



**ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH
JAKARTA, INDONESIA**



**RECONCILIATION SERVICE
WITH GENERAL ABSOLUTION**

“The Lord calls you back”

March 20th 2022

Opening Hymn

Come back to me with all your heart

Don't let fear keep us apart

Trees do bend though straight and tall

So must we to others call

Long have I waited for

Your coming home to me

And living deeply our new life

GREETING

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

Penitent: Amen.

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

Penitent: And with your spirit.

INTRODUCTION

Priest: Brothers and sisters, we are sinners and stay away from him. In his great mercy God calls us back to him. Now, we come with a firm conviction that we are approaching a merciful and forgiving God. He will not abandon us. Let us ask him for the grace of sincere repentance. We are grateful that God not only offers us his mercy, but he expects us to live in a spirit of mercy and forgiveness. Let us pray for the courage to seek God's forgiveness and the willingness to offer forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

Priest : Lord, have mercy
Penitent : Lord, have mercy

Priest: Christ, have mercy
Penitent : Christ, have mercy

Priest : Lord, have mercy
Penitent : Lord, have mercy

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray

Priest and Penitent: Father of mercy and God of all consolation, you do not wish the sinner to die but to be return to you and to live. Come to the aid of your people, that we may turn from our sins and live for you alone. Open our hearts to your call to return to You by confessing our sins and receiving your forgiveness. May this sacrament of your mercy, O Lord, reform our lives and lead us to everlasting joy. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Penitent: Amen.

WORD OF GOD

A reading from the the Prophet of Isaiah (54:4-10).

Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he, who has become your husband, is your Maker; his name is the Lord of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. The Lord calls you back, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, a wife married in youth and then cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back. In an outburst of wrath, for a moment I hid

my face from you; but with enduring love I take pity on you, says the Lord, your redeemer. This is for me like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah should never again deluge the earth; so I have sworn not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you. Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, My love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

The Word of the Lord.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

Moment of Reflection

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Priest: Brothers and Sisters, I now invite you to do the examination of conscience. An examination of conscience is the act of looking prayerfully into our hearts and minds to ask how we have hurt our relationships with God and our brothers and sisters through our thoughts, words and actions. As we come to seek to be reconciled to God and one another, let us call to mind those times when we have failed to do God's will.

1) IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD : *"You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart"* (Matthew 22:37)

When was my last confession? Have I made decent efforts to improve my life as Christ's disciple?

Have I prayed sufficiently each day and sought to have a continuous spirit of prayer? Have I turned to God in good and bad times and in times of temptation?

Have I faithfully attended Mass on Sundays and on Holy Day of obligation? Have I participated fully in the Mass each Sunday and in the whole sacramental life of the Church?

Have I been faithful to read the Word of God and to live its message in my daily life?

Have I used the Lord's name respectfully and reverently? Have I made efforts to praise and thank him for his gifts and blessings?

Have I taken steps to deepen and increase my understanding of the faith?
Have I professed and lived it courageously?

Have I made enough efforts to find God's love and presence in the beauties of nature and the circumstances of my life? Have I cared for God's creation?

2) IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS: *"Love one another as I have loved you"* (John 13:34)

Have I truly loved my neighbors as myself? Have I used or exploited others for my own selfish interests?

Have I been caring toward my family? Have I showed fidelity, patience, respect, reverence and love to my spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters, in-laws? Have I shown good example to them?

Have my relations to others been faithful and chaste? Was I guilty of such violations in chastity as adultery, fornication, or conversation that was indecent?

Have I dealt honestly and truthfully with others? Have I harmed others by deceit, rash judgment, lies, gossip, calumny or slander?

Have I hated others, shown prejudice or discrimination toward them? Have I degraded the human dignity of others? Have I avoided causing scandal through my bad example?

Have I injured the life or reputation of others? Have I upheld and protected the right to life at all levels and respect the human dignity of the aged, the suffering or others?

Have I worked for the betterment of human society? Do I act justly for the good of others in the society? Have I made a decent effort to contribute to build up a just society for the good and prosperity of all?

3) IN HOW I TREAT MYSELF: *"With the measure you use, it will be measured back to you"* (Matthew 7:2)

Have I made good efforts to continue developing my natural talents and gifts, and to put them at the service of God and others?

Have I paid attention to my thoughts, accepting good and useful ones, but resisting and rejecting evil ones?

Have I made good efforts to govern my feelings and my imagination, instead of being governed by them?

Have I made a good use of my time and my money, avoiding waste and irresponsibility?

Have I respected my body, my sexuality, avoiding impure thoughts and actions and lustful fantasies?

Have I used the entertainment and social media wisely and responsibly?

Have I done enough efforts to be responsible in all my duties and obligations, avoiding laziness and delay?

Have I done my best to do everything out of love for God and for others, and not just for self-centered motives?

Have I respected my own life and person, taking reasonable care of my physical, emotional dan spiritual needs?

Have I tried my best to avoid abusing alcohol and other intoxicating substances?

(Moment of silence – instrumental song)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father, and acknowledge our sins, so that we may receive his mercy and forgiveness. Let us join in prayer to the Father, asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.

Priest and Penitent: **Our Father**, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who

trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Priest: Brothers and Sisters, I now invite you to mention your sins before the Lord in your own hearts

(moment of silence – instrumental song).

Priest: Now express your sorrow by saying the following **ACT OF CONTRITION** :

Priest and Penitent: 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.

GENERAL ABSOLUTION

(Then the Priest extends his hands over, saying: I now impart to each one of you the ABSOLUTION)

Priest: 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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray

Priest and Penitent: Merciful Lord, we give you thanks for your unending love and mercy. Strengthen us with your Word and fill us with your Spirit that we may profess our faith with joy and renew our baptismal vows at the Easter feast you prepare for your children who return home to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

Penitent: Amen.

Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

Dona nobis pacem, pacem

Dona nobis pacem (5x)

Grant us peace...

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