

# CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD

- Gathering - Ambulatory –
- Cross (Veneration) – Carried by Cardinal.
- Candles - Book of the Gospels - Candles
- Penitential Procession Forms
- Sign of Cross & Greeting – Door of Ambulatory

## INTRODUCTION

Standing at the ambulatory entrance to the cathedral.

Presider:

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**The Lord be with you.**

R: And with your spirit.

Presider:

**I invite all those gathered here to pray  
that our time here tonight may be inspired  
by the Holy Spirit.**

**As we travel these stations,  
let us pray that it may bring healing and hope.  
May silenced voices be heard; may justice be done;  
may God show us the way forward.**

Presider:

**Let us pray.**

Pause for silent prayer.

**Lord God,**

**your church has been sanctified by the blood of your Son  
and is filled with the Holy Spirit.**

**Be with us this night as we pray to you in earnest  
for all those whose lives have been forever touched  
by the abuse**

**of those who were meant to be holy.**

**May your church stand always and everywhere,  
first and foremost,**

**for the poor, the suffering, and all victims of sexual abuse.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

Cardinal Tobin carries the cross to first station while the Kyrie is sung.

Musical notation for the Kyrie eleison chant. The first line of music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It contains the lyrics: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The second line of music continues the melody with the lyrics: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and melismatic, with long notes and ties.

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## 1. FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

Reader:

Jesus said to his disciples: “This kind (of demon) can only be removed through prayer.” (Mark 9:29)

Minister:

My brothers and sisters in Christ,  
the reason we are here today is to pray to God during this time of trouble.

Let us now pray firmly and resolutely to God for those who have suffered these violations of their bodies, minds and souls by members of the clergy and of the church.

**Minister:** If one part of the Body suffers...

**All:**       **All the parts suffer with it.**

Presider:

**God our Father,  
in the waters of baptism, we were washed from sin.  
In the anointing of confirmation, we were filled with the Spirit.  
Enkindle in the hearts of all who suffer the fire of your love  
so that they may know beyond any doubt  
that they are your beloved sons and daughters.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

**All:** Amen

**All sing Kyrie as the procession moves to the second station.**

## 2. FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE WHO HAVE DIED

Reader:

Jesus said to his disciples: “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3-4)

Minister:

Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
for those victims of sexual abuse who are no longer with us.  
We pray now that the Lord receive the deceased children of abuse  
home to a place of safety and rest.

Minister: If one part of the Body suffers...

All: **All the parts suffer with it.**

Presider:

**Lord God,  
your Son blessed the children  
and held them as an example for all to emulate.  
In their innocence and beauty, they reflect what it means  
to be a disciple of Christ and a member of your kingdom.  
Hear our prayers as we lift up to you those victims of abuse who  
have died, especially those who have taken their own lives.  
They never wished to separate themselves from you  
but only to separate themselves from pain.  
Hear our prayer for all deceased victims and their families,  
and embrace them in your kingdom with peace and love.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

All sing Kyrie as the procession moves to the third station.

### 3. FOR THOSE WHO WERE UNHEARD

Reader:

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever causes one of these little ones\* who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” (Matthew 18:6)

Minister:

My friends in Christ,  
let us pray for those who were unheard during their time of abuse.  
For those who, especially as children, reached out to parents and church leaders but were silenced or not believed.  
For all those who are faced with the reality of pain and suffering but who are ignored by those who can help them.

Minister: If one part of the Body suffers...

All: **All the parts suffer with it.**

Presider:

**God of compassion,  
you listen in love to the cry of your people.  
You heard the cries of children  
begging to be relieved from their pain and suffering.  
Your heart was broken as on the day your Son died,  
as you saw your church turn a deaf ear to those in pain.  
Just as your Son opened the eyes of the blind  
and gave voice to the mute, open now our ears to listen for  
suffering voices and our mouths to speak out on behalf  
of the most vulnerable among us.  
Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen**

All sing Kyrie as the procession moves to the fourth station.

## 4. FOR THOSE WHO LEFT THE CHURCH

Reader:

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” (John 6:67-69)

Minister:

We pray now for those who have left the church.  
For victims and survivors who can no longer participate  
in the sacramental life of the church.  
For those who have been scandalized  
by the dark stories of abuse  
and for whom the church has become a place of tears instead of joy.

