

Penance/Prayer Service 7-28-18

Opening Song: Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving by Scott Soper

Presider: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ who laid down his life for our sins.

Assembly: All glory to Him forever.

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

A few moments of silent prayer

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 or Lord.

Assembly: Amen

Reading: A reading from the Book of Wisdom (11-22 – 12:2)

Indeed, before you the whole universe is like a grain from a balance, or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook sins for the sake of repentance. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for you would not fashion what you hate. How could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O Ruler and Lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore, you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them, and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, Lord!

Psalm Response: Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful by Marty Haugen

Reading: A reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians (3:1-5, 8-10, 12 – 17)

Brothers and Sisters, if then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you

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were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Song: Open My Eyes by Jesse Manibusan

Examination of Conscience:

Reader 1: The Gospel tells us to “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Have I failed to be patient and understanding? Am I selfish and greedy? Do I seek my own gain? Am I indifferent, lazy, and apathetic? Do I neglect to care for God’s creation? Do I use my power and authority for tearing down or for the building up of others?
We have sinned against you Lord.

Assembly: Kyrie by Marty Haugen – *Mass of Remembrance*

Reader 2: St. Paul calls us to live as children of the light.

Have I been truthful and fair, or have I injured others by deceit? In my work, am I just, hard-working, serving society out of love for others?
Do I stray from God in mind and heart? Do I busy myself with other things? Do I allow my anger and pain to reject God? Do I spend time in prayer? Do I participate at Mass on a weekly basis?
We have sinned against you Lord.

Assembly: Kyrie by Marty Haugen – *Mass of Remembrance*

Reader 1: The Prophet Isaiah wrote, “It is I who wipe out your offenses, your sins I remember no more.”

Have I failed to forgive? Have I failed to love? Do I hurt others through gossip and rash judgment? Do I indulge myself and neglect the needs of others? Do I neglect to care for the poor? Do I neglect to care for those in my family, my children, my spouse, my parents?

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Reader 2:

Have I lived the values of this world, rather than those of the gospel? Have I sought my own will and not the will of God? Have I failed to speak the truth of Jesus Christ?
We have sinned against you Lord.

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Brief period of silence.

Presider: My brothers and sisters, confess your sins and pray for each other, that you may be healed.

Assembly: 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.

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Presider: Christ our Savior is our advocate with the Father: with humble hearts let us ask him to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every stain.

Reader 1: You were sent with good news for the poor and healing for the contrite.

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Reader 2: You came to call sinners, not the just.

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Presider: Now, in obedience to Christ himself, let us join in prayer to the Father, asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.

Assembly: Recites “Our Father”

Presider: Father, our source of life, you know our weakness. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand and walk more readily in your ways.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen

Each individual writes one fault/sin on a piece of paper. They proceed in a group to the front of the church and hand the paper to the priest, who will burn it. The priest lays hands on the individual and they return to their seats. Soft music during this process.

A Prayer of Repentance

Group 1: O Almighty, Eternal, Most Just and Merciful God, I prostrate myself before your face, humbly beseeching You, who alone are good, all good, wholly good, ever good, that remembering the most bitter Passion and Death of Your Only-Begotten Son, and the most sorrowful compassion of His Immaculate Mother, You would deign to look with an eye of pity upon me.

Group 2: So many treasures of nature You have given me and consoled me with, and I have not heeded Your Word and commands. So many blessings of grace You have lavished upon me, and I have squandered them in vice and iniquitous selfishness. So bountiful has been Your mercies of forgiveness and pardon to me, and I have rebelled and betrayed You, yet again.

Group 1: Have mercy upon me! Have great mercy upon me! For without You I can do nothing worthy of Your consideration. Therefore, I beseech You, O Most Blessed Trinity, to shed the fire of Your merciful love upon this heart, to let shine upon this mind, the light of the Son, in whom alone is every grace and truth.

Group 2: Have pity on me, most Merciful God, and regard not my sins and offenses, but in Your mercy forgive me yet again, and grant me the graces to serve You now in fidelity and truth.

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Presider: Lord God, creator and ruler of your kingdom of light, in your great love for this world you gave up your only Son for our salvation. His cross redeemed us, His death has given us life, his resurrection has raised us to glory. Through him we ask you to be always present among your family. Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory; fill our hearts with faith, our days with good works, our lives with your love; may your truth be on our lips and your wisdom in all our actions, that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen

Presider: May the Lord guide your hearts in the way of his love and fill you with Christ-like patience.

Assembly: Amen.

Presider: May he give you strength to walk in newness of life and to please him in all things.

Assembly: Amen.

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

Assembly: Amen.

Closing Song: Christ In Me Arise by Trevor Thomson