**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Holy One,

who turns dry land into rivers,

who brings forth food from the earth,

who gives breath to all creation.

**Amen.**

Compassionate God, your grace is poured out on all creation.

Your mercy washes over us in the waters of baptism.

Your healing floods our lives.

Break open our hearts to name our longing for wholeness

and to receive your gift of forgiveness, through Christ, the Risen One.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*A period of extended silence for individual reflection and confession*

Gracious God,

we have squandered the abundance you provide for all your creatures;  
we have ignored the cries of the land and the water;  
we have neglected your call to steward our resources with care and generosity.

**Forgive us.**

We have feasted while others go hungry;  
we have sought places of honor,  
excluding our neighbors from a place at the table;  
we have failed to provide the kind of hospitality you offer to us.

**Forgive us.**

We have forgotten the belovedness of every person;

we have overlooked your presence among us when we gather;

we have avoided your call to live out our faith in the world.

**Forgive us.**

Free us from our failures,

mend our brokenness,

draw us to you.

**Make us whole again. Amen.**

God’s love overflows from the beginning of creation,

through our lives, and into the ages to come.

Through water and the Holy Spirit God gives you new birth,

cleanses you from sin, and raises you to new life.

In Christ your sins are forgiven.

**We give thanks and praise to God**

**and bear God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

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