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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 were sent to heal the sick:

Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus, you comfort the afflicted:

Christ have mercy.

R. Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength:

Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy

Gospel

Mark 2: 1–12

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Psalm 40

40: 2–5. 13–14. R. v. 5

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R. Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

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 families of those who have been abused,
for forgiveness, healing and peace,
that in the light of truth and compassion
they may be restored to wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy.

R: **Hear our prayer.**

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.

R: **Hear our prayer.**

For the church throughout the world
that truth will overcome silence,
that commitment to the protection of the vulnerable will be a priority,
that all who are abused and violated
find a place of healing and justice.

Lord, in your mercy.

R: **Hear our prayer.**

For our Holy Father, Pope Benedict,
that he may hear with compassion
the witness of those who have been abused,
act with justice in leading the Church
and proclaim Christ as the source of healing and forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy.

R: **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.

R: **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Prayer

God of reconciliation and mercy,
you set aside days of deliverance
when we proclaim you
Creator and Father of us all.

Come to our aid
that we may welcome your word of peace
and work with you in renewing all things
under the headship of Christ,
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