Wis 5:1-16: *The hope of the wicked is like thistledown borne on the wind. But the just live forever.*
113. Sir 28:1-7: *Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*
114. Is 1:2-6, 15-18: *Sons have I raised and reared, but they have disowned me!*
115. Is 5:1-7: *My friend had a vineyard. He looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.*
116. Is 43:22-28: *It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses.*
117. Is 53:1-12: *The LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.*
118. Is 55:1-11: *Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.*
119. Is 58:1-11: *Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.*
120. Is 59:1-4, 9-15: *It is your crimes that separate you from your God.*
121. Jer 2:1-13: *Two evils have my people done: they have forsaken me, the source of living waters; They have dug themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that hold no water.*
122. Jer 7:21-26: *Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people.*
123. Ez 11:14-21: *I will remove the stony heart from their bodies, and replace it with a natural heart, so that they will live according to my statutes.*
124. Ez 18:20-32: If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
125. Ez 36:23-28: I will sprinkle clean water upon you and place a new spirit within you and make you live by my statutes.
126. Hos 2:16-25: I will make a covenant for them on that day.
127. Hos 11:1-11: I took them in my arms; I drew them with human cords.
128. Hos 14:2-10: Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God.
129. Joel 2:12-19: Return to me with your whole heart.
130. Micah 6:1-15: Do the right and love goodness, and walk humbly with your God.
131. Micah 7:2-7, 18-20: The LORD will again have compassion on us and cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.
132. Zechariah 1:1-6: Return to me and I will return to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

In longer Psalms, a selection of stanzas which form a coherent whole may be chosen instead of the entire Psalm.

133. Ps 13 (12):2-3, 4-5, 6
   ℣. (6a) I trust in your merciful love.
134. Ps 25 (24):1b-3, 4-5, 6, 7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22
   ℣. (16a) Turn to me, Lord, and have mercy on me.
135. Ps 31 (30):2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6
   ℣. (6b) You will redeem us, O Lord, O faithful God.
136. Ps 32 (31):1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
   ℣. (5c) I will confess my transgression to the Lord.
137. Ps 36 (35):2, 3-4, 5, 6-7, 8, 9-10, 11-13
   ℣. (8) How precious is your mercy, O God!
138. Ps 50 (49):7, 8 and 14-15, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23
   ℣. (23b) To one whose way is blameless, I will show the salvation of God.
139. Ps 51 (50):3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
   ℣. (14a) Restore in me the joy of your salvation.
140. Ps 73 (72):1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-17, 18-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28
   ℣. (28a) For me to be near God is good.
141. Ps 90 (89):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-17
   ℣. (14) Fill us, O Lord, with your mercy, and we shall exult all our days.
142. Ps 95 (94):1-2, 3-5, 6-7b, 7c-9, 10-11
   ℣. (7c) O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord!
143. Ps 119 (118):1 and 10-11, 12-13, 15-16
   ℣. (1) Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.
144. Ps 123 (122):1, 2, 3-4
   ℣. (2e) Our eyes are on the Lord our God.
145. Ps 130 (129):1-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 6c-8  
*R.* (7bc) With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

146. Ps 139 (138):1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15, 16, 17-18, 23-24  
*R.* (23a) O search me, God, and know my heart.

147. Ps 143 (142):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11  
*R.* (10) Teach me to do your will, my God.

**Readings from the New Testament**

148. Rom 3:22-26: They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus.

149. Rom 5:6-11: We boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

150. Rom 6:2-13: You must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

151. Rom 6:16-23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

152. Rom 7:14-25: Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.


154. Rom 13:8-14: Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

155. 2 Cor 5:17-21: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ.

156. Gal 5:16-24: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires.

157. Eph 2:1-10: God, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ.


159. Eph 5:1-14: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

160. Eph 6:10-18: Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day.

161. Col 3:1-10, 12-17: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly.

162. Heb 12:1-5: In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

163. Jas 1:22-27: Be doers of the word and not hearers only.

164. Jas 2:14-26: What good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works?

165. Jas 3:1-12: If anyone does not fall short in speech, he is a perfect man.

166. 1 Pt 1:13-23: You were ransomed not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious Blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished Lamb.

167. 2 Pt 1:3-11: Be all the more eager to make your call and election firm.

168. 1 Jn 1:5—2:2: If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

169. 1 Jn 2:3-11: Whoever hates his brother, is still in the darkness.

