

Corporate Confession of Sin – January 17, 2016

LEADER:

Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ.

And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.

LEADER:

Father God, open our eyes,

ALL:

that we may see you in the ones we say we love.

LEADER:

Open our ears,

ALL:

that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.

LEADER:

Open our mouths

ALL:

to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.

LEADER:

Open our hands

ALL:

in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.

LEADER:

Open our hearts

ALL:

to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way.

LEADER:

We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

ALL:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

("The Agnus Dei" - 7th century)