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Opening Song

Introduction

Almighty and merciful God,
you have brought us together in the name of your Son
to receive your mercy and grace in our time of need.
Open our eyes to see the evil we have done.
Touch our hearts and convert us to yourself.

Where sin has divided and scattered,
may your love make one again;
where sin has brought weakness,
may your power heal and strengthen;
where sin has brought death,
may your Spirit raise to new life.

Give us a new heart to love you,
so that our lives may reflect the image of your Son.
May the world see the glory of Christ
and come to know
that he is the one whom you sent,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
R. Amen.

Exposition

(Procession from Place of Reservation)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament should include periods of silent prayer.

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you seek the lost:

Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus, you admonish the sinner:

Christ have mercy.

R. Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus, you invite us to reconciliation,

Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy

Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

Lectionary Vol. 1: Sacred Heart, Year A, page 630

Psalm 26

26: 1. 7–9. 13–14. R. v. 1

Lectionary Vol. 1: Second Sunday of Lent, Year A, page 228

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

The prayers of Intercession and/or the Litany of the Sacred Heart follow after a period of silent prayer.

Intercessions

The intercessions are read by a reader; the concluding prayer by the minister.

For the victims of abuse,
for an openness of hearts and minds to speak the truth,
that trust and hope, mercy and understanding will be restored.

Lord, in your mercy.

Rx. Hear our prayer.

For those who minister to survivors,
that deceit will give way to understanding,
that despair will give way to hope.

Lord, in your mercy.

Rx. Hear our prayer.

For those who have abused children,
that they have true sorrow for the harm they have done
acknowledge their sin,
break the cycle of abuse,
and seek reparation.

Lord, in your mercy.

Rx. Hear our prayer.

For Church scarred by abuse
seeking transformation,
for church leaders called to reparation and renewal,
that truth will set us free.

Lord, in your mercy.

Rx. Hear our prayer.

That throughout the whole world
whatever is weak may be strengthened,
whatever is broken restored,
whatever is lost found,
and what is sinful redeemed.

Lord, in your mercy.

Rx. Hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer

Since you, O God, are with us,
nothing that has happened,
nothing still to come,
can rob us of our hope in Christ.

Sustain us, we beg you,
in these present trials;
bind us now, more than ever,
to you and to each other,
so that we may triumph
by the power of him who loves us,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Litany of the Sacred Heart

see separate sheet

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Reposition

Acclamation or Song