

Confession of Sin

A liturgy for mutual confession

Begin in silence...

Said Together

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions only too well, and my sin is ever before me.

Holy God, ✠ Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

One person can read or readers can alternate

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If any person sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

Moment of silence...

Said together

Now, in the presence of Christ, let us confess our sins with a humble and obedient heart to Almighty God, our Creator and our Redeemer.

People confessing take turns with this whole page... the person confessing first says:

Holy God, heavenly Father, you formed me from the dust in your image and likeness, and redeemed me from sin and death by the cross of your Son Jesus Christ. Through the water of baptism you clothed me with the shining garment of his righteousness, and established me among your children in your kingdom. But I have squandered the inheritance of your saints, and have wandered far in a land that is waste.

Especially, I confess to you and to the Church...

Here the person confessing names particular sins

...Therefore, O Lord, from these and all other sins I cannot now remember, I turn to you in sorrow and repentance.

Receive me again into the arms of your mercy through him in whom you have redeemed the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The listening brother/sister responds with this

Will you turn again to Christ as your Lord?

The person confessing says

I will.

The listening brother/sister responds with this

Do you, then, forgive those who have sinned against you?

The person confessing says

I forgive them.

The listening brother/sister responds with this

Hear the good news:

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *Romans 8:1*

The one who confessed responds

Thanks be to God.

End by praying for each other, asking the Holy Spirit to bring healing and freedom from sin.