Minister: If one part of the Body suffers...

All: **All the parts suffer with it.**

Presider:

**God our Father,  
your Son gathered crowds around him to preach the good news;  
heal the sick; cast out demons; and feed the hungry.  
May your church always be a place  
where your people can gather in safety to hear your word;  
experience your healing; and be nourished from your table.  
May all those who have fallen away from your church  
because of sin and abuse  
once again find a new home in your church  
as members of the Body of Christ.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

All sing Kyrie as the procession moves to the fifth station.

## 5. FOR THE OFFENDERS

Reader:

Jesus began to teach them: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

(Matthew 5:43-45)

Minister:

With heavy hearts, we pray to God for the perpetrators of sexual abuse, especially the clergy and religious who have abused children. We cannot understand what plagues their minds to cause them to perform these acts. Help us to pray for them as they struggle with their demons.

Minister: If one part of the Body suffers...

All: **All the parts suffer with it.**

Presider:

**God in heaven,  
you call men and women to serve your church.  
Many have responded with devout and faithful lives,  
dedicated to serve in the name of your Son.**

**Father, we do not fully understand the brokenness and illness that has touched the lives of some in the church who have inflicted terrible pain on the young and vulnerable.**

**We pray that healing and justice will flourish for all victims.  
May God guide us in how to treat the offenders as would his Son.  
And may we learn from the sins of the past to protect the children of the future.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

## 6. FOR THE ABILITY TO FORGIVE

Reader:

The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning— great is your faithfulness!  
(Lamentations 3:22-24)

Minister:

We ask God for the strength  
to look into the eyes of those who have hurt us so deeply  
while searching our hearts for the ability to forgive.  
We know this is not easy  
and so, we ask God for courage and strength  
so that the evil we have witnessed may not harden our hearts.

Minister: If one part of the Body suffers...

All: **All the parts suffer with it.**

Presider:

**God of justice,  
hear our prayers as we seek to obey  
the hardest commands of your Son:  
"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:44)**

**We know that when we refuse to forgive,  
we only make our own hearts heavier,  
but when we learn to forgive  
we bring healing to our own lives.  
Please, Lord, make it possible  
for those who have been hurt most  
to find healing through forgiveness in your name.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

All sing Kyrie as the procession moves to the sanctuary **where the cross is placed.**



Facing the people, Cardinal Tobin says:

**May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life.**

**R:** Amen.

All sit.

## The Word of God

Isaiah 58: 6-12

Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose:  
releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke;  
Setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke?

Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry,  
bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house;  
Clothing the naked when you see them,  
and not turning your back on your own flesh?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall quickly be healed;  
Your vindication shall go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,  
you shall cry for help, and he will say: "Here I am!"

**If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the accusing finger, and malicious speech;**

In Spanish

**If you lavish your food on the hungry  
and satisfy the afflicted;  
Then your light shall rise in the darkness,  
and your gloom shall become like midday;**

**Then the LORD will guide you always  
and satisfy your thirst in parched places,  
will give strength to your bones  
And you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a flowing spring whose waters never fail.**

**Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins;  
the foundations from ages past you shall raise up;  
"Repairer of the breach," they shall call you,  
"Restorer of ruined dwellings."**

The Word of the Lord!

## Responsory

*Cantor*



Cre - ate a clean heart for me O God, re - store in me the joy of your sal - va - tion.

*ALL*



Cre - ate a clean heart for me O God, re - store in me the joy of your sal - va - tion.

*Cantor* *ALL*



Sus - tain in me a will - ing spir - it, re - store in me the joy of your sal - va - tion.

*Cantor*



Glo - ry to the Fath - er, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

*ALL*



Cre - ate a clean heart for me O God, re - store in me the joy of your sal - va - tion.

