

# Reconciliation Service Lent 2022

The Synodal Pathway

# Synod Elements

- ▶ Communion: Sharing
- ▶ Participation: Taking Part
- ▶ Mission: Reaching Out

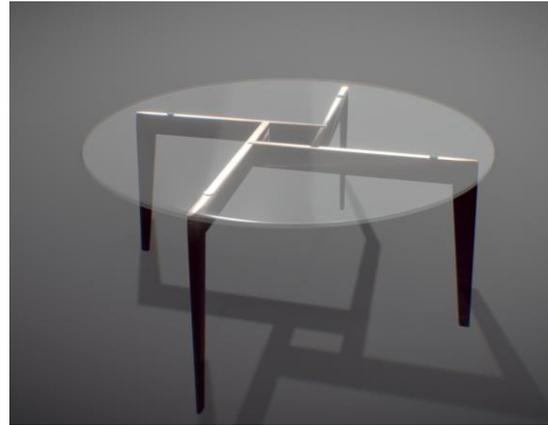
# Who Prepares the Service?

▶ Celebrant ?

▶ Parish Team?

▶ Liturgy Group?

▶ Combination?



# Opening Song: You Are The Centre (Margaret Rizza)

► **All sing:**

You are the centre, you are my life,  
You are the centre, O Lord, of my life.  
Come, Lord, and heal me, Lord of my life,  
Come, Lord, and teach me, Lord of my life.  
You are the centre, Lord of my life.

# You Are The Centre



# WELCOME

Welcome / Fáilte / Bienvenue / Croeso /  
Bienvenidos / Bem-Vinda / Benvenuta /  
Herzlich Willkommen / Welcom /  
Dobro Pozhalovat / ???

# WELCOME

- ▶ Who welcomes?
  - ▶ Liturgy Team member?
  - ▶ Priest?
- ▶ How many languages?
  - ▶ Irish/English?
  - ▶ African/Indian?
- ▶ What is said?
  - ▶ Is it a roadmap?
  - ▶ Is it a prayer?

# What About This?

- ▶ Dear sisters and brothers in Christ - Welcome.
- ▶ You have answered the call of Jesus:
  - ▶ To open up to the grace of forgiveness
  - ▶ To listen to his healing words
  - ▶ To accept the cup of compassion offered
  - ▶ To allow mercy to flow in turn from us
  - ▶ To embrace the mission of peace
- ▶ May you be blessed with the power of God's Spirit every step of the way.

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## Reading

## Luke 13:6-9

- ▶ Jesus told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none.
- ▶ He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, “Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?”
- ▶ “Sir,” the man replied “leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”

# Time for Reflection



# A Thought

- ▶ ‘When a Chinese bamboo tree is planted in its first year it is watered and fertilised but there is no sign of growth.
- ▶ In its second year it is watered and fertilised and there is still no sign of growth. The same happens in its third and fourth year.
- ▶ The fifth year is different. In the space of six weeks it grows to roughly ninety feet. The Chinese bamboo is a real lesson in patience for us all.

# Bamboo Trees



# Prayer/Intercessions

- ▶ We pray for the patience of the vineyard keeper ... to wait for God's growth in our lives ... for the gift of more time to realise God's plan for each of us.
- ▶ We pray for the grace to walk the road of reconciliation together this Lent. We know Jesus forgives our sins. We pray for the courage to forgive ourselves.
- ▶ ?
- ▶ ?
- ▶ ?

# Our Father (Rimsky Korsakov)



# Communal Act of Sorrow

- ▶ O M G

- ▶ Children's Prayer

# Individual Confession and Absolution

- ▶ Reflective Music?
- ▶ Litany of Reconciliation?
- ▶ Silence?

# Healer of My Soul (John Michael Talbot)



# Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace

- ▶ Lord, make us instruments of Your peace  
Where there is hatred, let Your love increase  
Lord, make us instruments of Your peace  
Walls of pride and prejudice shall cease  
When we are Your instruments of peace
- ▶ Where there is hatred, we will show His love  
Where there is injury, we will never judge  
Where there is striving, we will speak His peace  
To the millions crying for release  
We will be His instruments of peace

# Resolution/Mission

- ▶ Where there is blindness, we will pray for sight  
Where there is darkness, we will shine His light  
Where there is sadness, we will bear their grief  
To the millions crying for relief  
We will be Your instruments of peace
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