

A TIME OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor (leader) is in regular print

Congregation is in bold print

Almighty God,
to whom

all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom

no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by

the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and

by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and

for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.