170. 1 Jn 3:1-24: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.

171. 1 Jn 4:16-21: God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

172. Rev 2:1-5: Repent, and do the works you did at first.

173. Rev 3:14-22: Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

174. Rev 20:11-15: All the dead were judged according to their deeds.

175. Rev 21:1-8: The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.
Gospel Readings

176. Mt 3:1-12: Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!
177. Mt 4:12-17: Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.
178. Mt 5:1-12: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and his disciples came to him.
179. Mt 5:13-16: Your light must shine before others.
180. Mt 5:17-47: But I say to you.
181. Mt 9:1-8: Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.
182. Mt 9:9-13: I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.
183. Mt 18:15-20: You have won over your brother.
184. Mt 18:21-35: So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.
185. Mt 25:31-46: Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.
186. Mt 26:69-75: He went out and began to weep bitterly.
187. Mk 12:28-34: The first of all the commandments.
188. Lk 7:36-50: But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.
189. Lk 13:1-5: If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!
190. Lk 15:1-10: There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.
191. Lk 15:11-32: While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.
192. Lk 17:1-4: If your brother wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, “I am sorry,” you should forgive him.
193. Lk 18:9-14: O God, be merciful to me a sinner.
194. Lk 19:1-10: The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.
195. Lk 23:39-43: Today you will be with me in Paradise.
196. Jn 8:1-11: Go, and from now on do not sin any more.
197. Jn 8:31-36: Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.
198. Jn 15:1-8: He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.
199. Jn 15:9-14: You are my friends if you do what I command you.
200. Jn 19:13-37: They will look upon him whom they have pierced.
A SAMPLE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Other formulas are found on page 54

Presider: Sisters and brothers,
our Father knows all our failings,
but asks us to call them to mind
so that we may seek out his forgiveness.

Minister #1:

- 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?

Minister #2:

- 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?

Minister #1:

- 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?

Minister #2:

- Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?
- Am I intolerant of others’ ideas or inattentive to others’ needs?
- Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
- Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?

Minister #1:

- Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- Have I ignored the poor in our midst?
- 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?

Minister #2:

- Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?
- Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?
- 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?
GENERAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon or Minister: Brothers and sisters (Brethren), calling to mind the kindness of God our Father, let us confess our sins, that we may obtain his mercy.

All: 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, 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

Deacon or Minister: Let us humbly pray to Christ our Savior, whom we have as a righteous advocate with the Father, that he will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all iniquity.

D or M: You were sent to bring good news to the poor and to heal the contrite of heart.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You forgave much to the woman who loved much.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You did not refuse to sit at table with tax collectors and sinners.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.
D or M: You carried the lost sheep on your shoulders back to the fold.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery, but told her to go in peace.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You called Zacchaeus the tax collector to conversion and new life.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You promised paradise to the repentant thief.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

D or M: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, and live for ever to intercede for us.

All: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. OR Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

D or M: Let us now pray together to the Father as Christ himself commanded us, that as we forgive one another our trespasses, he will forgive us our sins:

All: Our Father, ...

PRAYER

Presider: O God, who have prepared helps suited to our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.
INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessor will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confessions should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.

PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

Confessor: God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. AND I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, ✠ AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Penitent: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD’S MERCY

“When the individual confessions have been completed, the Priest who is presiding over the celebration, with the other Priests near him, invites all present to offer thanks and encourages them to do good works by which the grace of repentance in the life of each one and of the entire community will be shown. It is therefore appropriate for all to sing a Psalm or hymn or to say a litany to acknowledge God’s power and mercy, for example, the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Psalm 136 (135):1-9, 13-14, 16, 24-26” (OP 56).

See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: Almighty and merciful God,
who wonderfully created human nature,
and still more wonderfully restored it,
you do not abandon sinners,
but pursue them with a father’s love;
you sent your Son into the world
to destroy sin and death by his Passion
and restore life and joy to us by the Resurrection;
you poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we might be your children and heirs;
you constantly renew us by the Sacraments of salvation,
that we may be freed from slavery to sin
and be transformed more fully day by day
into the image of your beloved Son.

