

Hymn: Circle of Friends

You have friends, you are not alone
Thanks to them, you're not on your own
You are strong even when you feel small

From the rain, they will shelter you
In your pain, they will comfort you,
They will always pick you up when you fall

Circle of friends all around you
Circle of friends strong and true
Circle of friends always there for you.



First Confession

The Sacrament of God's Forgiveness



Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South

Reading: The Story of Zacchaeus



Celebrant: Reflection

Prayer for Forgiveness

Dear God,
Help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus
asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to try again.

Amen

Celebrant: Let us confess to God our Father that we
have not loved as He wants us to.

All: Confiteor (I confess)

If there are times when we didn't pray to God our Father.

All: We are sorry, God

If there are times when we said "No" to our Mams and Dads
when they asked us to do something.

All: We are sorry, God.

If there are times when we took and kept things that didn't
belong to us.

All: We are sorry, God

If there are times when we were angry and bad tempered.

All: We are sorry, God.

First Penance Service

If there are times when we hurt others.

All: We are sorry, God.

If there are times when we said things that were not true to get ourselves out of trouble.

All: We are sorry, God.

If there are times we didn't do what our teachers asked.

All: We are sorry, God

If there are times we didn't include others in our games.

All: We are sorry, God.

Celebrant: God our father, you gave us life. You know us. You know how hard it is for us to show our love, Help us to be more loving.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father...

Introduction

Hymn: I'm Sorry, God

God wraps is in His love each day,
Speaks gently to us on our way even when we disobey,
God's love is always there, God loves us every day.

Sometimes God I do not care,
I'm selfish and I do not share,
I'm sorry God, now I've come to know...

Sometimes God I tell a lie, or hurt my friends and make them cry,
I'm sorry God, now I've come to know...

All: Sign of the Cross

Celebrant: The love of God our Father be with you

All: And with your Spirit.

Words of Welcome

Celebrant: Today we are going to remember the times we did not live like Jesus asked us to. We are going to ask God our Father to forgive us and tell Him we will try to love others as He asked us to. Now we will listen to the story of Zacchaeus.

Those asking for God's forgiveness...

Individual Penance and Absolution

Children along with one parent will be guided by the stewards to the altar, where they will sit with the priest and make their first confession. Once finished please return to your seat and remain quiet while the other children finish.

Prayer after Forgiveness

God our father,
Thank you for forgiving me. Help me to love others. Help me to live like Jesus asked me to.

Amen

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to live like Jesus

All: Amen

Celebrant: Go in peace to love one another

All: Amen

Celebrant: May Almighty God bless you all, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen