

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Holy Week 2021



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Opening Hymn: Only in God (John Michael Talbot)

As we begin our celebration let us pray the sign of the cross together

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Introduction:

God has invited us to be here today. He has invited us to receive his love and forgiveness. During this short time together, we are invited to open our hearts and to place out trust in his loving embrace. We are invited to place our sinfulness before the God who loves us and to ask for his forgiveness. We will pray, sing, and listen to God's word together and welcome into our lives and hearts the God who gives us new beginnings, and who restores us to himself and others.

Opening Prayer:

Loving Father,

We gather as a parish community.

to thank you for your unending love,

and to ask your forgiveness for the times

when we have failed to love you and others.

Give us the courage to embrace your gift of mercy and forgiveness.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns

with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God forever and ever Amen.

Scripture

Luke 15:3-7

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So, he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. ©Universalis home

The Gospel of the Lord.

Hymn: Hiding Place (Liam Lawton)

Examination of Conscience:

Sometimes we get lost. We lose our way. We move away from God. Quite often when we feel lost, we may feel ashamed. . . of something we have done or something we did not do. We may feel that we cannot turn back to God. Take heart. God is near. God seeks us out and finds us and when he finds us, he rejoices.

Response: God will seek the lost and find them

I am sorry:

for the times when I do not make space for Jesus in my life by helping those in need. **R.**

for the times I give into jealousy and say things which hurt. **R.**

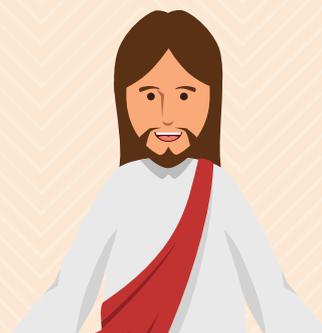
for the times I feel lost and turn away from you. **R.**

for the times I caused pain and hurt and failed to say sorry. **R.**

for the times when I do not respect and love my parents and family. **R.**

Act of Sorrow:

O my God, I thank you for loving me,
I am sorry for all my sins,
for not loving others and not loving you.
Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.



Our Father:

United as the family of God, we pray together the prayer that Jesus himself taught us.

Our Father...

Closing Prayer:

Loving Father,
We thank you for all your gifts
We thank you for the gift of your forgiveness and mercy,
which brings us into friendship with you and our neighbours.
May your grace help us to live as people of faith, hope and charity,
trusting in your forgiveness and mercy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn: Christ Be Beside Me