

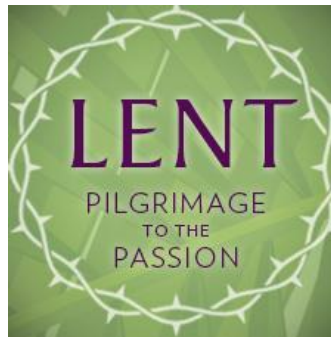
# LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Call to Prayer:

As we received ashes on Ash Wednesday, we listened to the words: “REPENT and BELIEVE in the GOSPEL.” Repent means to be sorry for our sins, so sorry that we want to change. Today we come to say we are sorry and we want to be better disciples as we confess our sins to the Lord. We also ask for the faith to believe in Gospel message of mercy, for no sin is ever greater than God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Gathering  
Hymn

*“Loving and Forgiving”* Verse 1



## Opening Prayer

Priest:

Let us begin together with the Sign of the Cross:

All:

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

Priest:

O God, You are the Source of all mercy and goodness. You show us that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead us away from sin and closer to You. Look graciously upon the humble confession of our sins and lift us up by Your Mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen

## Gospel Acclamation

Scripture Reading

Priest:

The Lord be with you.

All:

And with your Spirit.

Priest:

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Luke 15: 3 – 7: The Good Shepherd

All:

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily/Reflection

## Examination of Conscience

- Reader: God our Father, sometimes we have not been the disciples You have called us to be  
All: You always love us and forgive us.
- Reader: We have been disrespectful to our parents and teachers:  
All: You always love us and forgive us.
- Reader: We have been angry and unkind to each other:  
All: You always love us and forgive us.
- Reader: We have been lazy at home and in school, and have not been helpful to our family or teachers, classmates or friends:  
All: You always love us and forgive us.
- Reader: We have been selfish, have told lies, and have used bad language:  
All: You always love us and forgive us.
- Reader: We have not said our prayers or gone to Mass each week:  
All: You always love us and forgive us.
- Priest: Now with Jesus, our brother, we come before our Father in heaven and ask him to forgive our sins:  
All: *Our Father. . .*

## Act of Contrition

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. Amen.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

### *Individual Confessions*

### Concluding Prayer After Confessions

- Priest: All-holy Father, you have shown us your mercy and have made us a new creation in the likeness of your Son. Make us living signs of your love for the whole world to see. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- All: Amen



### **Concluding Rite**

Priest: May the Lord guide your hearts in the way of his love and fill you with Christ-like mercy.  
May he give you strength to walk in newness of life and to please him in all things.

All: Amen.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in Peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: *“Loving and Forgiving”* Verse 2