

We Are Forgiven

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“Create in Me,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 9.

Opening Prayer

Leader: *God our loving Father, you call us to forgiveness and peace. You want us to be united in you. We ask you to help us forgive others as you forgive us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

All: Amen.

Penitential Rite

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Make the Sign of the Cross together.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

All: *And with your Spirit.*

Confiteor

Leader: *Every week, we come together as a community of faith. God wants us to be united with him and with one another as one family. Let us be quiet now and think about the times we have not been united to God or others.*

Sit silently.

Let us pray for God’s forgiveness and mercy.

All: *I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

Leader: *May God forgive us our sins and unite us in his love.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

All: *Glory to you, Lord.*

Read Matthew 9:9–13.

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sit silently.

Reflection

- For you, what was the most important phrase in the Gospel as you heard it?

Closing Prayer

Leader: *Let us offer each other the Sign of Peace. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.*

All: Amen.

