

Confessional Notes – Sheth LaRue

*The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare approach God with confidence.*

In faith¹ and penitence², let us confess³ our sin⁴ before God⁵ and one another.⁶

¹ Faith that God, who washed the world with water...
God, who razed cities with sulfur...
God, who plagued Egyptians and Israelites...
God, who sent lions and bears and fire...
God, who struck down two liars...

Faith that God, who sent angels to destroy...

...won't do the same to me?

² How low can I get to show you
my humility and sorrow? Can
I curl into a tiny ball in the corner; can
I flatten myself out on the dusty floor; can
I bow – at waist...at knees...face to ground – can
I do this a hundred million times
to show you how low I can get
in my humility and sorrow?

³ I turned my back on you
when I committed them, and now
I turned and am facing you
when I utter them. and
the pain of confessing is equal to
the pain of committing

⁴ Angry. Boasting. Contentious. Deceitful. Envy. Fearful. Greed. Hate. Idolatry. Judging.
Kneeling. Lying. Mockery. Nosiness. Ostentatiousness. Pride. Quarrelsome. Rebellious. Seditious. Traitorous.
Unbelief. Vanity. Whispering. Xenophobia. