

Confession and Assurance

One: We confess not out of shame, but to have our best liberated;
we confess as a practice of opening ourselves to truth telling more
faithfully;

We confess because we believe God is not yet finished with our
transformation.

**All: For the roads that we have blocked,
For the bridges that we didn't build,
For the empty table that we didn't fill,
Forgive us.**Confession text

One: [Pouring water into the font] Just as the waters of the earth
nourish growth and new beginnings, so too does God nourish us for
growth and new beginnings

By Jesus' life, we are assured that
the same capacities

to unblock roads,

to bridge,

to build expansive tables

live in us;

the same Spirit of courage that kept Jesus proclaiming

Love even in the face of death lives in us.

-Confession text: Carvalhaes, Claudio. Liturgies from Below (p. 72).
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