

Mass for Pardon Template for Local Adaptation

This template for a Mass for Pardon is made available through the generosity of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron celebrated the Mass of Pardon on Oct. 7, 2016, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Detroit.

The ministers enter in silence. The principal ministers prostrate themselves before the altar. All others kneel.

Litany of Pardon

After each invocation, all sing: Kyrie eleison.

For spurning love, joy, peace, patience and kindness (Gal 5:20) and choosing personal and institutional violence, we repent, O Lord.

For ignoring the Word of God, living and effective (Heb 4:12), and hiding behind policies and procedures.

For cowardice in confronting the culture of death, for turning a deaf ear to the call to be prophets of the Gospel of Life.

For turning a blind eye to crime and corruption, for allowing our prisons and jails to become schools of crime and inhuman cruelty, and for silence regarding human trafficking, the ravages of pornography, and many other evils.

For the times we have not conducted our affairs with justice (Psalm 112:5) and have misused Church funds for private gain.

For giving the Lord the offering of Cain, for sloppy work, ill-prepared homilies, spare-changing the Lord instead of tithing, for not giving God what is our best.

For our failures to take to heart the Lord's condemnation of those who scandalize "the little ones" (Mt 18:6), and for failing to protect children from sexual abuse.

For making idols of pleasure and comfort, which has led to many evils including appalling instances of sexual abuse of children.

For embracing immorality, impurity, evil desires and greed (Col 3:5) and betraying our covenant-commitments to the One Church of Christ, to our families, and to the poor.

For not picking up our crosses and following Jesus, for avoiding the purifying pains that come with a life of faith, hope and love.

For refusing to worship God in spirit and in truth at the Holy Eucharist, for not keeping the Lord's Day holy.

For making our Father's house a den of thieves (Jer. 7:11) by leaving the celebration of the Eucharist unconverted, and by failing to announce the Gospel of the Lord.

For refusing to raise up our children in Godly ways by neglecting their religious formation.

For our hearts of stone, for not being made ill by the collapse of Joseph (Amos 6:6), while we have pursued opulence, extravagance and luxury.

For turning a deaf ear to the cries of the poor by not responding with compassion and competence to those most in need.

For abandoning the widow and the orphan in dangerous neighborhoods, for refusing to share resources with those most in need, for creating zip codes where poor children have little access to quality education.

For averting our eyes from the one who begs and looking only for our own good.

For turning away from the widow and the orphan and choosing the sleek and the rich, we repent, O Lord.

The Acts of the Apostles 15:4 tell us that visitors to Jerusalem were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the presbyters, for all of the times we have not welcomed others to our parishes, especially for the times we have refused to allow African American Catholics into our parish communities.

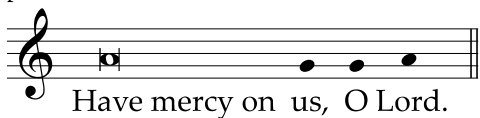
In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female (Gal 3:28); for institutionalized racism reflected by generations of neglect toward a people most victimized by violent crimes, infiltration of drugs in communities, redlining, and failed school systems.

For tearing each other to pieces by our choosing bitterness, vanity, self-glory and worldly ways.

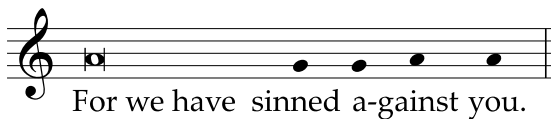
All stand. The archbishop makes the sign of the cross and greets the people.

Penitential Act

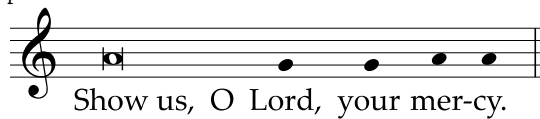
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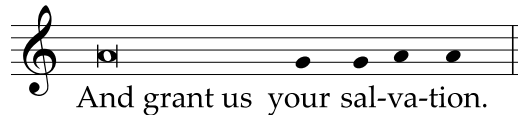
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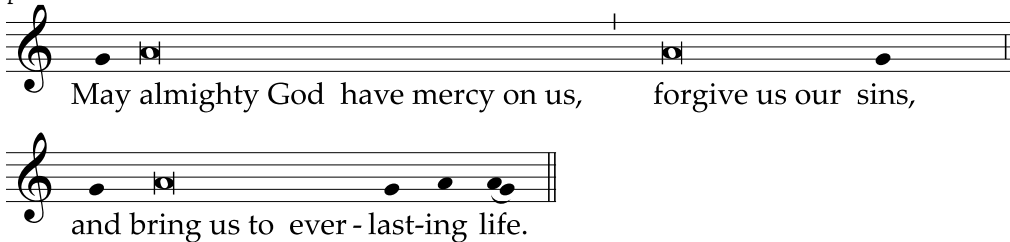
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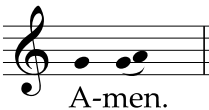
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Archbishop:



People:



Kyrie:

Mass XI (Orbis Factor)

Gregorian Chant

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Choir, then all: Y-ri e * e- lé- i-son. Chri-ste

Choir: e- lé- i-son. Ký-ri e e- lé- i- son.