We give you thanks for the wonders of your mercy
and praise you with the whole Church,
singing to you a new song
with voice, heart, and deed.
To you be glory, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING

Presider: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

BLESSING

A Deacon may say the invitation.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.
Presider: May the Lord guide your hearts in the love of God and the patience of Christ.
All: Amen.
Presider: May you walk in newness of life and please God in all things.
All: Amen.
Presider: And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Then a Deacon, or other minister or the Priest himself, dismisses the assembly:

Deacon: The Lord has forgiven your sins. Go in peace.
All: Thanks be to God.
FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Sirach

The vengeful will suffer the Lord’s vengeance,
    for he remembers their sins in detail.
Forgive your neighbor’s injustice;
    then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
Should a man nourish anger against his fellows
    and expect healing from the LORD?
Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows,
    yet seek pardon for his own sins?
If he who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
    who will forgive his sins?
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
    remember death and decay and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
    of the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults.

The word of the Lord.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 130 (129): 1-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 6c-8

℟. (7bc) With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O L ORD;
    Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
    to the sound of my pleadings. R.

If you, O L ORD, should mark iniquities,
    Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
    that you may be revered. R.

I long for you, O L ORD,
    my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
    more than watchmen for daybreak. R.

More than watchmen for daybreak,
    let Israel hope for the L ORD.
For with the L ORD there is mercy,
    in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
    from all its iniquities. R.
SECOND READING

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:
This is the message we have heard from Jesus Christ and proclaim to you: God is light, in him there is not darkness at all. If we say “We have fellowship with him,” while we continue to walk in darkness we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we say, “We are without sin,” we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

The word of the Lord.
VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 17:17b, 17a

Your word, O Lord, is truth;
consecrate us in the truth.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-4

 nuovo A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples,

“Things that cause sin will inevitably occur,
but woe to the one through whom they occur.
It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck
and he be thrown into the sea
than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.
Be on your guard!
If your brother sins, rebuke him;
and if he repents, forgive him.
And if he wrongs you seven times in one day
and returns to you seven times saying, ‘I am sorry,’
you should forgive him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
SAMPLE PENANCES
Choose one of the following penances to atone for sins and accept God’s mercy.

⊗ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ⊗

- Pray Psalm 32, 51, 95, 103, or 130 and reflect on its meaning in your life.
- Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. Plan a visit and bring a meal.
- Choose one Station of the Cross and spend a half hour in meditation upon it.
- Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food pantry.
- Think of one thing that you are eating or drinking that is bad for your health. Eliminate it for one month and donate that money to a soup kitchen.
- Identify a person whom you have offended by your unkind words and pray for them each day for a week.
- Reflect on one of the following Lenten readings from Year B:
  - 1 Peter 3:18-22
  - Romans 8:31b-34
  - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
  - Ephesians 2:4-10
  - Mark 1:12-15
  - Mark 9:2-10
  - John 2:13-25
  - John 3:14-21

⊗ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR YOUTH ⊗

- Eliminate TV for one night. Read from the Bible or your religion text.
- Reach out to a lonely person in class and encourage one other person to do the same. Have lunch with that person.
- Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.
- For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.
- Donate the money you would have spent on music or a video game to a local shelter. Send it anonymously.
- Make an Easter basket for a classmate who is going through a tough time and might need some cheering up.
## MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2024

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Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER TIME FOR EASTER VIGIL?

A. On Saturday evening, March 30, the end of civil twilight (nightfall) will occur at various times throughout the country. Please consult the Naval Observatory website for the exact time near you: [https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/RS_OneYear](https://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/RS_OneYear)

The Easter Vigil celebration should not begin before nightfall, which is usually a half hour after sunset.

“The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday.” This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses (Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts, no. 78. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, quoting the Roman Missal).

According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all holy vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation.

– Paschale Solemnitatis, no. 77 (quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the Ceremonial of Bishops)

Q. THE WORD “TRIDUUM” MEANS “THREE DAYS.” HOW DO WE CELEBRATE OVER THREE DAYS?

A. “The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, has its center in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection” (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 19). Sunday also begins the Easter season. This seventy-two hour period is the most important celebration of our entire liturgical calendar. The Sacred Paschal Triduum is actually ONE liturgy over three days. We may go home and come back again, but we do not actually “begin” and “end” our daily celebrations.

Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER PLACE FOR THE PASchal CANDLE?

The paschal candle is a symbol for Christ, “May the light of Christ rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds” (RM, Easter Vigil). It is to be a genuine candle, and its design and size should be in proportion to the sanctuary in which it will be placed.

