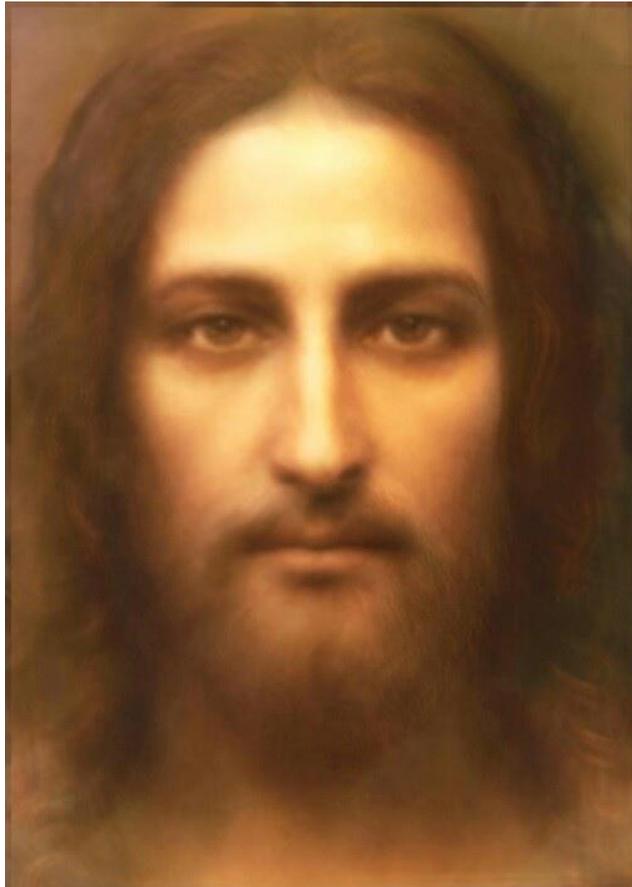


ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

Comfort, comfort O my people,
Speak of peace, now says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning under sorrows' load.
Speak unto Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them.
Tell of all the sins I cover,
And that warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one who's crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all to full repentance,
Since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him.

O make straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That his word is never broken.

Text: Isaiah 40:1-8; Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben; Johann Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Tune: GENEVA 42, 8 7 8 7 77 88; Genevan Psalter, 1551; harm. adapt. from Claude Goudimel, 1505-1572. In the public domain.

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 100, 1b-2, 3, 4, 5

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 31b-39

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Luke 7: 36-50

HOMILY

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault:
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

All: Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

PRAYER

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling; All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation, Let your love in us endure.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing, Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your precious love.

Finish then your new creation; Pure and spotless, gracious Lord.
Let us see your great salvation Perfectly in you restored.
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we sing before the Almighty, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION