

Confession and Assurance – Following in Humility

Leader: Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly—
riding on a donkey.
In peace, you showed us the way of your kingdom.
We confess that our vision of the kingdom is not pure.
It is stained with our own selfish desires.

**People: We shout hosannas to praise you—
only out of our need to survive.
We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you—
only to strip your garment away and humiliate you.**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord,
when our mouths that seek to praise you
often deny and defy you.

**People: Renew in us an obedient spirit,
that we may fully accept and follow your will.**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, our true Hope,

All: restore us.

Leader: Our times are in your hands, O God.
Let your face shine upon your servants who pursue your will,
and save us in your unfailing love.

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