

¶ *The Dismissal*

The priest may say a blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty, the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

(or)

May God, who in Christ has reconciled all things in heaven and earth, grant you grace to walk the path of forgiveness; and the blessing of God almighty, the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Lord has put away your sins.
Thanks be to God.

Go in peace, and pray for me, a sinner also.

The Penitent may then depart and undertake the penance or thanksgiving suggested to them



The Parishes of Bickleigh & Shaugh Prior

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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1 John 1.8,9



¶ *The Gathering*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord Jesus, who came to reconcile sinners,
welcomes all who are penitent. Grace, mercy and
peace be with you
and also with you.

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ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess
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The priest and penitent say together

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great
goodness; according to the abundance of your
compassion blot out my offences. Wash me
thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me
from my sin. Make me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51.1,2,11

¶ *Confession and Counsel*

The Lord be in your heart and on your lips
that you may truly and humbly confess your sins.

*The penitent makes confession of sins in his or her own
words, beginning*

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great
goodness: I confess to you, I confess with my
whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of
your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking,
and speaking; the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.

In particular I confess [since my last confession
in ... / in this my first confession] ...

O God, for these, and all other sins that I cannot
now remember, I ask your forgiveness.
Forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The priest may give appropriate counsel or guidance and
whatever help is necessary to enable the penitent to
complete his or her confession. The priest encourages the
penitent to make restitution, and may recommend some
prayer or action as a sign of repentance and in
thanksgiving for reconciliation*

¶ *Reconciliation*

*The penitent makes an act of contrition using these or
similar words*

My God, for love of you
I desire to hate and forsake all sins
by which I have ever displeased you;
and I resolve by the help of your grace
to commit them no more;
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.
Help me to do this,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

¶ *Absolution*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has left power to his
Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and
believe in him, of his great mercy forgive you your
offences: and by his authority committed to me,
I absolve you from all your sins, in the name of the
+Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

And of your charity, pray for me, a sinner also.

The priest may say

Merciful Lord,
we thank you that you have delivered this your
servant from the power of sin and restored him/her
to your peace in the fellowship of your Church;
strengthen him/her by your Spirit, that he/she may
please you until he/she comes to the fullness of
your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

God of grace and life, in your love you have given
us a place among your people; keep us faithful to
our baptism, and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

¶ *The Lord's Prayer*

The priest and penitent may say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.