

Risen and Real: Resources for Intergenerational Worship

Confession Prayers Easter to Pentecost Year B



What this is: Confession Prayers for weeks of Easter to Pentecost Year B



Where it's used: In any intergenerational gathering, but specifically with Lectionary based gatherings



Time: 3 minutes (including introduction)



Bible focus/theme: Confession based on Lectionary readings Easter to Pentecost



What's needed: Confession prayer and art images on screen or printed and shared amongst your gathering. Download slide show here

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hrdk4miwsgs538p/risen%20and%20real%20confession.pptx?dl=0>

Lead reader, Response leader, Action demonstrator/s

Confession

Use this Confession each week from Easter to Pentecost, reflecting on the images of the lectionary texts as a basis for confession.

All of the images are used each week, and each image is accompanied in the confession with a suggested action.

Not everyone in your community may be comfortable doing the actions themselves, or find them helpful, but some others may find them a great way to connect with the confession prompts.

Support and encourage this diversity by inviting some members of the community who appreciate action as a means of reflection and prayer to learn the actions and present them as the confession is read each week. This may be an individual or a small team.

Perhaps different people will participate each week.

Make the invitation to join in the actions or the words or to participate in stillness to the whole gathering at the beginning of the confession.

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Sample Introduction:

We come to our prayers of confession. The presence of Jesus challenges us with our failings, comforts us with mercy, and cleanses us with forgiveness.

We bring our confessions for the things in our lives that don't align with the ways of God, the things we have said and done and thought, and the things we have neglected.

So we confess with words, with action, with image and with silence.
Join with the words in bold, join with the actions, take in the images, sit or kneel in silence – however you wish bring your confession in this time is welcome.

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Confession

Risen Lord Jesus
We are your disciples,
though we have doubted and denied you,
and closed our eyes to faith

you call us again to forgiveness



hands over eyes

We bring our confessions
to one another and to you...

Where we have made you a stumbling block,
not a building block for community

You call us to forgiveness



fists on top of each other

Where we have used your name for dividing,
excluding and accusing
Not uniting and healing or calling together

You call us to forgiveness



*Hands together in front of
you, then pulled wide apart*

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Where we have let waters of mercy stagnate and silt up,
where we might have let justice roll down like rivers
and been baptized in your cleansing grace and renewing life

You call us to forgiveness



*Fingers facing in towards
each other wiggling like
water ripples*

Where we have elevated leadership
not laying ourselves down for the sake of others
nor lifting up the lowly,

You call us to forgiveness



*hands palms up
arms extended
upwards, pulsing*

Where we have cut off from others,
and in doing so, disconnected from your living power
and fruitfulness

You call us to forgiveness



*Arms folded across
chest; turn back*

Where we have exchanged your life giving, living word
for words of criticism, condemnation and cursing,

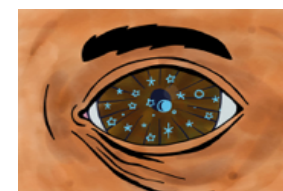
You call us to forgiveness



*Hands like mouths,
opening and closing,
in conflict*

Where we have silenced our stories of your spirit of hope,
And suppressed the symphonic spirit song
of many sounding voices

You call us to forgiveness



*Finger against lips
in 'shhhh'*

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Where we have made many rules
and neglected the one common liberating law of love.

You call us to forgiveness

Open our eyes to see you again

Risen and Real

Open our ears to your words of grace

Releasing and restoring

Open our lives to follow you afresh

Repentant and Ready.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Thanks be to God. Amen



***Hands cupped
together in front.***