

## **Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Priest's Ritual**

### **RECEPTION OF THE PENITENT**

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

Penitent: Amen.

**Priest:** May God, who has enlightened every heart, help you to know your sins and trust in his mercy.

Penitent: Amen.

### **READING OF THE WORD OF GOD (OPTIONAL)**

**Priest:** Let us listen to the Lord as he speaks to us in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

**But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS AND ACCEPTANCE OF SATISFACTION**

**Priest:** How long since your last confession?

Penitent: (e.g., 3 months)

**Priest:** What are your sins?

Penitent: (confesses his/her sins)

**Priest:** For your penance, please...

**Now, please say your Act of Contrition.**

Penitent: Lord God, I love you above all things.  
In your goodness have mercy on me:  
do not look on my sins,  
but take away all my guilt.  
Create in me a clean heart  
and renew within me an upright spirit.

**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.

**Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.**

Penitent: Thanks be to God.