

# Confession Rites

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*Rubic. Confession may be used publicly in the Daily Offices and Eucharist, or privately in pastoral care. The seal of confession is inviolable.*

### General Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have offended against Thy holy laws. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Absolution

Priest. Almighty God, who pardoneth all who truly repent and believe His holy Gospel, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

### Private Reconciliation

Penitent. I confess to Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and before thee, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed.

Priest. Dost thou repent of these sins, trust in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, and desire amendment of life?

Penitent. I do, by God's help.

Priest. Our Lord Jesus Christ forgive thee all thy sins; and by His authority committed to me, I declare unto thee the forgiveness of all thy sins. Amen.