

Prayer of Confession

L: God of the grand reversal, we confess our easy attachment to revenge in its many forms.

P: Instead of interrupting violence, it has been easy to practice it in word and deed.

L: It has been easy to worship the lie of scarcity instead of trusting your promise of abundance.

P: By this, the way of the world has worked into our hearts and minds.

L: Forgive us and free us from ourselves.

P: Equip us anew with an outpouring of Your love. By this of You, form us into channels of grace.

L: Deepen our love, expand our generosity, and mold us and the world with Your abundant mercy.

P: Let the heart and mind of Christ take up residence in us anew. Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: I have good news! The Holy One, Love Almighty, interrupts our missteps and misdeeds, our distractions and our detours. In Christ Jesus, God has shown us what forgiving love has already done and continues to do. It heals, it mends, and makes a new chapter possible. This is the forgiving power of God that embraces you and me, here and now. It is the good news! You can trust it with your life.

P: Thanks be to God!

