



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



**RECONCILIATION SERVICE
WITH GENERAL ABSOLUTION
ADVENT SEASON
“*God, Rich in Mercy*”**

December 17th 2021

Opening Hymn

Creator of the Starts of Night

***Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.***

***In sorrow that the ancient curse
should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Savior, to set free
your own in glorious liberty.***

***To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.***

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, Advent is a time of preparation, when we make ready to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's Incarnation into the world, the beginning of our redemption. Advent also moves us to look forward with renewed hope to the second coming of Christ, when God's plan of salvation will be brought to fulfillment. Let us look forward to celebrating the mystery of Christ's coming on the feast of Christmas. When he comes again to rule the earth with justice, may he find us awake and ready to receive him.

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray

Priest: Father, you are rich in mercy and God of all consolation, you do not wish the sinner to die but to be converted and live. Come to our aid, your people, as we prepare the way for the coming of the Saviour, that we may turn from our 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 live the truth in love and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Penitent: Amen.

WORD OF GOD

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (2:1-10)

You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you once lived following the age of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh, following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we

were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ - by grace you have been saved-, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The Word of the Lord.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

Short 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)

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

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, in times of temptation, especially during this time of pandemic Covid-19?

During this pandemic Covid-19 have I relied on God's protection? Have I grown in my relationship with God?

Have I faithfully participated in the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation? Have I participated 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 to increase my understanding of the faith? Have I professed and lived it courageously?

Have I made decent efforts to experience God's love and presence in the beauties of nature and the circumstances of my life? Have I cared for God's creation? Have I made this planet earth my pleasant home in relation to others?

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 and 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 indecent conversation and thought?

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

Have I hated others, shown prejudice or discrimination toward them? Have I degraded the dignity of others?

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 the disabled?

Have I worked for the betterment of human society? Have I acted justly for the good of others in the society? Have I done my best to contribute to the building up of 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 tried my best 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 governed my feelings and my imagination, instead of being governed by them?

During this pandemic Covid-19 have I cared enough for my own health and safety, and for the good of others?

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

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 avoided abusing alcohol and other intoxicating substances?

Have I made good efforts to be responsible in all my duties and obligations, avoiding laziness and procrastination?

Have I made enough efforts 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 and spiritual needs?

(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.

Priest and Penitent: **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.

Priest: In obedience to Christ himself, 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 Act of Contrition.

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: Merciful Lord, with hearts and minds made pure we thank you for doing something new and remembering our sins no more. Stir up our hearts to make ready the paths of your only begotten Son, that through his coming, we may be found worthy of praising and serving you. Through the celebration of the mystery of the Incarnation of our Lord, grant us the strength to share the joy of salvation with our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: 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

LOVING and FORGIVING

Reff:

Loving and forgiving are You, O Lord;

slow to anger, rich in kindness,

loving and forgiving are You.

All my being, bless the Lord,

bless the holy name of God.

All my being, bless the Lord,

remembering the goodness of God. (R)

God forgives us all our sins,

healing those who live in pain;

Saving us from final death,

God fills us with goodness and love. (R)

***Good and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger, rich in love. (R)***

***God remembers not our sin,
forgiving and loving is God. (R)***

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