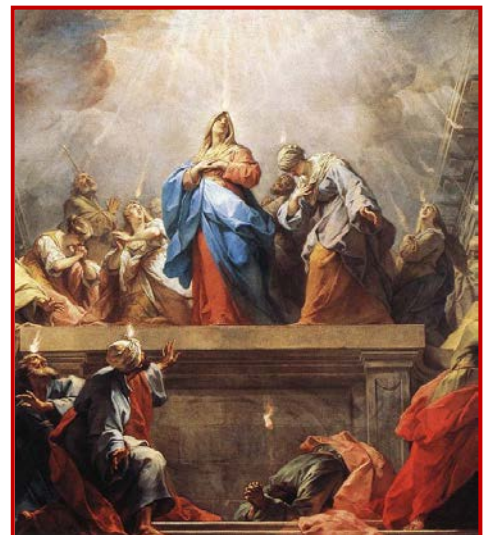
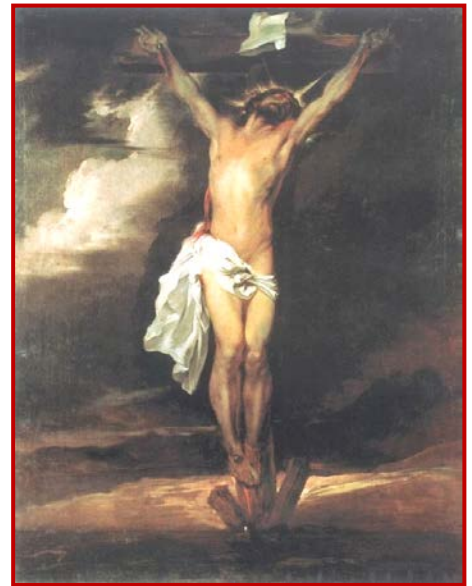


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## A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

### 1. The other person is a gift

The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means "God helps". This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbor or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.

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## 2. Sin blinds us

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride (cf. Homily, 20 September 2013).

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. *ibid.*, 62).

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (Mt 6:24).

## 3. The Word is a gift

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24.27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good.

The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to

them” (v. 29). Countering the rich man’s objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead” (v. 31).

The rich man’s real problem thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God’s word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God’s word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016

Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist

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**FREE US FROM OUR SINS**



**A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2017**

**RITE FOR RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS  
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy**

**Concluding Rite**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn**

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## PREPARATION

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- 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 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.



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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### OPENING HYMN

*See suggestions herein*

### GREETING

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

### INTRODUCTION

*in these or similar words*

**Presider:** In this Lenten season,  
Christ calls us to a deeper appreciation of our baptism  
and to a deeper realization of our responsibility,  
as followers of Christ,  
to live in accord with Gospel.  
Too often, we have failed to do that.

In our sinfulness,  
we have pursued greed instead of holiness,  
satisfied individual needs instead of the common good,  
focused on the famous instead of the outcast,  
practiced indifference instead of empathy,  
and listened to countless voices  
instead of the words of Jesus.

Tonight [today], he has called each of us to this sacrament,  
in order to be reminded of  
how good it is to serve those in need,  
how right it is follow the law of the Lord,  
and how holy it can be to die to self so that others may live.

Once again, and still, he offers us his saving mercy.  
In this time and in this place,  
and through his Church,  
let us encounter the living God.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Presider: Brothers and sisters,  
God calls us to conversion.  
Let us therefore ask him  
for the grace of sincere repentance.**

*Silent prayer*

**Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
you do not wish the sinner to die  
but to be converted and live.  
Come to the aid of your people,  
that they may turn from their sins  
and live for you alone.  
May we be attentive to your word,  
confess our sins,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.  
Help us to grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.**

**All: Amen.**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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*The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel. The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal. A Lectionary should be used during the liturgy.*

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 58:6-11**

Share your bread with the hungry

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7**

Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19**

Tell the rich not to rely on such an uncertain thing as wealth, but on God...

