



Sin: Roadblocks to Abundant Life

Closing Liturgy

Note: Italicized portions are to be said by all.

Opening

Book of Common Prayer, pg 449, adapted

Presider: God dwells in you,

Response: *And also in you.*

Presider: Let us pray.

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. *Amen.*

Response

A Litany of Penitence

God who creates,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus who heals,

Have mercy upon us.

Spirit who mediates,

Have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, united in love,

Have mercy upon us.

Deliver us from not hearing when others speak,

Savior, deliver us.

From projecting our injuries on others,

Savior, deliver us.

From holding onto grudges,

Savior, deliver us.

From saying things in anger which we later regret,

Savior, deliver us.

From spreading rumors about others,

Savior, deliver us.

From distorting the truth for our own benefit,

Savior, deliver us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presider: Let us pray.

Blessed Trinity, in you there are three faces, distinct personalities, but no discord. You are of one mind and of one mission. Help us to keep your Church and our Community united in purpose and in action, that we may draw people to us for our inclusive love and our mutual respect. Forgive us when we act in ways that separate members from your body, and stand with us now as we heal ourselves and our friends. In you, Holy Trinity, all is possible. Amen.

Reading I Timothy 1:15

New Revised Standard Version

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

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Reflection

Spend three full minutes in silence, as you contemplate the sin you have committed, and the sin committed on your behalf.

After three minutes, someone appointed will lead the group in singing *Amazing Grace*, Hymnal 671, *New Britain*.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Book of Common Prayer, pg 452

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who offered himself to be sacrificed for us to the Father, forgives our sins by the grace of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*