

## **Session 3 Flesh: The vulnerable body of Christ**

### **Closing liturgy**

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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**

In your church, waiting indoors in viral fear and for love of neighbour, grow generous, articulate and timely witness; Living God

**change the world for good**

Among the infected, the exposed and the vulnerable; call up strength and healing, support and protection; Living God

**change the world for good**

Let those who speak for health of planet and people be heard above the din of commerce and the roar of industry; 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**

In our needs and weakness in our provision and supply, Living God:

**change the world for good.**

*... 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.

God who shared our vulnerability, we are ashamed for our weaknesses and unbelief.

*Recollection of what we need to confess.*

We have not well resisted the death-dealing systems of this present age, and failed to enact ourselves in the life-giving lore of Christ.

Merciful God, forgive us.

**And restore us to life.**

When we have entombed others in unforgiveness, withholding words of life.

Forgive them, Merciful God

**And restore us to life-giving.**

Let us attend; Christ breathes upon us the peace and forgiveness of God.

*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.**