### **VERSE**

**Luke 21:36**

Be vigilant at all times and pray,  
that you might have strength to stand before the Son of Man.

### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 16:19-31**

There was a poor man named Lazarus.

### **HOMILY**

*The preacher may wish to see Pope Francis' Lenten message on pages 4-6.*

## **ALTERNATIVE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

### **First Reading**

Deut 4:1, 5-9	Keep the commandments and your work will be complete
Hosea 6:1-6	For it is love I desire, not sacrifice
Hosea 14:2-10	Take with you words and return to the Lord
Isaiah 53: 1-7, 10-12	It was our infirmities he bore
Isaiah 54:1-10	The Lord calls you back
Jeremiah 7:23-28	Listen to my voice...walk in the ways that I command you

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 19	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Psalm 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalm 30	I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me
Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21	Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness
Psalm 85	Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-11	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts
Psalm 103:1-8, 11	The Lord is kind and merciful
Psalm 119	Blessed are they who follow the love of the Lord.

### **Second Reading**

Romans 6:2-14	Think of yourself as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus
2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2	We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation
Philippians 4: 4-9	The Lord is near... think about whatever is worthy of praise
Hebrews 4:14-16	Let us confidently approach the throne of grace
Colossians 3: 12-17	Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
1 John 1:5 - 2:2	Jesus is expiation for our sins
Ephesians 1:3-10	In him, we have the forgiveness of our transgressions
Ephesians 4:23-32	Acquire a fresh, spiritual way of thinking...
Ephesians 6:10-13, 18	Draw your strength from the Lord...put on the armor of Christ

### **Gospel**

Matthew 4: 1-11	Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God
Matthew 7:21, 24-27	Listen to these words of mine...house built on rock
Matthew 9:9-13	I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners
Mark 12:28-34	Greatest of all commandments
Luke 7:36-50	The one to whom little is forgiven, loves little
Luke 18:9-14	Pharisee and the tax collector in the temple
Luke 23:33-43	(The Good Thief) Today you will be with me in paradise.
John 5:17-30	Whoever hears my word and believes in the One who sent me, has eternal life
John 12: 23-33	The voice did not come for my sake, but for yours
John 20:19-23	Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.

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## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

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*For other formularies, please see page 42*

**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?**

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## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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### GENERAL CONFESSION OF SIN

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters,  
Let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father,  
and acknowledge our sins,  
so that we may receive his merciful forgiveness.

**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 OF REPENTANCE

**Presider:** The Lord is merciful.  
He makes us clean of heart  
and leads us into his freedom  
when we acknowledge our guilt.  
Let us ask him to forgive us  
and bind up the wounds inflicted by our sins.

**Presider:** You were sent with good news for the poor  
and healing for the contrite.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You came to call sinners, not the just.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You forgave the many sins of the woman  
who showed you great love.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider: You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery,  
but sent her away in peace.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You called Zacchaeus to repentance and a new life.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You promised Paradise to the repentant thief.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You are always interceding for us at the right hand of  
the Father.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Presider: Now, in obedience to Christ himself,  
let us join in prayer to the Father,  
asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.**

**All: Our Father,...**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Presider: Lord, draw near to your servants  
who in the presence of your Church  
confess that they are sinners.  
Through the ministry of the Church,  
free them from all sin  
so that renewed in spirit,  
they may give you thankful praise.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**All: Amen.**



## **INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors 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 sent the Holy Spirit among us  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church,  
may God give 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**

*A psalm, hymn, or litany may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.*

**Psalm 28: 6-7**

**Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11**

**Psalm 54**

**Psalm 66**

**Psalm 95**

**Psalm 98: 1-9**

**Psalm 100: 1-5**

**Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18**

**Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 25-29**

**Psalm 145: 1-21**

**Psalm 146:2-10**

**Isaiah 61: 10-11**

**Daniel 3:52-57**

**Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat)**

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

**Revelation 15: 3-4**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Presider:** Lord God,  
creator and ruler of your kingdom of light,  
in your great love for this world,  
you gave your only Son for our salvation.  
His cross has redeemed us,  
his death has given us life,  
his resurrection has raised us to glory.  
Through him  
we ask you to be always present among your family.  
Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory;  
fill our hearts with faith,  
our days with good works,  
our lives with your love;  
may your truth be on our lips  
and your wisdom in all our actions,  
that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All :** Amen.

