

# OUTLINE OF THE RITE

Lent 2008

“We Implore You on Behalf of Christ, Be Reconciled to God”

A Communal Penance Liturgy

following the pattern of the *Rite of Penance*, Chapter II: Rite of Reconciliation  
of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution

based on Bishop George J. Lucas, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

PASTORAL LETTER ON RECONCILIATION

We Implore You on Behalf of Christ, Be Reconciled to God, 10 February 2008

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

Song  
Sign of the Cross  
Greeting  
Introduction to the Celebration  
Opening Prayer

## CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Silence  
First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading  
Silence  
Gospel Acclamation  
Gospel  
Homily  
Silence  
Examination of Conscience

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

General Confession of Sins  
Litany or Song  
Lord's Prayer  
Individual Confession and Absolution  
Communal Prayer during Individual Confession

## PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy  
Song  
Concluding Prayer of Thanksgiving

## CONCLUDING RITE

Announcements  
Blessing  
[ Sign of Peace ]