

Session 6 Tomb: awaiting resurrection

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

When we come forth, unbind us and give us to our neighbours for business not as usual but as you shall see it on earth as in heaven;

Living God

change the world for good

Open us to the tears of the wider world, let them bring us to compassionate service; Living God

change the world for good.

Wisen us to co-create fitting honours for those who have died and to deepen capacity for collective lament; Living God

change the world for good

Underline in hearts and minds the connections between this crisis and the continued dying of the ecosystem; 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 seeming insufficiencies, in our finding provision, 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.

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

Recollection of what we need to confess.

We have colluded with sin and death, and failed to step out into risen life.

Merciful God, forgive us.

And restore us to life.

Where we have been withholding from others mercy, grace and words of life.

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 reflection on our forgiveness.

Through our tears and our laughter, our fears and our hope; Living God **change the world for good.**

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.

