

Confession and Assurance – We Have not Loved Our Neighbours

Words of Confession

*All: Holy God,
We dare to come before you
only because we know you are full of steadfast mercy.
We confess that even though we call you our parent,
we are not worthy of you.
We confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart, soul, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours,
even our sisters and brothers in faith,
as we love ourselves.
We have acted as if we are not your children
and pretended that we don't belong to you.
Forgive, we pray,
our failures to do what we ought to do
and our shameful success in doing what we ought not do.
In your mercy, prompt us and strengthen us
to become the people you intend us to be,
both individually and all together.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our only hope. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

1 John 1:5-7

Leader: Now this is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you:
God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.
If we say, "We have fellowship with him,"
while we continue to walk in darkness,
we lie and do not act in truth.
But if we walk in the light as he is in the light,
then we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of his son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

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