

Presider Book

PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

This work is ritual book for the pastoral preparation of baptized and uncatechized candidates who are the subjects of the pastoral care described in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* Part II, chapter 4 – both Catholics seeking to complete the sacraments of Christian initiation and Christians seeking reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. RCIA, no. 408 states in part, “During the Lenten season penitential services should be arranged in such a way as to prepare these adults for the celebration of the sacrament of penance.”

RCIA, nos. 459-472, provides the ritual text, “Penitential Rite (Scrutiny)”, which may be used on the Second Sunday of Lent or on a Lenten weekday either during Mass or outside Mass.

This work, however, follows the pattern of the sample celebrations given in the *Rite of Penance*, Appendix II. See chapter IV for additional texts and readings. Several themes with suggestions for readings, ritual action, and music are noted here and within this text.

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PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

- In addition to choosing suitable readings and music, a ritual symbol with some ritual action is also selected, for example:
 - A Lenten image - veneration of the cross or of an icon of Christ;
 - A baptismal image - lighting tapers from the Easter candle or processing to the font;
 - A unity at the table image - reverence of the altar by deep bow [or kiss].
- To highlight penance as second baptism, the Easter candle may burn in the midst of the assembly or near the font.
- The chairs are arranged, if possible, so that the font is in view.
- When the presiding minister is not a priest or deacon, another chair is set out for the presiding minister.
- The full complement of ministers exercise their appropriate liturgical ministry.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

SONG

- There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt. Tune: IN BABILONE, 8 7 8 7 D; *Oude en Nieuwe Hollanste Boerenlities*, c. 1710.
- O Christ the Great Foundation** Text: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1891-1947, alt., © Christian Conference of Asia. Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810-1876.
- All Are Welcome** Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950. © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.
- Amazing Grace** Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, fl. 1859. Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM; *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921.
- Father, Lord of All Creation** Text: Stewart Cross, b. 1928, ©. Tune: GENEVA, 8 7 8 7 D; George H. Day, 1883-1966, © 1942, The Church Pension Fund.
- My Shepherd Will Supply My Need** Text: Psalm 23; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Tune: RESIGNATION, CMD; Funk's *Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832.
- Healer of Our Every Ill** Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.
- Remember Your Love** Text: Psalm 27; Mike Ballhoff, b. 1946. Tune: Darryl Ducote, b. 1945, and Gary Daigle, b. 1957. © 1978, Damean Music. Distributed by GIA Publications, Inc.
- Though the Mountains May Fall** Text: Isaiah 54:6-10, 49:15; 40:31-32; Dan Schutte, b. 1947. Tune: Dan Schutte, b. 1947; acc. my Michael Pope, SJ. © 1975, Daniel L. Schutte and OCP Publications.
- How Can I Keep From Singing** Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899. Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899.
- Seek the Lord ... whose mercy abounds** Text: Isaiah 55:6-9; Roc O'Connor, SJ, b. 1949. Tune: Roc O'Connor, SJ, b. 1949, arr. by Peter Felice, alt. © 1976, 1996, Robert F. O'Connor, SJ, and OCP Publications.

- Another suitable song may be chosen.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

- The server/bookbearer holds the book.
- The sign of the cross is made in the usual way.

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

Amen.

GREETING BY AN ORDINARY MINISTER

- Options A and B are taken from the *Rite of Penance*.
- The presiding minister greets the assembly in these or similar words:

a) **Grace, mercy, and peace be with you
from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Savior.**

And also with you.

b) **Grace and peace be with you
from God the Father
and from Jesus Christ
who loved us
and who washed away our sins in his blood.**

And also with you.

c) **Grace, mercy, and peace be with you
from God the Father
and Jesus Christ the dead and risen one.**

And also with you.

GREETING BY A LAY MINISTER

- Options A and B are adapted from the *Rite of Penance*.
- The presiding minister, with hands together, greets the assembly in these or similar words:

a) **The grace, mercy, and peace
of God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Savior is with us.
We say with joy: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be God for ever.

b) **Grace and peace is with us
from God the Father
and from Jesus Christ
who loves us
and who washed away our sins in his blood.
We say with joy: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be God for ever.

c) **Grace, mercy, and peace is with us
from God the Father
and Jesus Christ the light of the world.
We say with joy: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be God for ever.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

- The presiding minister or another minister may briefly introduce the celebration *ad libitum*.