Choir: Ký- ri- e * e- lé- i-son.

Collect:

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 130

Alleluia:

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Homily:

Solemn Universal Prayer

The deacon introduces each prayer and invites all to kneel. All pray in silence. Then, the deacon invites all to stand. The archbishop concludes each prayer with a collect. The people respond: Amen, then sing: Kyrie eleison.

I. Confession of sin in general

Deacon:

Let us beg that our confession and repentance will be inspired by the Holy Spirit, that our sorrow will be conscious and deep, and that, humbly viewing the sins of the past, we will be committed to the path of true conversion and so be prepared to accept and share the Good News of Christ.

Deacon: Let us kneel. *(pause)*

Deacon: Let us stand.

Archbishop:

Lord God, your pilgrim Church, which you ever sanctify in the blood of your Son, counts among her children in every age members whose holiness shines forth brightly and members whose disobedience to you contradicts our profession of the Holy Gospel. We beg you, who remain ever faithful, even when we are unfaithful, forgive our sins, and grant that we may bear true witness to you before all the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

All: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escúchanos.

A lamp / candle is lighted before the Crucifix.

II. Sins against faith

Deacon:

Let us beg for pardon, because by unbelief and cowardice we have fallen short in our prophetic mission to proclaim the fullness of the Gospel and the demands of discipleship.

Deacon: Let us kneel. *(pause)*

Deacon: Let us stand.

Archbishop:

Lord God, in your infinite compassion for sinners you, not flesh and blood, have revealed to us the saving truth that Jesus of Nazareth is your Son and promised Messiah (Mt 16:16), and through him you have commissioned us, in turn, to make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19). Forgive us for so undervaluing the inestimable treasure of Christ's love that we have failed to invite others to join us in the circle of his disciples.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

All: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escúchanos.

A lamp / candle is lighted before the Crucifix.

III. Sins against the “obedience of faith”

Deacon:

Let us beg for pardon, because by neglecting the demands of the Gospel, we have spurned the grace of Baptism and have chosen to follow our own thoughts; we have made Jesus an instrument of our welfare, rather than the Lord of our lives.

Deacon: Let us kneel. (*pause*)

Deacon: Let us stand.

Archbishop:

Merciful Father, mindful of the countless times we have addressed your only-begotten Son as “Lord, Lord,” without submitting our every thought, word and deed to his sovereign rule, we ask your pardon (Mt 7:21-22). By the grace of your Spirit, may we reject anew whatever is contrary to the will of Christ and strive only to achieve what does him honor. Who lives and reigns forever.

R. Amen.

All: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escúchanos.

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IV. Sins against hope

Deacon:

Let us beg for pardon, because by giving way to despair, we have rejected our responsibility to expect more from Jesus in our own communities and have turned instead to expect the institution or other human means to solve the challenges we face.

Deacon: Let us kneel. *(pause)*

Deacon: Let us stand.

Archbishop:

Almighty God, forgive your sons and daughters for the weakness of our hope, the anemia of our trust in you; in responding to your commission we all too often substituted mere human means for the power of your Word. In accepting our repentance, revive our hope, we pray that your power will work in us to build up your Kingdom in a measure beyond what we could imagine (Eph 3:20).

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

All: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escúchanos.

A lamp / candle is lighted before the Crucifix.

V. Sins against charity

Deacon:

Let us beg for pardon, because by failing to welcome and love the “other” – the one who does not look like us, or shares the same ethnic, social, or economic status, we have failed to love You, our Father.

Deacon: Let us kneel. *(pause)*

Deacon: Let us stand.

Archbishop:

Almighty God, on the night before your Only-begotten Son loved us to the end, he commanded us to love one another with the same, so that the world would recognize us as his disciples and him as Lord. With contrite hearts we confess that we have failed. Forgive us, we pray and stir up the flame of divine charity in our hearts, so that our love will reach all those who have been on the periphery of our concern.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

All: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escúchanos.

A lamp / candle is lighted before the Crucifix.

VI. Sins of pride

Deacon:

Let us beg for pardon, because by our failure to recognize and release the spiritual and moral gifts of the lay faithful, we have relied overmuch on institutional means, rather than the power of the Holy Spirit.

Deacon: Let us kneel. (*pause*)

Deacon: Let us stand.

