

Session 4 Contagion: Curse or mercy?

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

Where there are people infected, exposed and vulnerable; mobilise healing, support and protection; Living God

change the world for good

In deliberations of the powerful, amplify compassionate thinking and wise discernment leading to courageous action; Living God

change the world for good.

Among essential workers, labouring with threat of illness, wrest for them protection and continued provision; Living God

change the world for good

For those whose home is not a place of safety, open up refuge and security, 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 need and fearfulness, in our provision and comforting, 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.

Comapssionate God, we come to you desperate for your mercy.

Recollection of what we need to confess.

We have shied away from living the peace of the risen Christ.

Merciful God, forgive us.

And restore us to life.

Where we have enshrouded others and You in our spiritual distancing.

Forgive us, 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 reception of 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.