OPENING PRAYER

- The presiding minister, with hands together, invites the assembly to pray.

Let us pray.

- Pause for silent prayer.
- Then with hands raised, the presiding minister sings or says:

- a) **Lord of infinite compassion and steadfast love,
your sons and daughters stand before you
in humility and trust.
Look with compassion on us
as we acknowledge our sinfulness.
Stretch out your hand
to save us and raise us up.
Do not allow the power of darkness
to triumph over us,
but keep us free from sin
as members of Christ's body,
and sheep of your own flock.**

- Hands are joined for the doxology.

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Amen.

- b) **God of justice, God of salvation,
from every land you call a people to yourself.
Yours is the work we do,
yours the message we carry.**

**Keep your Church single-minded and faithful to you.
Let failure not discourage us
nor success beguile our hearts,
as we strive to act like you.**

- Hands are joined for the doxology.

**Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.**

Amen.

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- c) **Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found.**

**Touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love.
Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness.**

- Hands are joined for the doxology.

**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 for ever and ever.**

Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

- Readings are chosen in light of the pastoral needs of both the baptized candidates and the faithful. The use of a symbol with a ritual action compliments the readings and preaching. Some suggestions follow.
- Additional readings are found in the *Rite of Penance*, nos. 101-201 and in the *Lectionary for Mass*, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, 15. For Reconciliation, nos. 892-896. Other readings for Lent may also be used.

I. The Providence and Mercy of God

Symbol with Ritual Action – Easter candle with lighting tapers
or – Image of Christ with reverencing

Isaiah 49: 8-13 – LM, no. 246, Wednesday of 4th Week of Lent (Is 49: 8-15)

- ◆ I have given you as a covenant to the people, to restore the land.

Luke 12:22-32 – not in LM, use a Bible

- ◆ Do not worry about tomorrow.

II. Fullness of the Love and Mercy of God

Symbol with Ritual Action – Altar with reverencing

1 John 4:16-19 – not in LM, use a Bible or RPen, no. 171 (1 Jn 4:16-21)

- ◆ God is love and this love casts out all fear.

John 2:13-25 – LM, 29B – Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

- ◆ Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

OR **Luke 19:1-10** – LM, 153C – 31st Sunday in OT, Year C

- ◆ The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

III. Word of God and Light of Christ

Symbol with Ritual Action – Easter candle with lighting tapers
or – Lectionary/Bible with reverencing

Ephesians 5:8-14 – LM, no. 31A, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

- ◆ Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

John 1:1-13 – LM, no. 19, 2nd Sunday after Christmas (Jn 1:1-18)

- ◆ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

IV. Baptized Believers and Christ the Light of the World

Symbol with Ritual Action – Easter candle with lighting tapers
or – Water in the font with reverencing

Ephesians 1:3-14 – LM, no. 104B, 15th Sunday in OT, Year B

- ◆ God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.

Luke 15:1-10 – LM, no. 132C, 24th Sunday in OT, Year C, short form

- ◆ Lost sheep and lost coin.

SILENCE

- The presiding minister may briefly introduce the readings.

READING

- The reading is read from the ambo by a reader in the usual way.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- The psalm is sung from the ambo by a psalmist or cantor in the usual way.

SILENCE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- The Alleluia is used outside Lent.

GOSPEL

- When a priest presides, the deacon or a priest who is not the presiding minister reads the gospel in the usual way.
- When a deacon presides, another deacon reads the gospel.
- When a lay person presides, another minister reads the gospel.

PREACHING

SILENCE

CELEBRATION OF REPENTANCE

RITUAL ACTION

- A symbol with a ritual action is chosen. See notes on pages 3 and 8.

a) **Veneration of the Cross or an Image of Christ:**

- After the silence, the presiding minister venerates the cross with a deep bow or a kiss.
- The presiding minister invites the assembly with a silent gesture to do the same.
- Or, if needed, the presiding minister may use these or similar words:

Let us worship Christ the Lord.

