

Confession and Forgiveness (at very beginning of service)

Presiding minister (Pr. Matt)

We come into the presence of God
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**YOU - Let us take a moment of silence to reflect on our own lives,
our weaknesses, our struggles and our needs.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

**YOU - Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have left undone.
Forgive our unbelief and strengthen our faith.
Forgive our unwillingness to reach out to others
and give us a heart to spread your Word to those around us.
Forgive our slowness to follow you
and give us a zeal for serving you and all people.
Uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.