

# We Are Sorry

## Gathering Rite

### Opening Song

“Remember Your Love,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 4.

### Procession

**Leader:** *Let us pray.  
Make the Sign of the Cross together.*

### Opening Prayer

**Leader:** *Loving God, send us the Holy Spirit to open our ears and hearts that we may hear your Word and be filled with the courage to live it. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**All:** *Amen.*

## Celebration of the Word

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

**All:** *Glory to you, O Lord.  
Read Luke 7:36–38, 44–48, 50.*

**Leader:** *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

### Reflection

- What did the Gospel reading say to you about being sorry?

## Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition

*The sinful woman showed Jesus she was sorry for her sins. Let us think about what we want to tell Jesus we are sorry for.*

- Have I loved and honored God’s name?
- Have I prayed to God often during the day?
- Have I kept Sunday as a holy day?
- Have I cared for and respected my parents?
- Have I shared what I have with others?
- Have I acted with kindness to family and friends?
- Have I told the truth?

**Leader:** *Christ our Lord came to call sinners into his Father’s Kingdom. Let us now kneel and pray an Act of Contrition.  
Kneel.*

**All:** *My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.  
Stand.*

## Closing Prayer

**Leader:** *Lord, our God, you know all things. You know that we want to be more generous in serving you and our neighbor. Look on us with love and hear our prayer.*

**All:** *Amen.*

