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## **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION**

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we are entangled in sin. **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we use our power to dominate and our weaknesses to manipulate: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we live within our limits, touching the bounds only for reassurance: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we distrust visions and dreams, and seek to destroy the visionary: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we welcome your gifts only to entertain, but not to change us: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we fail to integrate spirit and flesh and forfeit our wholeness and dignity: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy; **We renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be made whole.**<sup>1</sup>

## **ABSOLUTION**

**HYMN – “Make Me A Servant” (W&P 96)**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Shepherd my commitments, O God, that they may reflect your purposes in and through my life. In the name of +Jesus, Amen.**

### **LESSONS: Ruth 1:15-18**

<sup>15</sup>So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even

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<sup>1</sup> <https://laughingbird.net/index.php/scripture-paraphrases/> Laughingbird Liturgical Resources with an Australian Voice.



death parts me from you!" <sup>18</sup>When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

### Psalm 139

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," <sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. <sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you. <sup>19</sup>O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me — <sup>20</sup>those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil! <sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? <sup>22</sup>I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. <sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. <sup>24</sup>See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

### MESSAGE

**HYMN – “I Shall Not Leave from By Your Side” (Prospect; Shelton) (on back page)**

### PRAYERS

### COMMUNION

### LORD’S PRAYER

### BLESSING

**HYMN - “Jesus, Still Lead On” (ELW 624)**

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