

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**(a liturgical aid to today's Mass)**  
**March 14, 2021**  
**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT & RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

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**Day of Reconciliation**  
**JOURNEY BACK TO GOD**

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ***Gathering Song: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS***

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place, And He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I'll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

### ***Greeting      Penitential Rite      Opening Prayer***

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

**ALL: AMEN.**

*Priest: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*Priest: We rely on the redeeming mercy of God.  
And so we call out to Christ, our compassionate Saviour.*

***SUNG RESPONSE:***

**LORD, HAVE MERCY. CHRIST HAVE MERCY. LORD HAVE MERCY**

*at end of each verse and last time ALL SING:*

**HEAR US, HEAR US.**

*Priest: Let us pray...with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

**ALL : A –MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The First Reading 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16,19-23*

**Psalm Response:**

**“Lord, be merciful, be merciful for we have sinned.”**

*The Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10*

*Gospel Acclamation*

**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)**  
Verse is sung; after verse: repeat above.

*The Gospel Reading*

*Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to John 3: 14-21*

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

*The gospel is read. When the reading is over:*

*Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Sing: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST;  
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)**

***Homily***

**A Rite of Reconciliation  
(an Examination of Conscience)**

**All sing: LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

**Presider:** Do I have an open heart?

**All:**

- Can I embrace new people, experiences, and new ways of looking at God?
- Does my heart reach out to strangers, but bristles when people I know make requests?
- Am I hospitable to others, especially the poor, the ones I disagree with, and those who are different from me?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

**Presider:** Do I have a prayerful heart?

**All:**

- Do I seek a time of quiet for reflection, meditation, contemplation, and the study of sacred scripture?
- Do I honor the sacredness of the earth, every human being, and every creature made by God?
- Do I regularly offer worship and praise to God both privately and corporately with my church family?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

**Presider:** Do I have a peaceful heart?

**All:**

- Does my heart waste itself on small stuff, losing sight of God's far-reaching vision?
- Do I need to rid myself of grumbling and complaining about every day frustrations?
- Am I frequently impatient, irritable, and angry at myself and others?
- Do I worry about my future and that of my loved ones?
- Do I frequently focus my attention on the weakness of others and the negative things of life?

- **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a quiet heart?

All:

- Do I fill my days with constant activity without any time for listening to God and others?
- Do I spend too much time in the addictive distractions of electronic devices?
- Is too much of my life spent in the realm of virtual reality that fails to see God's truth?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a hopeful heart?

All:

- Do I recognize all of the positive influences in our world?
- Am I able to let go of outcomes I disagree with?
- Do I live in expected hope of the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to create a new heaven and a new earth?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a thankful heart?

All:

- Am I aware that all that I have been given is truly a gift from God?
- Do I appreciate the gifts and talents God has bestowed on those around me?
- Do I show others appropriate gratitude for the good things that are freely given to me.
- Do I gratefully affirm the efforts of others?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a loving heart?

All:

- Do others recognize that I am a follower of Jesus by how I treat people and the earth?
- Is inner goodness shown in my outward action?
- Do I love others even when they are unwilling or unable to do so in return?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a forgiving heart?

All:

- Am I ready to give up grudges, resentments, and old hurts?
- Can I look past being shunned and mistreated by others in my community?
- Do I pray for my enemies and freely forgive those who harm me?
- Do I accept the forgiveness of God and others?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a serving heart?

All:

- Am I reluctant to share my spiritual and material gifts with others?
- Am I willing to do what needs to be done regardless of reward?
- Do I spend more on treating myself with unnecessary rewards than giving to my church family and other charitable endeavors.
- Do I give of my time to my spouse, my children, my parents, my friends, and my church family?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a kind heart?

All:

- Do I build up others through words of affirmation and encouragement?
- Do I contribute to the destruction of the reputation of others by participating in gossip and malicious talk?
- Do I criticize and complain about others behind their backs?
- Do I selfishly exploit others to gratify my own desires and needs?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a faithful heart?

All:

- Am I trustworthy and dependable?
- Do I fulfill my promises to others?
- Do I keep my agreements?
- Do I freely offer to volunteer myself for the ministry of my church family?
- Do I speak the truth in love?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have a humble heart?

All:

- Do I regard others as more important than myself?
- Do I brag and gloat to others?
- Do I excessively talk about myself to others?
- Do I seek to be the center of attention?
- Do I honor and uphold others?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

Presider: Do I have an obedient heart?

All:

- Do I accept God's call upon my life and recognize the gifts and abilities that God has given to me?
- Do I regularly worship and praise God?
- Am I willing to follow the will of God for my life?
  - **LORD, HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY,  
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME.(repeat)**

### *Sign Of Peace*

**Song at Offertory: IN THIS RECONCILIATION**

**1. By the grace of forgiveness,  
by the wisdom of your truth,  
by the comfort of your presence,  
we shall learn to follow you.  
In this reconciliation,  
may our lives be made anew.  
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.**

**2. Though not worthy to receive you,  
you receive us as your own.  
Though we wander far away from you,  
you always call us home.  
In this moment of forgiveness,  
you have made your love be known.  
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.**

**Refrain  
Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord.  
Forgive our sins, forgive our deeds.  
Forgive our words, forgive our hearts.  
With love outpoured, forgive us, Lord.**

**3. By the grace of forgiveness,  
by the wisdom of your truth,  
by the comfort of your presence,  
we shall learn to follow you.  
In this reconciliation,  
may our lives be made anew.  
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.  
Grant us peace, holy Lord, grant us peace.**

*Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....*

**ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS, FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH**

**The Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blest is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.

*Words of Consecration:*

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.  
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.  
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND  
EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO  
THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

**The Memorial Acclamation**

Cantor: As grain is transformed into the bread we eat,  
**ALL: AS GRAIN IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE BREAD WE EAT,**  
Cantor: And grapes are transformed into the wine we drink,  
**ALL: AND GRAPES ARE TRANSFORMED INTO THE WINE WE DRINK,**  
Cantor: We share in your death; **ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR DEATH**  
Cantor: We share in your life; **ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR LIFE;**  
Cantor: Until we are transformed into your glory.  
**ALL: UNTIL WE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO YOUR GLORY.**

**Doxology & Great Amen**

*Through him, with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Almighty Father, forever and  
ever. Amen! Amen! Amen!*

**COMMUNION RITE**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

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 peace.

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are they to be called to this supper.***ALL: LORD, I AM NOT  
WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I  
SHALL BE HEALED.** *Celebrant: May the body and  
blood.....***ALL: AMEN**

## Communion Song: AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

### *Refrain*

*It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!  
It's such amazing love for me!  
It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!  
It's such amazing love for me!*

2. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far  
and Grace will lead me home.

3. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

### *Refrain*

4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be,  
as long as life endures.

### *Refrain*

## CONCLUDING RITE

### Dismissal

*Closing Song: : WASH ME CLEAN*

### **Refrain:**

**Give me a clean heart, O God,  
a steadfast spirit for love.  
Give me a joyful, willing heart;  
wash me clean, wash me clean.**

1. Give me purity of heart,  
A rev'ence for ev'ry living thing,  
Simplicity in all the ways of the world  
Wash me clean!  
Teach me to listen to cries for compassion.  
Make me an instrument of your peace,  
Lord, in your mercy!!

*HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!*