

Act of Reparation for Sins Against Our Lord in the Sacred Liturgy



LORD JESUS CHRIST, Sovereign High Priest of the New and Eternal Covenant,
Who didst ordain Thine Apostles to make present Thy Holy Sacrifice,
Who through them didst entrust to Thy Church the memorial of Thy saving Passion,
Who didst make the sacred mysteries of Thy love the font and apex of our life in Thee,
Who didst bestow Thy Spirit to guide Thy Church into the fullness of truth,
namely, into that right worship in spirit and in truth that Thy Father desirest of all men:

Thou hast ensured that holy things be offered and received worthily and reverently
by establishing for us, century by century, a sacred liturgy free from all error,
savoring in the highest degree of that holiness and devotion which raises the mind to God.
Thou hast lavished upon Thy bride robes of beauty, jewels of eloquence, a diadem of glory,
that she may ever be the living image of Thy beauty, chanting Thy words and glorifying Thy Name,
secretly communing in Thy favors and showing forth to the world Thine own surpassing wonder.

Lord Jesus, wicked and violent men have grievously spurned this gift of Thine;
have profaned Thy temple, wasted Thy sanctuary, dismantled Thy tabernacle,
and treated Thy divine liturgy as Thou wast treated in Thy bitter Passion,
when Thou wast stripped of Thy garments, made a laughing-stock, humiliated in the sight of all.
And while Thou hast never abandoned Thy Church or allowed her tradition to perish,
yet how many, claiming to act for her, abandoned Thee, turning their backs on Thine inheritance!
Of them Thou didst say: "They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living water,
and have digged to themselves broken cisterns that can hold no water."

Have mercy on us, we beseech Thee,
for the countless sins, offenses, and negligences committed against Thee in Thy sacred liturgy;
for the violence done to this majestic work of Thy merciful love;
for the arrogant rejection of this precious gift of Thy Most Sacred Heart;
for the ignorance and hubris of would-be reformers who dared lay hands on Thy heritage.
Have mercy on bishops, priests, deacons, and laity who offer and receive unworthily and irreverently;
on all Christians who know not what they do, and do what they should not;
on all of us who, knowing better, have been guilty of lukewarmness in Thy service,
or of complicity in the profanations committed by others.

We are diminished, O Lord, and brought low in all the earth this day for our sins.
We have scarcely prince, leader, or prophet, rightful sacrifice, oblation, incense, or firstfruits.
Fully restore unto us, O Lord, the heritage we have foolishly abandoned.
By Thy life-giving wounds, heal the wounds we have inflicted upon ourselves.
Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility and in a contrite heart,
and grant that our sacrifice of praise may be pleasing unto Thee and fruitful for us.
Make us follow Thee with all our heart, fearing Thee and seeking Thy Face.
Put us not to confusion, but deal with us according to thy meekness,
and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

We desire to belong to Thee alone, to please Thee alone,
to compass Thine altar, hear the voice of Thy praise, and tell of Thy wondrous works.
We desire to love the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.
Do Thou give us grace to pay Thee reasonable and acceptable homage,
to thank Thee for Thy innumerable gifts, to make reparation for our crimes,
to offer prayers and supplications for ourselves and the entire Church,
and most of all, to adore and magnify Thy holy and exalted Name.
For Thou, King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
the unblemished Lamb who taketh away the sins of the world,
art worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength,
honour, and glory, and benediction,
unto endless ages of ages. Amen.