



Jesus, Fill My Heart with Your Love

(Sacrament of Reconciliation Service for Grades 4-5)

Opening Song & Procession “Healer of Our Every Ill” - Marty Haugen ¹

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

LEADER: Jesus, we know that you are here with us. We thank you for always being with us. You offer us the chance to try again and again no matter what we have done. Bless us now as we pray and think together about your gift of forgiveness. You give it to us freely. May we always choose to respond according to your will.

ALL: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Joel 2:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: “*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*” –
Psalm 90

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Homily/Reflection

Examination of Conscience

LEADER: For the times I did not pay attention or participate at Mass.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I was disrespectful to others.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I was ungrateful or greedy.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I did not say I'm sorry.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I did not forgive others who have hurt me.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I hurt someone by what I have said or done.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I let other kids tempt me to do wrong.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I was unfair to others - especially those who are different than I am.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

LEADER: For the times I refused to share with others in need.

ALL: Jesus, fill my heart with your love.

Act of Contrition

LEADER: Remembering that God always loves us, let us pray together our Act of Contrition.

ALL: I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

LEADER: Let us stand and pray the prayer that Jesus gave us:

ALL: Our Father...

Sign of Peace

LEADER: As a sign of unity and reconciliation with one another, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Individual Reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

After receiving the sacrament, the youth will write a "love letter" to someone who has hurt them. In this letter they will offer their love and forgiveness. (No one will read these letters.) These letters will be folded and placed in a basket near the altar.

Concluding Prayer

PRESIDER: Loving God, your son Jesus taught the disciples how to love and put differences aside. You sent them out into the world to share your message of love. Help us to show respect and appreciation for our families and friends. May we always be ready to forgive and be forgiven.

ALL: Amen.

¹ Anthology II: 1985-1989 – CD, The Best of Marty Haugen, CD-401 Available at www.giamusic.com