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## Holy Hour for New Year's Eve

**Sign of the Cross** - Hymn: O Sacrament Most Holy 301

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** (2 mins silence)

### **Introduction:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, tonight we have gathered on the last day of the year before we end the year 2018 to spend time in the Lord's presence, thanking and praising the Lord for all the year's blessings and looking in anticipation to the New Year ahead of us. Let us pause and Praise and Bless the Lord for the mighty deeds he has done for us on our personal lives, at home, in my work place, in my neighbourhood, in my community, in my parish and in Society at large.. **(Pause)** Knowing that our heavenly Father loves us, and has given us all that we needed, let our hearts and minds be filled with the Peace, Love and Joy that Jesus gives us, that surpasses all human understanding. **Pause.**

**Hymn** : Sweet Sacrament Divine... 366

**Scripture Reading:** Col 3:3, 12, 15-16 (5 minutes silence)

God chose us because he loved us and now we must choose to be more like Him - kind and gentle and humble, patient and compassionate. This is Christ's message in its richness. In what areas of our life can we let His message reign in our hearts? **(2 mins silence)**

Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace and strength to walk in his footsteps and become more like him. **(2 mins silence)**

*Our Response is: "Lord make me like you".*

When I find it difficult to be compassionate... **R.**

When I am unkind in word or deed... **R.**

When I am doubtful about my achievements... **R.**

When I am quick to lose my temper.. **R.**

**Hymn:** Lord make me like you.....256                   **( 2 mins silence)**

Let us spend the next few minutes in examination of our conscience. With open hearts and minds let us ask the Lord to pardon us for all our offences, wrong words or deeds that we have committed and led us astray from him. At this precious moment let us experience his love and forgiveness and ask for grace and strength that we may be able to forgive those who have hurt us also.

**Hymn** No. Jesus, come, Jesus, come, Jesus, come.....

**Scripture Reading :** Lk 9:57-62                   **(5 minutes silence)**

Sometimes I am so eager to be with Jesus. I thirst and hunger for him but when he comes I shut the door of my heart and refuse to follow his values. I make various excuses to walk in his footsteps. Your grace Lord Jesus is sufficient to lift me up when I fall into sin and temptation. Your grace gives me renewed strength in my weakness.

**(2 minute silence)**

Lord Jesus trusting in your infinite Love and Mercy, knowing that your response will always be “Your sins are forgiven”, we place our prayers before you saying:

**“Forgive me Lord”**

1. For not spending enough time in prayer .. **R.**
2. For not responding to your call to be your disciple... **R.**
3. For being quick to condemn and ridicule others... **R.**
4. For being slow to forgive those who did me wrong... **R.**
5. For not receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation ... **R.**
6. For failing to make the Eucharist the source & summit of my life... **R.**

**Hymn:** Jesus, you are my Salvation.. 222                   **(2 minutes silence)**

In a short while, we will enter the New Year 2019.

As we end this year, we may be thinking “where are we going? Given all the turbulence and uncertainty of our days and the ‘not so good feeling’ lingering the background this becomes a sharp question that can trouble us. All of us have a dream where we would like to go in the New Year. Let us pause for a few minutes and surrender our plans to

the Lord for the New Year and reaffirm our desire that Christ be the captain of our ship that will lead us to green and overflowing pastures. Keeping Christ as the centre of our lives is what will give us meaning and purpose in the year ahead.

Pause in silence to thank the Lord and surrender the year ahead. **(2 mins silence)**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-14 **(5 minutes silence)**

St Paul tells us we have been considered trustworthy by the Lord he gives us the strength to be faithful and trustworthy as he appoints us to serve in his kingdom.

Let us pray for grace that I may daily experience the Lord's grace abundantly poured out on me each day in the New Year.

Let us pray for faith that when our security is threatened, our personal dreams fail, our freedom and liberty is diminished and when the gloom of darkness lies around us, may our faith help us realize that the Lord is SOVEREIGN, the light of Christmas, the solemnity we just celebrated, can't be distinguished and the Light of the solemnity of the Epiphany, is always there in Christ, to guide our path towards Christ.

Our Response is: Thank you Jesus as we place before him all the blessings we received.

1. For the gift of life ... **R.**
2. For my friends and family... **R.**
3. For my occupation..... **R.**
4. For food, clothing and shelter..... **R.**
5. For the necessities, comforts and luxuries... **R.**
6. That we live in simplicity and humility .. **R.**
7. That we make Jesus the Centre our lives and live His Eucharistic values... **R.**

Pause in silence.... **2 minutes** & thank the Lord for any other blessing we have received.

**Benediction...**

**Closing Hymn:** Jesus my Lord, my God, my all ...221

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