Archbishop:

Lord God, in the ministry of St. Paul, you have shown us that the true Apostle casts aside his pride and boasts rather of his weakness (2 Cor 12:9). Pardon our sins of seeking to hide the deficiencies we bring to our mission. Give us renewed confidence in the treasure of grace we bear in earthen vessels, so that in the New Evangelization the surpassing greatness of your saving mercy may shine out all the more brightly.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

All: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escúchanos.

A lamp / candle is lighted before the Crucifix.

VII. Sins against poverty of spirit

Deacon:

Let us beg for pardon, because by refusing simplicity of life, by seeking solace in busyness, material or social comforts, and in many other distractions, we have abhorred our own poverty and given way to spiritual sloth instead of turning to the One Healer of souls.

Deacon: Let us kneel. (*pause*)

Deacon: Let us stand.

Archbishop:

Almighty Father, by the example of your Incarnate Son you have made clear that we are to despise the Tempter's schemes about relying on worldly means to secure the spread of your Kingdom (Mt 4:1-11), and yet we have failed. We are heartily sorry for falling prey to these lies. We humbly ask that you purify our hearts and minds so that our efforts in the New Evangelization will have no other foundation than the certainty that is the humble love of Christ crucified that draws all men and women to you (Jn 12:32).
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

A lamp / candle is lighted before the crucifix and then, as a sign of the repentance of the Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Archbishop prostrates before the Crucifix and kisses it.

All: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escúchanos.

Concluding Prayer

Archbishop:

Almighty God, in your unfathomable wisdom you have given sinners, not angels, to your Incarnate Son to be his co-workers in spreading the Good News (Jn 17:24), and so his disciples stand before the world as authentic witnesses of your love for erring humanity and of your deliverance from sin and death. Bring us to heartfelt repentance and renewed trust in the Gospel (Mk 1:15), so that we may be its effective messengers to the men and women of our time.
Through Christ our Lord.

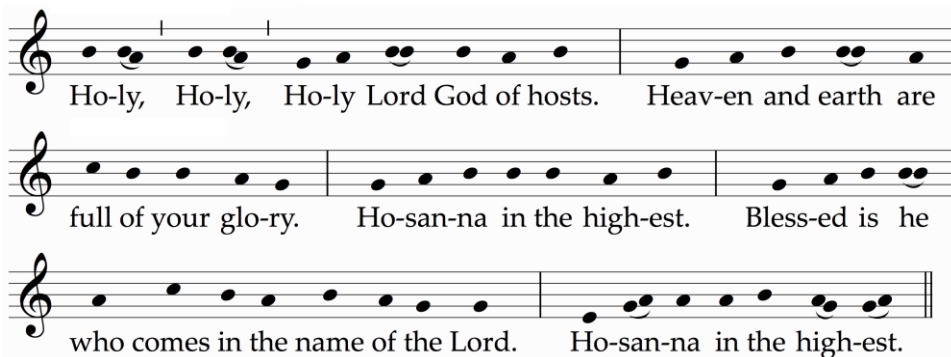
R. Amen.

Offertory:

Sanctus:

Roman Missal Mass

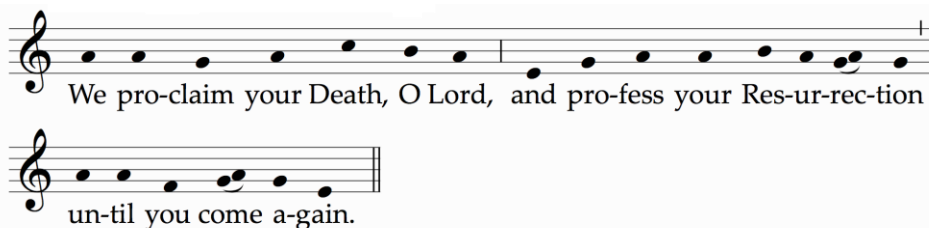
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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith: Roman Missal Mass

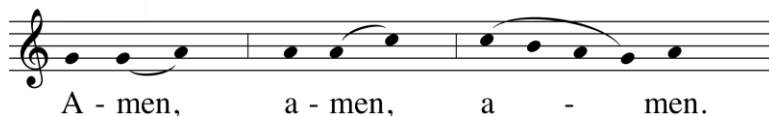
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We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

Amen: Roman Missal Mass

ICEL



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Agnus Dei: Missa Secunda

*Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace*

Communion:

Hymn of Praise: Salve Regina

Prayer after Communion:

Final Blessing and Dismissal:

Recessional:

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lyte/Goss



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our
Choir: 4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -



feet your trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows. In his hands he gent - ly
wind and it is gone. But while mor - tals rise and
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, Dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal one.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.