

## **Prayer of Confession**

Loving and gracious God, in Jesus Christ you entered the world to rescue sinners. On a day like today, Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you consistently as our Messianic King or gone before you in the world with grateful praise.

For brief faith that fizzles out when trouble arises, for the enthusiasm of faith that cools when confronted, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and fill us with your Spirit that we might live to serve you and sing your praises, and to celebrate all you have done for us through Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord in Who's Name we pray. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance from the first letter of John: God's love was revealed among us in this way. God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. Friends, believe the Good News trusting in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.