During the Easter Vigil and throughout the Easter Season, the paschal candle is to be placed in the sanctuary, near the altar or the ambo. Placed at the ambo, it is as if Christ is teaching us and the neophytes (A. Nocent, The Liturgical Year).

After the Easter Season it is moved to a place of honor in the baptistery, for use in the celebration of baptism. (Often, in newer construction, receptacles for the candle are imbedded near the font.) In the celebration of a funeral, the paschal candle is placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is one’s own passover. The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed inside the sanctuary outside the Easter season (Paschale Solemnitatis, 99).

Q. SHOULD OUR PARISH CELEBRATE A TENEBRAE SERVICE?

A. The simplest response is, “The Church does not do this anymore.” Tenebrae was part of the canonical hours during Holy Week, which was suppressed in the revision of Holy Week (1955-1956).

In his book, Glory in the Cross, Fr. Paul Turner notes: “The Circular Letter recommends the common celebration of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer on this day [Friday] and on Holy Saturday. It says that this office was formerly called Tenebrae, but the former practices of methodically extinguishing candles and beating hymnals on pews in the dark are no longer part of the Liturgy of the Hours. These liturgical offices incorporate the singing of hymns and psalms.”

“The most appropriate form is Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. You could precede or replace it with the Office of Readings. Part IV of the General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours encourages the Office of Readings, which replaces the former Tenebrae” (Turner, Blog, on March 17, 2018).
# A Liturgical Year Calendar Advisory for Lent, Triduum, and the Easter Eason

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** Liturgically, Easter Time also includes the Sunday of the Resurrection—its Vigil and its Mass during the Day

** IN THE SACRED TRIDUUM, THE CHURCH SOLEMNLY CELEBRATES THE GREATEST MYSTERIES OF OUR REDEMPTION, KEEPING BY MEANS OF SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS THE MEMORIAL OF HER LORD, CRUCIFIED, BURIED AND Risen.

** THE PASCHAL FAST SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT SACRED. IT IS TO BE CELEBRATED EVERYWHERE ON THE FRIDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROLONGED ALSO THROUGH HOLY SATURDAY AS A WAY OF COMING, WITH SPIRIT UPLIFTED, TO THE JOYS OF THE LORD’S RESURRECTION.

- THE ROMAN MISSAL
LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR B

Ash Wednesday, February 14
Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.
Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

First Sunday of Lent, February 18
Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 5:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

God’s covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.
Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
God did not spare his own Son.
This is my beloved Son.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 3
(or First Scrutiny -- Year A, Lectionary 28)
Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

The law was given through Moses.
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those
who are called, the wisdom of God.
Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10
(or Second Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 31)
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and
liberation of his people.
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.
God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17
(or Third Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 34)
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.
Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.
If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, Tuesday, March 19
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
OR
Luke 2:41-51a

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.
The son of David will live for ever.
Abraham believed, hoping against hope.
Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.
Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.
**HOLY WEEK READINGS**

**Psalm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 24**

Mark 11:1-10  
OR John 12:12-16  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Isaiah 50:4-7  
My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11  
Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

Mark 14:1 – 15:47 or 15:1-39  
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Monday of Holy Week, March 25**

Isaiah 42:1-7  
He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.  
(First oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14  
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

John 12:1-11  
Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

**Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26**

Isaiah 49:1-6  
I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17  
I will sing of your salvation.

John 13:21-33, 36-38  
One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

**Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.  
(Third oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34  
Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Matthew 26:14-25  
The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the son of man is betrayed.

**Thursday of Holy Week, March 28**

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  
The following are readings for Chrism Mass

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27  
The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

Revelation 1:5-8  
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Luke 4:16-21  
Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.
READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday of the Lord’s Supper: At the Evening Mass, March 28
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15
The law regarding the Passover meal.
Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the
death of the Lord.
Jesus loved them to the end.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord [Good Friday], March 29
Isaiah 52:13 -- 53:12
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1 - 19:42
He himself was wounded for our sins.
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who
obey him.
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday of the Resurrection: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, March 30
Genesis 1:1 -- 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35
OR Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22
Genesis 22:1-18 or
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 16:5, 8-9, 11
Exodus 14:15 -- 15:1
Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
Isaiah 54:5-14
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Exekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4
OR
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
OR
Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
OR
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Mark 16:1-7
Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting
covenant.
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.
Like a deer that longs for running streams,
my soul longs for you, my God.
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised.
Sunday of the Resurrection: At the Mass During the Day, March 31

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
(OR Alleluia)
Seek what is above, where Christ is.

