

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Old Testament readings

You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today

*Deuteronomy 6:5-6*

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

*Ecclesiasticus 28:2*

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*Isaiah 55:6-7*

I will be your God

I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall

live in the land I gave your ancestors; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 36: 25-27*

But now, declares the Lord, come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning. Tear your hearts and not your clothes, and come back to your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in faithful love,

*Joel 2:12-13*

#### Gospel Readings

If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.

*Matthew 6:14-15*

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

*Matthew 6:21*

The Lord says: It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord," who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

*Matthew 7:21*

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

*Matthew 11:28-30*

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

*Matthew 16:24-25*

A leper came to Jesus [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

*Mark 1:41*

Jesus said to them, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

*Mark 2:17*

Jesus said: "Anyone who does the will of God; that person is my brother and sister and mother."

*Mark 3:35*

Jesus said: "Anyone who is not against us is for us."

*Mark 9:40*

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

*Luke 6:27-28*

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the

measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

*Luke 6:36-38*

Jesus said: 'I tell you her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the one who is forgiven little who shows little love.' Then he said to the woman, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

*Luke 7:47-48*

An argument arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest. Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child and placed it by his side and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

*Luke 9:46-48*

Jesus said: "Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and door will be opened to you."

*Luke 11:9*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds! Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest? Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass in the field

that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore...your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides. Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

*Luke 12:23-32*

Jesus said: 'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

*Luke 18:14*

One of the criminals said, "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." "Indeed I promise you" Jesus replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

*Luke 23:43*

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that anyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me...will have the light of life.

*John 7:12*

Jesus looked up and said, 'Woman, has no one condemned you?' 'No one sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus, 'Go away and don't sin any more.'

*John 8:11*

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though they die, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"

*John 11: 25-26*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves life loses it; anyone who hates life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If someone serves me that person must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honor that one."

*John 12: 23-26*

Jesus said to his disciples: Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

*John 20:23*

### *New Testament Readings*

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given him anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

*Romans 11:33-36*

Didn't you realize that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

*1 Corinthians 3:16*

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. There are three things that last, faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13*

We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.

*2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

*Galatians 3:27-28*

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as [being] dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace.

*Romans 6:11-14*

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Romans 8:10-11*

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness or sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 1:27; 2:2-2,5*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Colossians 3:12 – 15*

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

*2 Timothy 1:13-14*

Blessed is the person who perseveres in temptation, for when proved that person will receive the crown of life that Jesus promised to those who love him. No one experiencing temptation should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and God himself tempts no one. Rather, each person is tempted when lured and enticed by their own desire. Then desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death.

*James 1:13-16*

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, wanting no one to be lost and everyone to be brought to change their ways

*2 Peter 3:8-9*

If we acknowledge our sins, then God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and purify us from everything that is wrong.

*1 John 1:9*

My children, our love is not meant to be just words, or mere talk, but something real and active.

*1 John 3:18*