



SOUTHERN KY CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCHES

Lenten Penance Service 2021



Holy Redeemer – Greensburg
Monday, March 22nd 4:00PM

Good Shepherd – Columbia
Wednesday, March 24th 4:30PM

Holy Spirit – Jamestown
Thursday, March 25th 5:00PM

Introductory Rites

Priests will convene, not process in.

Greeting (no. 49 – but with equivalent from *The Roman Missal, Third Edition*)

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

R. And with your Spirit.

Introduction *The Presider gives a brief introduction.*

Opening Prayer (nos. 50; 98)

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

All pray in silence for a brief period.

Presider: Lord our God,
you are patient with sinners
and accept our desire to make amends.
We acknowledge our sins
and are resolved to change our lives.
Help us to celebrate this sacrament of your mercy
so that we may reform our lives
and receive from you the gift of everlasting joy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

Celebration of the Word of God

Reading: Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

5:6-11

Brothers and sisters:

Christ, while we were still helpless,

yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

though perhaps for a good person

one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,

how much more, once reconciled,

will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 51: Be Merciful, O Lord, Haugen, GC 56

Examination of Conscience

1. The Lord says: “You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart.” Is my heart set on God, so that I really love him above all things and am faithful to his commandments, as a child loves his or her parents? Or am I more concerned about the things of this world? Have I a right intention in what I do?
2. Are there false gods that I worship by giving them greater attention and deeper trust than I give to God?
3. The Lord says: “Love one another as I have loved you.” Have I a genuine love for my neighbors? Or do I use them for my own ends, or do to them what I would not want done to myself?
4. In my family life, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of the family by patience and genuine love?
5. Do I share my possessions with the less fortunate? Do I do my best to help the victims of oppression, misfortune, and poverty? Or do I look down on my neighbor, especially the poor, the sick, the elderly, strangers, and people of other races?
6. If I am in a position of responsibility or authority, do I use this for my own advantage or for the good of others, in a spirit of service?
7. If I have been injured, have I been ready to make peace for the love of Christ and to forgive?

Rite of Reconciliation

General Confession of Sins

Presider: My brothers and sisters, together let us recite our Act of Contrition so we may worthily approach God's mercy and be healed.

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

Litany (no. 54; selections from no. 204)

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

Lector: Give us the will to change our lives, and the lives of others, by charity, good example, and prayer.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lector: As we make our confession, rescue us from slavery to sin and lead us to the freedom enjoyed by your children.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lector: Make us a living sign of your love for all to see: people reconciled with you and with each other.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lector: Through the sacrament of reconciliation may we grow in your peace and seek to spread it throughout the world.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lector: In this sign of your love you forgive us our sins: may it teach us to love others and to forgive their sins against us.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lector: Give light to our darkness and lead us by your truth.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lector: Look on our weakness: do not be angry and condemn, but in your love cleanse, guide and save us.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lector: In your mercy free us from the past and enable us to begin a new life of holiness.

R. Lord, hear us.

Lord's Prayer (no. 54)

Presider: Let us now pray to God our Father in the words Christ gave us, and ask him for his forgiveness and protection from all evil.

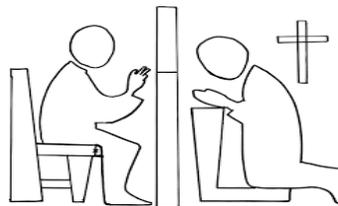
Our Father...

Prayer After the Lord's Prayer (no. 54)

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.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

Individual Confession and Absolution



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