Colossians 3:1-4
OR
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Sequence
John 20:1-9
OR Mark 16:1-7
Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough
Victimae paschali laudes
He had to rise from the dead.
Stay with us for it is almost evening (at afternoon or evening Mass)
Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised (from Easter Vigil)
THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary... (RCIA 247).

YEAR B

Second Sunday of Easter [Sunday of Divine Mercy] – April 7
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 3:1-6
John 20:19-31

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – Monday, April 8
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Psalm 40: 7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21
Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28
Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

The Ascension of the Lord, May 9 or 12
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23
OR Ephesians 4:1-3 OR Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mark 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12 (in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)
Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19
Pentecost (Vigil), Saturday Evening, May 18

Genesis 11:1-9
or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ezekiel 37:1-14
or Joel 3:1-5

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

[optional]

Psalm 33:10-15
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)
The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
Rivers of living water will flow.

Pentecost – Extended Vigil

Genesis 11:1-9

[optional]

Psalm 33:10-15
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

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Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. [cf. Lect #339]
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.
Glory and praise forever! [cf. Lect #164]
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.
Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)
[cf Lect #423, Year II]

Joel 3:1-5
Psalm 107:2-9

I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
Rivers of living water will flow.

*Prayers following the readings are found in the Roman Missal. See also Lectionary for Mass Supplement, #62 (2017).*

Pentecost (Day), May 19

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
OR Galatians 5:16-25

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
The fruit of the Spirit.

Sequence

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

John 20:19-23
OR John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

As the Father sent me, so I send you; Receive the Holy Spirit.
The Spirit of truth will guide you to all the truth.
"The period of purification and enlightenment, which the rite of election begins, customarily coincides with Lent. In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery” (RCIA 138).

“This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the hearts and minds of the elect” and to enlighten their minds and hearts “with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (RCIA 139).

Among these rites are the scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. “The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright and good” (RCIA 141). In accord with ancient tradition, the readings of Year A may be used, with the traditional gospels of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus, respectively (cf. RCIA 146).

The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer take place during the week following the First and Third Scrutiny (unless they have been celebrated earlier). “Thus, with the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church’s faith and prayer” (RCIA 147). Ideally, the presentations should be celebrated within Mass, with the faithful present (cf. RCIA 157, 178).

The preparation rites on Holy Saturday are most proximate to the celebration of the sacraments of initiation and, ideally, should be celebrated (though these are considered optional cf. RCIA 20, 140, 185.2). Among these rites is the recitation of the Creed. Again, according to ancient custom, the Elect recite (“give back,” reditio) the Creed which they had been given (“handing over,” traditio).

It is very important to remember that these rites are for the catechumens (Elect) only! Those who have been baptized “should not take part in rites intended for unbaptized catechumens” (USCCB, National Statutes for the Catechumenate, no. 31).

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FIRST SCRUTINY
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)
THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Exodus 17:3-7
Give us water so that we may drink.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Verse Before the Gospel
see John 4:42, 15
Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Gospel
John 4:5 – 42  [or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

Homily

SCRUTINY
The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.

Invitation to Silent Prayer
Invitation
Prayer
The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism
Prayer
to the Father
Laying on of Hands
to the Holy Spirit
Prayer
to Jesus Christ

Song

Dismissal of the Elect
option  A  B  C  or  D
“The presentation of the Creed, which takes place during the week after the first scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass after the homily” (RCIA 157). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 157-162 and Lectionary for Mass, no. 748.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

**INTRODUCTION**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

*Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 19: 8, 9, 0, 11

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

**SECOND READING**

Romans 10: 8-13 -- The confession of faith of the Elect  
OR  
1 Corinthians 15: 1-8a or 1-4 -- The Gospel will save you only if you keep believing what I preached to you.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

John 3:16

*God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:13-18 -- On this rock I will build my church  
OR  
John 22:44-50 -- I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not remain in the dark any more.

**HOMILY/REFLECTION**

**PRESENTATION OF THE CREED**

*The Elect come forward to listen to the Creed.*

*The Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed is recited by the priest and assembly.*

**PRAYER OVER THE ELECT**

Invitation to Prayer  
Silent Prayer  
Prayer
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
David is anointed as king of Israel

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14
Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Verse before the Gospel John 8:12
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel John 9:1-41 [or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

Homily

SCRUTINY

The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.