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## CONCLUDING RITE

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### BLESSING

**Presider:** May the Father bless us  
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Son show us his saving power,  
for he died and rose for us.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness  
and lead us by the right path,  
for he dwells in our hearts.

**All:** Amen.

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

### DISMISSAL

**Presider:** The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 58:6-11**

**Thus says the LORD:**

**This is the fasting that I wish:**

**releasing those bound unjustly,**

**untying the thongs of the yoke;**

**Setting free the oppressed,**

**breaking every yoke;**

**Sharing your bread with the hungry,**

**sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;**

**Clothing the naked when you see them,**

**and not turning your back on your own.**

**Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,**

**and your wound shall quickly be healed;**

**Your vindication shall go before you,**

**and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.**

**Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,**

**you shall cry for help and he will say: Here I am!**

**If you remove from your midst oppression,**

**false accusation and malicious speech;**

**If you bestow your bread on the hungry**

**and satisfy the afflicted;**

**Then light shall rise for you in the darkness,**

**and the gloom shall become for you like midday;**

**Then the LORD will guide you always**

**and give you plenty even on the parched land.**

**He will renew your strength,**

**and you shall be like a watered garden,**

**like a spring whose water never fails.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7**

**R. Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**

**Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,  
whose sin is covered.**

**Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,  
in whose spirit there is no guile.**

**R. Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
my guilt I covered not.**

**I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"  
and you took away the guilt of my sin.**

**R. Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**

**For this shall every faithful man pray to you  
in time of stress.**

**Though deep waters overflow,  
they shall not reach him.**

**R. Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**

**You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me;  
with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.**

**R. Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**

**Beloved:**

**Religion with contentment is a great gain.**

**For we have brought nothing into the world,**

**just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it.**

**If we have food and clothing, we shall be content with that.**

**Those who want to be rich are falling into a trap**

**and into many foolish and harmful desires,**

**which plunge them into ruin and destruction.**

**For the love of money is the root of all evils,**

**and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith**

**and have pierced themselves with many pains.**

**But you, man of God, avoid all this.**

**Instead pursue righteousness, devotion, faith,**

**love, patience, and gentleness.**

**Tell the rich of the present age not to be proud**

**and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth**

**but rather on God, who richly provides us with all good things**

**for our enjoyment.**

**Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works,**

**to be generous, to be ready to share,**

**thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future,**

**so as to win the life that is true life.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 21:36**

**Be vigilant at all times and pray,  
that you might have strength to stand before the Son of Man.**

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 16:19-31**

**Jesus said to the Pharisees:**

**“There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen  
and dined sumptuously each day.**

**And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,  
who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps  
than fell from the rich man’s table.**

**Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.**

**When the poor man died,  
he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.**

**The rich man also died and was buried,  
and from the netherworld, where he was in torment,  
he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off  
and Lazarus at his side.**

