

## Communal Act of Contrition

Fr. David

Let us all stand now and,  
knowing how much the Lord wants to shower us  
with mercy and love,  
let us offer a common act of contrition:



**All:** I confess, to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Invitation to Reconciliation

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God our Father, now opens to us the promised fountain of mercy —the Word made flesh—to wash away our guilt and cleanse us in his love.

Let us prepare to welcome the Savior who comes by reconciling our hearts, our very lives in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Personal Act of Penance

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In this season of hope-filled expectation, you might consider asking the Savior to be merciful toward a neighbor you have wronged, you might pray that our Blessed Mother intercede for peace & justice, you might work to mend a hurt that you have caused another.

## Individual Confession & Absolution

Since we have done all of the preparatory portions to confession in common, and have already recited an act of contrition, please approach the individual priests, waiting in silence and prayer.

*At the end of your individual confession,  
and after pausing for a brief prayer of thanksgiving & considering a penance,  
you are free to continue on your Advent watching, waiting...and praying  
(there is no concluding prayer).*



AN ADVENT CELEBRATION  
FOR OUR AREA PARISHES

THE SACRAMENT  
OF RECONCILIATION


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Church of St. Mary at Clinton Heights  
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## Opening Hymn:

Emmanuel

Refrain



Come, come, Em-man - u-el! Son of God, ap-pear. Heav-en and  
earth, re-joyce! Sal - va-tion is draw-ing near.

Verses

1. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;  
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,  
2. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind  
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,

(to Refrain)

1. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
2. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;  
And be for us the King of Peace.

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## Greeting

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Advent is a time of waiting, longing, and begging. It is a time to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus."

We look forward to celebrating the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. We look forward with hope to the second coming of Jesus in his glory. We seek out Jesus most regularly when we celebrate his Eucharist. We seek out Jesus in the people & events of our lives, when he comes to us in ordinary ways.

Today, as we examine our conscience and confess our sins, we ask Jesus to come to us in his mercy. For Jesus offers us a true experience of salvation here and now through the forgiveness of our sins.

## Opening Prayer

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Let us pray.

God our Father,  
out of loving obedience to you,  
and out of love  
for all that you have created through him,  
your only begotten Son became human  
and dwelt among us.  
He was born as a baby,  
just like us.  
He went through the joys and sufferings of living,  
just like us.  
He suffered and died and rose again,  
just for us.  
Give us hearts of repentance,  
that we may rejoice as our sins are washed away  
and we are made whole.  
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## Scripture Passage

(from Zechariah 12:8-10; 13:1)

## Scripture Meditation & Examination of Conscience

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