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JAKARTA, INDONESIA**



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WITH GENERAL ABSOLUTION**

**“Be Reconciled to God and to One Another”**

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Live Stream 18:00**

## **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, because we are sinners we come with the firm conviction that we are approaching a merciful and forgiving God. We seek reconciliation with our God and with one another. St Paul reminds us that we are ambassadors for Christ, for he has given us the ministry of reconciliation and urges us to be reconciled with God and one another. We are grateful that Christ not only offers to 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:* Lord our God, you are patient with sinners and accept our desire to make amends. Send your Holy Spirit to help us know our sins, repent and acknowledge them that we may be reconciled with you and one another. May this sacrament of your mercy reform our lives and lead us to everlasting joy. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Penitent:* Amen.

## **WORD OF GOD**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (5:17-21).

Brothers and sisters, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

*Penitent:* Thanks be to God.

## **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

*Priest:* Brothers and Sisters, an examination of conscience is the act of looking prayerfully into our hearts to ask how we have hurt our relationships with God and other people 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 a decent effort to find God's love and presence in the beauties of nature, 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 anyone 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 a decent effort 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 a decent effort 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 irresponsibility and waste?

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

Have I used the entertainment media wisely and responsibly?

Have I made a decent effort to be responsible in all my duties and obligations, avoiding laziness and procrastination?

Have I made a decent effort to do everything I do 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?

Have I avoided abusing alcohol and other intoxicating substances?

***(Some moments of silence)***

*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, please mention your sins before the Lord in your own hearts .... ***(moments of silence)***.

*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:)*

*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, with pure hearts we thank you for forgiving us our sins. Let your Holy Spirit guide our lives so that we may bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. Renew our desire to be your faithful disciples, and grant us the joy to serve you and our neighbours. 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.

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