**And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me.**

**Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue,  
for I am suffering in torment in these flames.’**

**Abraham replied,**

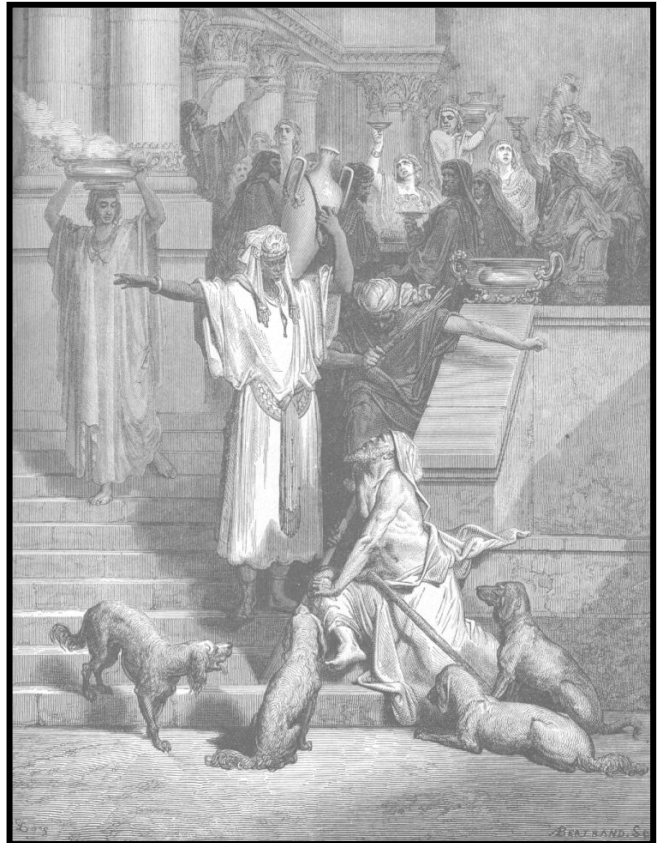
**‘My child, remember that you received  
what was good during your lifetime  
while Lazarus likewise received what was bad;  
but now he is comforted here,  
whereas you are tormented.**

**Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established  
to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go  
from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’**

**He said, ‘Then I beg you, father,  
send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers,  
so that he may warn them,  
lest they too come to this place of torment.’  
But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets.  
Let them listen to them.’  
He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham,  
but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’  
Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,  
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’ ”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

The Rich Man and Lazarus  
by Gustave Doré (1832-1883)



## **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.**
- **During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of war.**
- **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 A:**

<b>Romans 5:12-19</b>	<b>John 4:5-42</b>
<b>2 Timothy 1:8b-10</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b>
<b>Matthew 17:1-9</b>	<b>Romans 8:8-11</b>
<b>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8</b>	<b>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18</b>

### **✕ 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 to a local shelter. Send it anonymously.**
- **Make an Easter basket for a classmate with whom you do not get along.**



**MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE  
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2017**

**HYMNODY**

Amazing Grace	Newton (various)
Deep Within	RS, G1, G2-GIA
Eternal Lord of Love	RS
Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing	(GIA) Hymns for the Gospel
Forgive our Sins as We Forgive	Herklots (WLP)
God, Whose Almighty Word	various
God's Holy Mountain We Ascend	(WLP)
Grant to Us, O Lord	Lucien Deiss (WLP)
Healer of Our Every Ill	G1, G2-GIA
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	various
Lead Us to Your Light	Carol Browning (GIA)
Let Justice Roll Like a River	Marty Haugen (GIA)
Let Us Sing to the Lord/ <i>Cantemos al Señor</i>	Alonso/Mahler (GIA, G-6129 [collection])
Lord, Your Almighty Word	various
Mercy, O God	G2-GIA
My Soul in Stillness Waits	Marty Haugen (GIA)
No Greater Love	Michael Joncas (GIA)
Our Father, We Have Wandered	various
Out of Darkness	OCP
<i>Perdón Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish OCP
<i>Perdónname, Jesús</i>	OCP
Remember Your Mercy, Lord	Inwood (GIA)
Return to God	Haugen (GIA)
The Cross of Jesus	O'Brien (GIA)
The Glory of These Forty Days	Traditional (GIA)
The Reign of God	Delores Duffer (GIA)
The Trumpet in the Morning	Rory Cooney (GIA)
The Word is in Your Heart	(GIA)
There is a Longing	Quigley (OCP)
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber (various)
To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul	Hurd (OCP)
Tree of Life	Aaron Thompson (WLP)
Turn My Heart, O God	Haugen (GIA)
Turn to the Living God	True (GIA)
We Cannot Measure How You Heal	Bell (GIA)
When Jesus Passed Through Jericho	(GIA; Hymns for the Gospel)
Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit (various)

**LITANIES/CHANTS**

Two Litanies for Advent/Lent	Richard Proulx (WLP)
Gather us in Mercy, Lord	Alonso (GIA)
Hold us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany	Cooney/Daigle (GIA)
Penitential Litany	Prendergast/Sullivan (OCP)

**PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY**

All You Nations	Deiss	WC
Blest be the Lord (Ps 91)	Schutte	OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)	Green, Daw, Joncas	various
Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted	RENZEZ A DIEU	various
God is Here! As We His People	ABBOTT'S LEIGH	GIA
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/ RUSTINGTON	GIA
Great is Thy Faithfulness	Chisholm/Runyan	LMGM
His Love is Everlasting	Roberts	LMGM
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly	(WLP, 003679)
I Turn to You, Lord	Craig and Kristen Colson	(OCP, 20267 Z2)
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young	(GIA, G-2896)
<i>La Alegría en el Perdón</i>	Gabaráin	OCP
Sing, My Tongue, the Song of Triumph	PICARDY	GIA
Thanks be to You	Haugen	GIA
<i>The Psalter – Psalms and Canticles for Singing</i>	Isele	
There's A Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber/ IN BABILONE	OCP
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker	(OCP, 7150)

**Alternative Psalmody**

	<b><u>OCP</u></b>	<b><u>GIA</u></b>	<b><u>WLP</u></b>
Psalm 19	Joncas	Proulx, Haas, Alonso*	Haugen
Psalm 27	DeBruyn	Proulx, Haas	Isele, Haas
Psalm 30	Inwood	Guimont, Inwood	
Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21	Willcock	Craig, Haugen	Berrell, Ward Schaefer
Psalm 85	Cortez, Hurd	Haugen, Carroll, Dameans	French, Bogdan
Psalm 103:1-8, 11	Cortez, Dufford	Cotter, Haas, Haugen	Kolar, Stahl
Psalm 119	Booth	Batastini	



“The Resurrection” by Fra Angelico, 1442

## FREQUENTLY- ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER TIME FOR EASTER VIGIL?**

A. On Saturday evening, April 15, 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 –<http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS-OneDay.php>. 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.” WHAT ARE THE THREE DAYS OF THE TRIDUUM?**

A. The three days of the Sacred Triduum are Sunday, Saturday, and Friday. Good Friday has a vigil, which we celebrate liturgically as the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

This seventy-two hour period is the most important celebration of our entire liturgical calendar; it begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday. The Sacred 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, “the light of glory... scattering 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. MAY WE USE MORE THAN ONE CROSS FOR THE VENERATION ON GOOD FRIDAY?**

A. No. Only one Cross should be used for the veneration, as this contributes to the full symbolism of the rite. It should be a cross, not a crucifix, and it should be of sufficient size and beauty.

One or other of the forms found in the Roman rite may be followed. The rite should be carried out with the splendor worthy of the mystery of our salvation. Both the invitation pronounced at the unveiling of the Cross and the people’s response should be sung.

The cross is to be presented to each of the faithful for their adoration. “If, because of the large number of people, it is not possible for all to approach individually, the Priest, after some of the clergy and faithful have adored, takes the Cross and, standing in the middle before the altar, invites the people in a few words to adore the Holy Cross and afterwards holds the Cross elevated higher for a brief time, for the faithful to adore in silence” (Roman Missal 19).

