

Session 1. Jordan: Threshold of freedom

Closing liturgy

We did not receive a spirit that makes us slaves to fear

By your Spirit, You hold us as your children

God of compassion and all comfort

We rest in your loving-kindness, O God

Hallowed be your name in the Beloved, by the Spirit

As in the beginning so now and forever. Amen.

We ask for God's eternal-life-giving to be known in our world in this between-the-moments time, saying: Living God

change the world for good

For the unemployed and less-employed, provoke the breaking out of means to live well; Living God

change the world for good

Among households, young and old, well and infirm together in unfamiliar life patterns, inspire wisdom, forbearance and joy; Living God

change the world for good.

Strengthen the prophetic voices and embolden the visionaries of business as better than we're used-to; Living God

change the world for good.

Other biddings, out-loud or in heart-quiet, may be added here, ending each:

Living God

change the world for good

We desire courage of ourselves to wait and to face the future; Living God

change the world for good

...Pause, holding before God our own needs ...

O God, your unstinting providence sustains the world, our societies, our living: Take care for us, and keep us ever mindful that our common weal flows from each other's toil and care. Amen.

Full-lively God, we come to you sorrowing for our weaknesses and unbelief.

Recollection of what we need to confess.

We have failed to live the new life of Christ.

Merciful God, forgive us.

And restore us to life.

When we have laid others in the tomb of our unforgiveness.

Forgive them, Merciful God

And restore us to life-giving.

Let us attend; Christ breathes upon us God's peace and forgiveness.

A moment for quiet reflection on our forgiveness.

Jesus comes to us and says, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

He breathes on us and says; 'Receive the Holy Spirit'

....Pause to reflect on Christ's presence and call before we return to the rest of our lives.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Who gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

