

# Trinity 2007 – The Faces of God

## CALL TO WORSHIP



*Altar included faces of Seekers and people from around the world.*

Leader:

Come, let us gather together to worship the God of all.

All:

We look around.

Even though we're very much alike,

We show different faces to the world.

Leader:

Let us celebrate the rich wildness that is at the heart of God's creation.



All:                   Our faces would fall away  
                          until we, growing younger toward death  
every day  
                          would gather all our flaws in celebration.

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

## **COMMON CONFESSION**

Leader:               Despair rises up from the depths and we are  
blind to your presence.

People:               Holy Spirit, we need you to rekindle the light  
of hope.

Leader:               We are bowed down with remorse.

People:               Jesus, our Savior, we ask you to heal us with  
your tender touch.

Leader:               Too long have we lived with guilt, our shame  
blinding us to your love.

All:                    Merciful One, lift us up from the mire and  
bestow your forgiveness upon us.

# INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE

Leader: God says to us:

I desired you before the world began.

I desire you now as you desire me.

Where our desires are joined

There love is, I in you and you in me.

All: Amen.

# PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## JESUS PRAYER

All: Eternal One, Father and  
Mother of us all,

Holy is your name.

all Creation

Let justice and mercy fill

and let us recognize

thing belongs to you.

need for today.

sin against us.

temptation.

all that is evil.

creation with you,

that every thought and

Feed us with the bread we

Forgive our sins

as we forgive those who

Stand with us in trial and

Free us from the grip of

For you invite us into

now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN**

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**OFFERING**

**SHARED REFLECTIONS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader:                   As we go out to love and serve the world,  
                                  May the One Who is Three guide us and  
bless us.

                                  May we become the face of the Holy One  
                                  to all who meet us,  
                                  and see the face of the Holy Three  
                                  in all that surrounds us.

God                         May the peace of Christ and the love of  
                                  and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with us

                                  and among us and within us, always.

Amen.

# WORSHIP RESOURCES

Responsive Reading based on "The Faces of Braga" by David Whyte in *Where Many Rivers Meet*, pp 25-27.

Confession based on Psalm 120 from *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill p. 268

Assurance based on the poem "God Speaks to the Soul" by Mechtild of Magdeburg  
translated by Oliver Davies and found in *Women in Praise of the Sacred*

edited by Jane Hirshfield p.88

Jesus Prayer adapted by Seekers Church from *New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

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