Let us venerate his cross.

Let us praise his resurrection.

For through this cross he brought joy to the world.

- The presiding minister steps back, but remains until the ritual action is complete. The veneration is done in silence.
- All remain standing.
- The presiding minister returns to the chair.

b) **Lighting Tapers from the Easter Candle:**

- After the silence, the presiding minister lights the taper from the Easter candle.
- The presiding minister invites the assembly with a silent gesture to light their tapers. Each member of the assembly comes to the Easter candle rather than passing the light one to another.
- Or, if needed, the presiding minister may use these or similar words:

The dead and risen Christ is present among us.

He is the light of the world

and always seeks us out.

May the light we take and bear

remind us to let him burn brightly in our lives.

- The presiding minister steps back, but remains until the ritual action is complete. The lighting is done in silence.
- All remain standing.
- The presiding minister returns to the chair.

c) **Procession to the Baptismal Font:**

- After the silence, if the font is in view of the assembly, the presiding minister goes to it and touches or reverences the water in some way.
- If the font is away from the assembly, all go in procession to it. The presiding minister then touches or reverences the water in some way.
- The presiding minister invites the assembly with a silent gesture to do the same or some other reverence.
- Or, if needed, the presiding minister may use these or similar words:

**In the waters of baptism,
we were buried with Christ and rose again to newness of life.
Let us honor this sacred water.
It is the birthplace of all those born in the likeness of Christ.**

- The presiding minister steps back, but remains until the ritual action is complete. The reverence is done in silence.
- All remain standing.
- The presiding minister returns to the chair.

d) **Reverence of the Altar:**

- After the silence, the presiding minister goes to the altar and touches or reverences it in some way.
- The presiding minister invites the assembly with a silent gesture to reverence the altar with a deep bow [or a kiss].
- Or, if needed, the presiding minister may use these or similar words:

**This table is never overturned.
This table is upright to bear the Body and Blood of Christ.
We give it reverence with a deep bow [or a holy kiss]
because we honor this sign of Christ
as we honor the dead and risen One present here among us.**

- The presiding minister steps back, but remains until the ritual action is complete. The reverence of the altar is done in silence.
- All remain standing.
- The presiding minister returns to the chair.

e) **Another ritual action and symbol:**

- Another suitable ritual action and symbol may be used following the pattern of the options above.

EXAMINATION OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

- The following or something similar is used.

Salvator Mundi / Savior of the world, save us

Text: *Savior of the world, save us*; Taizé Community, 1980.

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994.

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In *Worship 3rd*, no. 425.

X insert choir text here

- The verses fit the musical pattern for the verse and are based on the creed and the intercessions at RCIA (USA), nos. 487ff, (CAN), nos. 400ff.
- The accompaniment is played once.
- The cantor sings the refrain once.
- The assembly repeats the refrain.
- The cantor sings with the accompaniment in either way:
 - a) The assembly repeats the refrain in between each verse.
 - b) The assembly repeats the refrain after every three verses.
- If it is possible, the litany ends by singing in canon or in *ostinato* fashion building in tempo and intensity.

VERSES:

1. By your trust in God the Father you have set us free.
2. By your place in all creation you have set us free.
3. By your birth and life among us you have set us free.

4. By your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
5. By your sending of the Spirit you have set us free.
6. By your gift of holy baptism you have set us free.

7. When we turn to you in sorrow, you set us free.
8. When we know our deeds are sinful, you set us free.
9. When we leave all sin behind us, you set us free.

10. When we grow to love all virtue, you set us free.
11. When we seek the good of others, you set us free.
12. When we long for holy union, you set us free.

13. By the faith that grows with us you have set us free.
14. By your grace that rests inside us you have set us free.
15. By your presence all around us you have set us free.