**Speaker:** Dr. Patricia Kelly

# Healer of Our Every Ill

## Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

## Verses



1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing,
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing,



Grace us with your peace and glad - ness,  
How your grace is still un - fold - ing,  
Ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er,  
Teach us all your way of heal - ing,



Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.  
Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.  
Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.  
Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

Remarks: Cardinal Tobin

Marian Hymn:

**MATER ECCLESIAE**  
*(Mother of the Church)*

Ricky Manalo

Refrain/Ostinato

Ma - ter Ec - clé - si - ae,  
O Ma - rí - a.  
Ma - ter Ec - clé - si - ae,  
pray with us this day.

Verses: Cantor

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. With Mary we pray to our God.<br>To God, the Creator of all:<br>receive our prayer.          | 4. With Mary we sing to our God.<br>To God be glory and praise:<br>receive our prayer.      |
| 2. With Mary we ask of our God.<br>Through Jesus, our life and our hope:<br>receive our prayer. | 5. With Mary proclaim to our God.<br>Through Jesus, our Saving Lord:<br>receive our prayer. |
| 3. With Mary give praise to our God.<br>In God's Holy Spirit:<br>receive our prayer.            | 6. With Mary rejoice in our God.<br>In God's Living Spirit:<br>receive our prayer.          |

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## Simple Blessing and Exit through Sanctuary

**Presider:** **The Lord be with you.**

**R:** and with your spirit.

**Presider:** **May almighty God bless you  
the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**R:** Amen

**Presider:** **Go in peace.**

DAY OF PARDON – FORMAT -March 12, 2000 Lent 1 – JPII asked  
“forgiveness from the Lord for the sins, past and present, of the sons and  
daughters of the Church.”

In every generation the holiness of the Church has shone forth, witnessed  
by countless numbers of her sons and daughters; yet this holiness has  
been contradicted by the continuing presence of sin which burdens  
the journey of God's People.

The Church can sing both the *Magnificat* for what God has  
accomplished within her and the *Miserere* for the sins which she  
stands in need of purification, penance and renewal.

The acknowledgement of sins is a means of favoring dialogue,  
reconciliation and peace.

## II. Elements of the celebration

*The presence of the Cross* is meant to emphasize that the confession of sins and  
the begging of pardon are addressed to God, who alone can forgive sins.

*The initial "statio"* – At Pieta – Which is certainly an image of *Mater Ecclesia* -  
(**Mary Mother of the Church image is Mary holding the broken body of Christ**)

*The Penitential Procession* - The Cross is accompanied by candles and the  
Gospel Book...

*The confession of sins and the request for pardon*

.. The prayer *opens* with an introduction by the Pope followed by an invitatory  
and a prayer preceded by a brief moment of silence and the chanting of a triple  
*Kyrie eleison*.

(During the chanting of the *Kyrie eleison* the lamps in front of the Crucifix are  
lit. After the concluding prayer the Holy Father embraces and kisses the  
Crucifix as a sign of veneration and the imploring of pardon.)

*Commitment for a conversion of life* - At the end of the celebration, following  
the solemn blessing, the Holy Father asks that the purification of memory and  
the request for forgiveness be translated into a commitment of renewed fidelity  
to the Gospel on the part of the Church and of each of her members.

## Theological Rationale:

### **The Church feels the need to purify her memory -**

The purification of memory is thus “an act of courage and humility in recognizing the wrongs done by those who have borne or bear the name of Christian.” It is based on the conviction that because of “the bond which unites us to one another in the Mystical Body, all of us, though not personally responsible and without encroaching on the judgement of God, who alone knows every heart, bear the burden of the errors and faults of those who have gone before us.” **If one suffers, we all suffer! (Pope Francis)**

Along the entire earthly pilgrimage, however, the good grain always remains inextricably mixed with the chaff; holiness stands side by side with infidelity and sin. **And it is thus that the remembrance of scandals of the past can become an obstacle to the Church’s witness today, and the recognition of the past faults of the Church’s sons and daughters of yesterday can foster renewal and reconciliation in the present.**

One can distinguish, however, the *holiness of the Church* from *holiness in the Church*. The former - founded on the missions of the Son and Spirit – guarantees the continuity of the mission of the People of God until the end of time and stimulates and aids the believers in pursuing subjective personal holiness. Holiness *in* the Church must therefore correspond to the holiness *of* the Church.