

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

One: We remember our faults and failings... and bring them to God:

All: Holy God, maker of the skies above,
Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of Life, wind over flowing waters,
In earth, in sea, in sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery,
Sun behind all suns,
Soul behind all souls,
In every thing we touch,
In every one we meet,
Your presence is around us,
And we give you thanks.

But when we have not touched,
But trampled your creation,
When we have not met, but missed you in another,
Forgive us,
And hear now our plea for mercy. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

(Read the Gospel Lesson as outlined in the calendar.)

One: We proclaim our faith.

All: We believe in God who surrounds us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
Of sun and moon, Of water and earth,
Of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.

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He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

One: You are above us, O God; you are beneath.
You are in air, you are in earth, you are beside us, you are within.
We pray now for all that concerns us
O Jesus, you sat at table with the betrayed and rejected.

All: We pray for those today who do not feel welcomed in their daily lives. Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: O Jesus, you identified with the naked and those who had no place to lay their heads.

All: We pray for the homeless thousands, old and young, in our towns and cities. Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: O Jesus, you belonged to a refugee family.

All: We pray for the displaced millions in our world, that borders will open to the nationless. Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who came to you.

All: We pray for the dependent ones God has trusted to our care.
Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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