SILENCE

PRAYER OF SORROW / ACT OF REPENTANCE

- The server/bookbearer holds the book.
- Option A is adapted from the Order of Mass. Option B is adapted from the *Rite of Penance*.
- The presiding minister makes an invitation, after the pattern of the penitential rite at Mass, in these or similar words:
 - a) **Coming together as God's family
with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness,
for he is full of mercy and compassion.**
 - b) **My sisters and brothers,
let us confess our sins and pray for each other,
that we may be healed.**

- A pause for silent reflection follows.
- After the pause, all pray:

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault**

- All strike their breast at the following:

**in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, every virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

- The presiding minister, with hands together, continues alone:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.**

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

- Hands are laid on the baptized candidate or candidates.
- Option A addresses the Catholic candidate for completing the sacraments of initiation.
- Option B addresses the baptized candidate for reception into full communion.
- Option C addresses the assembly and uses RCIA (USA), no. 470 as its source.
- The presiding minister speaks in these or similar words:

a) **N.**

**on the day of your baptism in the Catholic Church
you were joined to Christ.**

**As the completion of the sacraments of initiation with
confirmation and Eucharist draws near,
continue to trust in the grace and mercy of God.**

b) **N.**

**your baptism in the N. tradition
joined you, like us, to Christ.**

**As the day of your reception into the full communion of the
Catholic Church draws near,
continue to trust in the grace and mercy of God.**

c) **It is God,**

**through the power of the good and Holy Spirit,
who fills the baptized with gifts beyond our telling.**

**We pray that N.,
who was baptized in the N. tradition,
be flooded with that holy presence,
freed from death,
and trust in God's mercy.**

- The presiding minister lays on hands in silence.

LORD'S PRAYER

- The presiding minister returns to the chair.
- If lighted tapers are used, they are extinguished now.
- The presiding minister invites the assembly to pray in these or similar words:

**Taught by our Savior's command,
and formed by the word of God,
we dare to say:**

- All sing or say the Lord's prayer.

**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.**

- Hands are together for the doxology.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

[INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION]

- If penance with individual confession and absolution is included in this liturgy, and there are enough confessors to celebrate the sacrament, it takes place now in the usual way.

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE

SONG or PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE

- All remain standing and sing or make a proclamation of praise.

Lift Up Your Hearts ... praise God's gracious mercy... Text: Psalm 66; Roc O'Connor, SJ, b. 1949. Tune: Roc O'Connor, SJ, b. 1949; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b. 1942. © 1981, 1993, Robert F. O'Connor, SJ, and OCP Publications.

Holy is Your Name (Magnificat) Text: Luke 1:46-55, David Haas, b. 1957. Tune: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irregular; Irish traditional; arr. by David Haas, b. 1957. © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Text: Psalm 103; Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Tune: LAUDA AMIMA, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John Goss, 1800-1880.

The God of Abraham Praise Text: *Yigdal Elohim Hai*; ascr. to Daniel ben Judah Dayyan, fl. 1400; para. by Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt. Tune: LEONI, 6 6 8 4 D; from the *Yigdal*; transcribed by Meyer Lyon, c. 1751-1797.

Laudate Dominum Text: Psalm 117, *Praise the Lord, all you peoples*; Taizé Community, 1980. Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. © 1980, *Les Presses de Taizé*, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

You Are the Voice Text: David Haas, b. 1957. Tune: David Haas, b. 1957; acc. by Jeanne Cotter, b. 1964. © 1983, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

God, We Praise You Text: Based on the *Te Deum*; Christopher Idle, b. 1938, © 1982, Hope Publishing Co. Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Pt. II*, 1813.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Text: *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900. Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 7 7; *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c. 1774.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt. Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

- Another suitable song may be chosen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- The server/bookbearer holds the book.
- The presiding minister, with hands together, sings or says:

Let us pray.

- With the hands raised, the presiding minister continues:

**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 has 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 gift of everlasting life.**

- Hands are joined for the doxology.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING BY AN ORDINARY MINISTER

- A priest or deacon gives the blessing in the usual way.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, \cong and the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

BLESSING BY A LAY MINISTER

- The presiding minister makes the sign of the cross saying:

**May the Lord bless us,
 \cong protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting live.**

Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

- The presiding minister invites the assembly to give a sign of Christ's peace.