Invitation to Silent Prayer
Invitation
The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders

Prayer

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism
Prayer to the Father
Laying on of Hands to the Holy Spirit
Prayer to Jesus Christ

Song

Dismissal of the Elect
THIRD SCRUTINY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS  

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD  

First Reading  
Ezekiel 37:12-14  
I will put my spirit within you that you may live.  

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  

Second Reading  
Romans 8:8-11  
The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.  

Verse before the Gospel  
John 11:25a, 26  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.  

Gospel  
John 11:1-45  
[or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]  
I am the resurrection and the life.  

Homily  

SCRUTINY  
The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.  

Invitation to Silent Prayer  
Invitation  
Prayer  

The Elect kneel, sponsors place hand on their shoulders  

Intercessions for the Elect  

Exorcism  
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to the Father  
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Dismissal of the Elect
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD’S PRAYER
An Order of Service

“The presentation of the Lord’s Prayer, which takes place during the week after the third scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass” (RCIA 178). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 178-184 and Lectionary for Mass, no. 749.

INTRODUCTORY RITE
[SIGN OF THE CROSS]
INTRODUCTION

THE WORD OF GOD
FIRST READING
Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8e-9
I drew them with human cords, with bands of love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
OR
Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 -- As a father is kind to his children, so kind is the Lord to those who fear him.

SECOND READING
Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 – You have received the Spirit that makes you God’s children and in that Spirit we cry out, “Abba, Father!”
OR
Galatians 4:4-7 – God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, Abba, Father!”

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL
Romans 8:15
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry “Abba! Father!”

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD’S PRAYER
The Elect come forward to listen to the Gospel.

GOSPEL
Matthew 6:9-13
Lord, teach us to pray.

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT
Invitation to Prayer
Silent Prayer
Prayer

[DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT]

[SIGN OF PEACE]
Celebrated on Holy Saturday, these rites are an immediate preparation for the sacraments. Please see RCIA 185-205 regarding the selection of rites. “If the presentation of the Creed was not celebrated, the recitation of the Creed is not celebrated” (RCIA 186).

The choosing of a baptismal name is not celebrated in the dioceses of the United States. A diocesan bishop has discretion to authorize its use in particular circumstances. Please see RCIA 33.4, 73, and 200.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**
- SONG
- SIGN OF THE CROSS
- GREETING

**THE RECITATION OF THE CREED**

**READING**
Matthew 16:13-17 – *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
OR
John 6:35, 63-71 *To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14

**CONCLUDING RITE**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD’S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Please see the Roman Missal for complete rubrics and texts.

First Form: The Procession
Assembly gathers outside, at a smaller church, or other suitable place, holding branches
Priest may wear a cope (which he sets aside after the procession) or chasuble

- Antiphon
  - “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.” OR
  - “Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.”
  - OR other suitable chant

- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches sprinkled with holy water
- Proclamation of the Gospel: Mark 11:1-10 OR John 12:12-16
  - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- [Homily]
- Invitation
- Procession to the Church
  - Antiphon 1 and Psalm 24 (23)
  - OR
  - Antiphon 2 and Psalm 47(46)
  - OR
  - Hymn to Christ the King [“Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ King and Redeemer...”]
  - OR other suitable chant (e.g., All Glory, Laud and Honor)
- Responsory or other Chant

Second Form: The Solemn Entrance
The people are gathered inside the church
The ministers are gathered in a place other than the sanctuary, visible to most of the Assembly

- Antiphon -- Hosanna or other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches Sprinkled with Holy Water
- Proclamation of the Gospel
- Procession of the Ministers to the sanctuary
- Veneration of the Altar
- [Kyrie / Lord, have mercy]
- Collect (at the chair)
Third Form: The Simple Entrance

- Procession to the Altar
  - with Entrance Antiphon  Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 24(23):9-10
  - OR priest recites this Antiphon when he reaches the altar
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Penitential Rite
- Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading  Isaiah 50:4-7
My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm  Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading  Philippians 2:6-11
Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

Verse before the Gospel  Philippians 2:8-9
Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

Gospel  Mark 14:1—15:17 OR Mark 15:1-39
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(The Passion begins directly without the greeting and acclamation of the people, but concludes in the usual manner. It is read without candles or incense.)

