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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 came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:

Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ have mercy.

**R. Christ have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you show us God's love:

Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord have mercy**

### **Gospel**

John 19:31–37

*Lectionary Vol. 1: Sacred Heart, Year B, page 633*

### **Psalm 50**

50: 3-6. 12–14. 17. R. cf. v. 3

*Lectionary Vol. 1: Ash Wednesday, page 192*

**R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

*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 victims of abuse,  
who have experienced isolation, fear, secrecy, deceit and darkness  
for victims of the violation of trust and hope  
that in the light of truth and compassion  
they may be restored to wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Rx. Hear our prayer.**

For the families who share in their suffering,  
who have offered them shelter and support,  
that they may be steadfast in faith and hope,  
that God will comfort and strengthen them.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Rx. Hear our prayer.**

For the local communities affected by situations of abuse,  
for families and friends of the victims  
for the families and friends of the abusers,  
for parish communities shocked and hurt,  
that disbelief will give way to trust,  
that anger will give way to hope.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Rx. Hear our prayer.**

For the whole church,  
that truth will set us free,  
that healing will restore our lives,  
that we will break the cycle of abuse.

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

O God,  
in whose enduring love we trust,  
bind up the wounds of those abused.  
Heal them and make them whole,  
that they may once more receive and give love  
with confidence in their dignity as your sons and daughters.

We ask this through 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

## REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Reposition

### Acclamation or Song