

## RITE OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

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### RECEPTION OF THE PENITENT

PRIEST: Welcomes the penitent.

PENITENT: **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

PRIEST: Invites the penitent to have trust in God.

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

The priest or penitent may read a text of Holy Scripture.

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND ACCEPTANCE OF SATISFACTION

PENITENT: **BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED.  
THIS IS MY FIRST CONFESSION. THESE ARE MY SINS:**

Tell the priest your sins with honesty and sorrow; also tell the priest a little about yourself. He will listen and guide you.

PENITENT: **I AM SORRY FOR THESE AND ALL MY SINS.**

The priest will give you a penance to help make up for your sins and to change your heart.

### PRAYER OF THE PENITENT AND ABSOLUTION

PENITENT: **O MY GOD, I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR HAVING OFFENDED  
THEE, AND I DETEST ALL MY SINS BECAUSE OF THY JUST  
PUNISHMENTS, BUT MOST OF ALL BECAUSE THEY OFFEND  
THEE, MY GOD, WHO ARE ALL-GOOD AND WORTHY OF ALL  
MY LOVE. I FIRMLY RESOLVE, WITH THE HELP OF THY  
GRACE, TO SIN NO MORE AND TO AVOID THE NEAR  
OCCASIONS OF SIN. AMEN.**

After the Act of Contrition, the priest will give you Absolution.  
At the end of the Absolution, make the sign of the cross and say,  
**AMEN.**

### PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE AND DISMISSAL

PRIEST: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

PENITENT: **HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.**

PRIEST: Dismisses the penitent in peace.