Homily  or a period of silence
Creed
Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar
Presentation Hymn
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer  I, II, III, or IV
  Preface  The Passion of the Lord
  Holy, holy, holy
  Acclamations
Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace
Breaking of the Bread  Lamb of God: ________________________________
Invitation to Holy Communion
Communion Hymn(s)
Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting
Prayer over the People
Dismissal
[Closing Hymn]  _________________________________________________
HOLY THURSDAY:
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INTRODUCTORY RITE
Entrance Procession/Hymn
Greeting
Presentation of the Oils
Glory to God
Collect

sung

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Reading
Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14
The law regarding the Passover meal
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord.
Chant before the Gospel
John 13:34
... Love one another as I have loved you
Gospel
John 13: 1-15
Jesus loved them to the end.
Homily
Washing of the Feet
optional
Antiphons or Hymn
Antiphons: Missal provides seven options
Hymn:
Profession of Faith
Omitted
General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Presentation of the Offerings
gifts for the poor, bread and wine
Presentation Hymn
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer I
with embolisms
Preface:
“The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ”
Holy, holy, holy
Memorial Acclamation
Great Amen
Communion Rite
Lord’s Prayer
Sign of Peace
Breaking of the Bread
Lamb of God:
Distribution of Holy Communion
Hymn(s)
Prayer after Communion
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Incensation
Acclamation or Hymn
Procession to Place of Reposition
Pange Lingua or other hymn
[Stripping of the Altar] “at an appropriate time”
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers in silence; red vestments, reverence altar
Priest and Deacon lie prostrate; other ministers kneel for a time.

Prayer
“Let us pray” is omitted

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
He himself was wounded for our sins.
(Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord)

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Second Reading
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.

Chant Before the Gospel
Phil 2:8-9
Christ became obedient to the point of death...

Gospel
John 18:1 - 19:42
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Homily
Silent Prayer

The Solemn Intercessions
For the Church, Pope, all orders and degrees of the faithful, catechumens, unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation.
Introduction
Kneel/Silent Prayer
Prayer

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Showing of the Holy Cross
First Form
The deacon carries the Cross through the church to the sanctuary; the priest unveils it gradually.

Second Form
The priest or deacon goes to the door of church, receives the unveiled Cross.

Invitation
Priest: “Behold the wood of the Cross on which is hung the salvation of the world.”
All: “Come, let us adore.”

Procession
Antiphon or Hymn

Adoration of the Holy Cross
a single Cross; candles on right and left; options for chants or music

HOLY COMMUNION

[Covering of the Altar]
Ciborium to Altar
by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles
Lord’s Prayer
Invitation to Communion
“Behold the Lamb of God…”
Distribution of Communion
Hymn(s)
Prayer after Communion
Prayer over the People
Departure
All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross
EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. The priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the paschal candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.

THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM
The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle
  Sign of the Cross [new]
  Greeting
  Instruction
  Blessing of the Fire
  Preparation of the Candle
  Lighting of the Paschal Candle
  cross, Alpha and Omega, current year; grains of incense from the Easter Fire

Procession
  thurifer leads people with unlit candles

Chant
  “Light of Christ” “Thanks be to God”

Priest lights his candle
  from the Paschal Candle

The Easter Proclamation/Exsultet
  by a deacon, priest, or other person
  Long Form or Short Form

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
  see Lectionary #41 all should be read, at least three from OT,
  Exodus 14 is never omitted

Introduction

Reading I
  Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31a
  God looked at everything he had made…
Responsorial Psalm
  Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10,12, 13-14,24,35
  OR Psalm 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22
Prayer

Reading II
  Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
  The sacrifice of Abraham…
Responsorial Psalm
  Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11
Prayer

Reading III
  Exodus 14:15 - 15:1
  The Israelites marched on dry land …
Responsorial Psalm
  Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
Prayer

Reading IV
  Isaiah 54: 5-14
  With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer…
Responsorial Psalm
  Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6,11-12,13
Prayer
Reading V
Isaiah 55: 1-11
Come to me that you may have life...

Responsorial Psalm
Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

Prayer

Reading VI
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4
Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Prayer

Reading VII
Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28
I shall sprinkle clean water upon you …

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4   OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
OR   Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Prayer

Gloria
Collect
Epistle
Romans 6: 3-11
Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23

Gospel
Mark 16:1-7
He has been raised from the dead
and is going before you to Galilee.

Homily

BAPTISMAL LITURGY
Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism
Invitation to Prayer
Litany of the Saints
Setting: _______________________________
Blessing of Baptismal Water
Prayer
with hands extended… lowering Paschal Candle into water
Acclamation
Setting: _______________________________
Renunciation of Sin
see Roman Missal 55
Profession of Faith
Baptism
Clothing with a White Garment
Presentation of a Lighted Candle
The Renewal of Baptismal Promises
By the assembly; may also be done with the Elect (above)
Sprinkling with Baptismal Water
[Celebration of Reception into Full Communion]
[Invitation]
[Profession of Faith]
[Act of Reception]
Celebration of Confirmation
Invitation
Laying on of Hands
Anointing with Chrism
Universal Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Presentation of the Offerings
by the neophytes
[Presentation Hymn]
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer
EP I with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]
Preface                    Preface I of Easter
Holy, holy, holy
Memorial Acclamation
Great Amen

Communion Rite
   Lord’s Prayer
   Sign of Peace
   Breaking of the Bread  Lamb of God: ________________________________
   Invitation to Communion  “Behold the Lamb of God…”
   Distribution of Communion  Hymn(s): ________________________________
   Silence or Hymn of Thanksgiving
   Prayer After Communion

CONCLUDING RITE
   Greeting
   Solemn Blessing  see RM #68
   Dismissal  see RM #69; Alleluia, alleluia

Note: The “double alleluia” is sung at the dismissal on Easter Sunday (the Vigil and Mass of Easter Day), during the Octave of Easter, and on Pentecost (Vigil and Day). It is not used on the other days of the Easter season.
THE SACRED TRIDUUM: EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:
THE MASS OF EASTER DAY

INTRODUCTORY RITES
Opening Hymn
Greeting
Glory to God
Collect

Greeting

GLORY TO GOD
Setting: ______________________________________

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Reading
Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Second Reading
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Sequence
Victima Paschali Laudes
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)
Setting: ______________________________________

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia; Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; ...
Setting: ______________________________________

Gospel
John 20:1-9 OR Mark 16:1-7 (from the Easter Vigil)
OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

Homily
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
see Easter Vigil #55
Sprinkling with Blessed Water
Song
Creed
Omitted if baptismal vows are renewed
Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Preparation of the Altar
Presentation Hymn
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer
Preface
Preface I of Easter: “The Paschal Mystery”
Eucharistic Prayer
proper forms of Communicantes and hanc igitur if EP I is used
Holy, holy, holy
Acclamations
Lamb of God:

CONCLUDING RITE
Greeting
Solemn Blessing
see Easter Vigil #68
Dismissal
Alleluia, alleluia
Closing Hymn

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Introductory Verse
Presider: O God, * come to my assistance.
All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology
Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
All: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

PSALMODY

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord’s tomb, alleluia.
Psalm Psalm 110:1-5, 7
Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord’s tomb, alleluia.

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.
Psalm Psalm 114
Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.
NT Canticle Revelation 19:1-17
Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

THE WORD OF GOD
Reading Hebrews 10:12-14
Silence
Antiphon This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE
Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and said: Peace be with you, alleluia.
Canticle of Mary Luke 1: 46-55
Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and said: Peace be with you, alleluia.
INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Invitation
Presider:  With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord, who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for us:
All:  Victorious King, hear our prayer.

Intercessions
Presider:  Light and salvation for all peoples,
All:  send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit as we proclaim your resurrection.

Presider:  Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,
All:  and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory.

Presider:  Keep us in the communion of your saints,
All:  and grant us rest from our labors in their company.

Presider:  You have triumphed over death, your enemy;
All:  that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.

Presider:  Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death, and were raised up to the right hand of the Father,
All:  in your goodness, welcome your brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

Lord’s Prayer
Presider:  Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.
All:  Our Father,…

Collect
Presider:  God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
All:  Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE
Dismissal
Presider:  Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
All:  Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.
Examination of Conscience according to the Ten Commandments

Examination of Conscience in the Public Square

Examination of Conscience based upon Catholic Social Teaching

Examination of Conscience for Children

Examination of Conscience for Young Adults

Examination of Conscience for Married Persons

Examination of Conscience for Single Persons
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