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We welcome You to this place, Your place,
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We welcome You to our worship,
we welcome You to our lives.**

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We stand at the gates of righteousness,
a celebration of faith and trust in You.**

But on this Sunday, O God,
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and then we turn our backs on the hurting,
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**We speak up for change and justice in one breath,
and then continue unjust practices in daily lives
by what we consume and the needs we ignore.**

Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers.
Forgive us, O God, for we are part-time followers.
Forgive us, O God, when we are Christians by
convenience, not commitment.

**Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey
of faith, so that we might become whole people
who live fully as Your people,
trusting You with all our heart, soul, mind and
strength;
obeying Your commands, loyal and true to You,
listening to Your voice, and worshipping Your holy
name.**

A candle on the Lent Cross is extinguished.



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