**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY  
FOR THE SEASONS OF LENT AND EASTER**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LITURGICAL DAY</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Wednesday	March 1	Ash Wednesday	2	Lect #219 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	March 5	First Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #22
Sunday	March 12	Second Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #25
Sunday	March 19	Third Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #28; Scrutiny I
Monday	March 20	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3	Lect #543 Gloria, Creed, Proper Preface Food – BB, Chapter 53
Saturday	March 25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	3	Lect #545 Genuflect at “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.”
Sunday	March 26	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	2	Lect #31, Scrutiny II
Sunday	April 2	Fifth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #34, Scrutiny III
Sunday	April 9	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	2	Procession: Lect #37 - Gospel A Mass: Lect #38 – Gospel A
Monday	April 10	Monday of Holy Week	2	Lect #257
Tuesday	April 11	Tuesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #258
Wednesday	April 12	Wednesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #259
Thursday	April 13	Thursday of Holy Week (Day)	2	Chrism Mass Lect #260 Funeral Mass not permitted
Thursday	April 13	Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper	Triduum	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	April 14	Good Friday	Triduum	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion to the Sick
Saturday	April 15	Holy Saturday	Triduum	BB, Chapter 54 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
Saturday	April 15	Easter Sunday: The Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter	Triduum	Lect #41 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	April 16	Easter Sunday: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	Triduum	Lect #42 Funeral Mass not permitted
Monday	April 17	Monday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #261
Tuesday	April 18	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #262
Wednesday	April 19	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #263
Thursday	April 20	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #264
Friday	April 21	Friday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #265
Saturday	April 22	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #266

Sunday	April 23	Second Sunday of Easter ( or Sunday of Divine Mercy)	2	Lect #43
Tuesday	April 25	St. Mark, Evangelist	7	Lect #555
Saturday	April 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #557
Sunday	April 30	Third Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #46
Tuesday	May 2	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #560
Wednesday	May 3	St. Philip and St. James, Apostles	7	Lect #561
Sunday	May 7	Fourth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #49
Sunday	May 14	Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #52
Sunday	May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #55 May use second reading and gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter
Thursday	May 25	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (in six provinces of the USA) OR Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter	3 13	Lect # 58 Lect #294
Friday	May 26	St. Philip Neri, priest	10	Lect #570
Sunday	May 28	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (in most dioceses of the USA) OR Seventh Sunday of Easter	3 2	Lect #58 Lect #59
Wednesday	May 31	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7	Lect #572
Thursday	June 1	St. Justin, Martyr	7	Lect #574
Saturday	June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	10	Lect #576
Sunday	June 4	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	2	Vigil: Lect #62 A Day: Lect #63



“Pentecost” by Jean Il Restout (1692-1768)

## LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR A

### Ash Wednesday, March 1

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, March 5

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

The creation of our first parents, and sin.  
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.  
Where sin increased, there grace increased all the more.  
Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.

### Second Sunday of Lent, March 12

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Matthew 17:1-9

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.  
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
God has saved us and called us to be holy.  
Jesus' face shone like the sun.

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 19

Exodus 17:3-7  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42 OR  
John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**First Scrutiny (RCIA 141-146, 150-156)**  
Give us water, so that we may drink.  
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

### Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, March 20

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.

### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38

Behold, the virgin shall conceive  
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.  
As it is written of me in the scroll, behold I come to do your will, O God  
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 26

1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13a  
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41 OR  
John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Second Scrutiny (RCIA 164-170)**  
David is anointed as king of Israel.  
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.  
The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45 OR  
John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Third Scrutiny (RCIA 171-177)**  
I will put my spirit in you that you may live.  
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.  
I am the resurrection and the life.

## HOLY WEEK READINGS

### **Psalm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 9 (A)**

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66 OR

Matthew 27:11-54

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Monday of Holy Week, April 10 (ABC)**

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.

(First oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

### **Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11 (ABC)**

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,P, 17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

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.)

I will sing of your salvation.

One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

### **Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12 (ABC)**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

(Third oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

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 - Mass of Chrism, April 13 (ABC)**

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27

Revelation 1:5-8

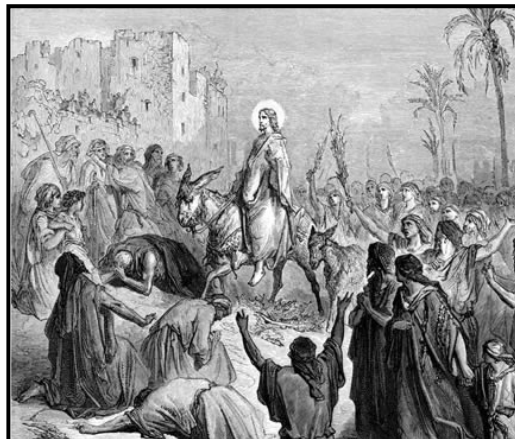
Luke 4:16-21

The LORD anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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.



