

# Confession – Suffering and Celebration

God of lavish gifts and freeing love,  
it is hard to hold suffering and celebration together.  
We are grateful for Jesus' birth,  
and we long to see wrong made right.  
Free us from the need for tidy packages of faith,  
and loosen our grip on the fears and griefs that bind us.  
Strengthen our arms to hold this new child  
and to offer him a home among us. Amen.

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