

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OAKLEY PARISH

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Priest-in-Residence

RECONCILIATION OF A PENITENT

The Priest and Penitent Prepare in Silence

Then the Priest says:

Your Savior welcomes you. Christ came to call sinners.
Have confidence in Him.

Penitent: I put my trust in the Mercy of God

THE CONFESSION

The Priest says:

God be in your heart and on your lips, that you may humbly confess your sins.

The Penitent may use the following form or make confession in her/his own words:

Merciful God.

I confess that I have sinned against you and against others.
I have sinned through my own fault by thought, word, and deed
in all things done and left undone.

Especially I confess that I have sinned.

I repent;

for these and all my sins I am truly sorry,
and pray for forgiveness.

I firmly intend to make amends and seek for help.

I ask for strength to serve you in newness of life.

WHAT WE HAVE WRITTEN IS CONFINED TO THE FIRE

The priest may give counsel to the Penitent

THE ABSOLUTION

When the Absolution is given, the Priest says:

All things have been reconciled to God the creator
through the life, death, and resurrection
of God's only Son Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit has been sent among us
for the forgiveness of sins.

By the authority of Christ given to the Church

I absolve you from your sins

in the name of God In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

May God give you peace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Priest may say:

Most loving God

We thank you for your pardon and forgiveness.

By the power of your Spirit within, enable us to overcome
temptation and evil, keep us securely in the fellowship of your
Church, and as we live daily in your presence, grant victory, peace
and joy, through the merits of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Priest may give this or another blessing

May God the Father bless you, may the Holy Spirit strengthen you
in all goodness, and the love of Christ our Savior
give you peace of mind.

Amen

The priest may add: The Lord has set you free.

Penitent: Thanks be to God. Priest: Go in peace. Pray for the sinner.

The penitent may make private prayers of thanksgiving and commitment.