*Detail -- Gustave Doré*

## READINGS FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

### **Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 13**

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

### **Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion, April 14**

Isaiah 54:13 – 53:12	He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25	Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.
John 18:1 – 19:42	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, April 15**

Genesis 1:1 – 2:2 <i>or</i> 1:1, 26-31a	God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 OR	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22	The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Genesis 22:1-18 <i>or</i>	The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Psalm 16:5, 8-9, 11	The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
Exodus 14:15 – 15:1	With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18	Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.
Isaiah 54:5-14	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13	Walk toward the splendor of the Lord. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Isaiah 55:1-11	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 a clean heart in me, O God.
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6	Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4	He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11	
Ezekiel 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	
Romans 6:3-11	
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	
Matthew 28:1-10	

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Mass During the Day, April 16**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43	We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (OR Alleluia)
Colossians 3:1-4	Seek what is above, where Christ is.
OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough.
SEQUENCE	<i>Victimae paschali laudes</i>
John 20:1-9	He had to rise from the dead.
OR Matthew 28:1-10	He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.
OR Luke 12:13-35	Stay with us it is almost evening. [at an afternoon or evening Mass]



## 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 A

#### Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)

God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-25

It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (OR Alleluia)

You were saved with the precious Blood of Christ, as with that of a spotless, unblemished lamb.

They recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:1, 4a, 36-41

Psalm 23:1-2a, 2b-4, 5, 6

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (OR Alleluia)

You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

I am the gate for the sheep.

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (OR Alleluia)

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

I am the way and the truth and the life.

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (OR Alleluia)

Put to death in the flesh, Christ was raised to life in the Spirit.

I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

#### The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (OR Alleluia)

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living OR Alleluia

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you.

Father, glorify your Son.

### **Pentecost Sunday – Vigil Mass**

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

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

### **Pentecost Sunday – Extended Readings for the Vigil Mass**

Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
Prayer

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.  
Response: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.  
(See Roman Missal)

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

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.  
Response: Glory and praise for ever!

Response – Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.  
(See Roman Missal)

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Prayer

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
Response: Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia)  
(Three options provided in Roman Missal)

Joel 3:1-5  
Psalm 104: 1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29-30  
Prayer

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

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Gloria

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

### **Pentecost Sunday – Mass During the Day**

Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

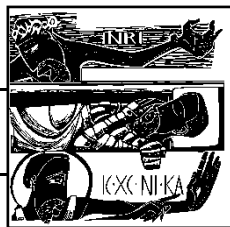
SEQUENCE

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: receive the Holy Spirit.





## 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  
Antiphons or Hymn

*optional*  
Antiphons: *Missal provides seven options*  
Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession of Faith  
General Intercessions

Omitted

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings  
Presentation Hymn

*gifts for the poor, bread and wine*

Prayer over the Offerings  
Eucharistic Prayer

Preface  
Holy, holy, holy  
Eucharistic Prayer  
Memorial Acclamation  
Great Amen

Preface: "The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ"  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Eucharistic Prayer I with embolisms  
\_\_\_\_\_

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer  
Sign of Peace  
Breaking of the Bread  
Distribution of Holy Communion  
Hymn(s)  
Prayer After Communion

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_  
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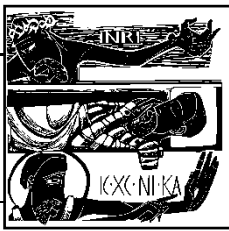
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Incensation  
Acclamation or Hymn  
Procession to Place of Reposition  
[Stripping of the Altar]

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Pange Lingua* or other hymn  
*"at an appropriate time"*



## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers	in silence; red vestments, reverence altar Ministers lie prostrate or kneel for a time.
Prayer	“Let us pray” is omitted
<b><u>LITURGY OF THE WORD</u></b>	
First Reading	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 <i>He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord)</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 <i>Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.</i>
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 <i>Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.</i>
Chant Before the Gospel	Phil 2:8-9 <i>Christ became obedient to the point of death...</i>
Gospel	John 18:1 - 19:42 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
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
<b><u>THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</u></b>	
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
<b><u>HOLY COMMUNION</u></b>	
[Covering of the Altar]	
Ciborium to Altar	<i>by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles</i>
Lord’s Prayer	
Invitation to Communion	“Behold the Lamb of God...”
Distribution of Communion	Hymn(s) _____
Prayer After Communion	
Prayer Over the People	
Departure	<i>All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross</i>



## 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

Chant

Priest lights his candle

Lighting of Assembly's Candles

thurifer leads people with unlit candles

"Light of Christ" "Thanks be to God"

from the Paschal Candle

*(those persons already baptized)*

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

Responsorial Psalm

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31a *God looked at everything he had made...*

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

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham...*

Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11

Reading III

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

*The Israelites marched on dry land ...*

Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Reading IV

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 54: 5-14

*With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer...*

Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6,11-12,13

Reading V

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 55: 1-11

*Come to me that you may have life...*

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

Reading VI

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

*Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.*

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Reading VII

Responsorial Psalm

Ezekiel 36: 16-28

*I shall sprinkle clean water upon you ...*

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	<i>Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23	
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10	<i>He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.</i>
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	<i>see Roman Missal 55</i>
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	

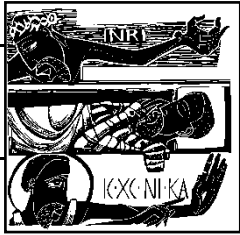
**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings	<i>by the neophytes</i>
[Presentation Hymn]	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	Preface I of Easter
Holy, holy, holy	
Eucharistic Prayer	EP I with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]
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	Hymns: _____
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

[Sprinkling Rite]

Glory to God

Collect

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading

Sequence

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

*Victimae Paschali Laudes*

Alleluia; Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; ...

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel

John 20:1-9 OR Matthew 28:1-10 (from the Easter Vigil)

OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling with Blessed Water

Creed

Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayer

see Easter Vigil #55

Song \_\_\_\_\_

Omitted

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar

Presentation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, holy, holy

Acclamations

I II III IV

Preface I of Easter: "The Paschal Mystery"

proper forms of *Communicantes* and *hanc igitur* if EP I is used

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion Hymn(s)

Prayer After Communion

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONCLUDING RITE**

[Announcements]

Greeting

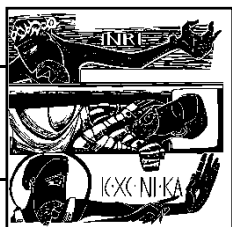
Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

Closing Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

see Easter Vigil #68

Alleluia, alleluia



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM  
EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EVENING PRAYER**

*The Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the ambo.*

**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

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**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: destroy in us the power of death, that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.

Presider: Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death,  
All: and were raised up to the right hand of the Father, 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,  
All: let us pray in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father,...

### Collect

*(first option)*

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,  
one God, forever and ever.  
All: Amen.

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

## **SAMPLE EXAMINATIONS OF CONSCIENCE: USCCB**

Examination of Conscience according to the Ten Commandments

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/upload/Examination-of-Conscience.pdf>

Examination of Conscience based upon Catholic Social Teaching

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>

Examination of Conscience for Children

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-children-examination-conscience.cfm>

Examination of Conscience for Young Adults

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-young-adults-examination-of-conscience.cfm>

Examination of Conscience for Married Persons

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-married-persons-examination-of-conscience.cfm>

Examination of Conscience for Single Persons

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/examination-of-conscience-for-single-people.cfm>

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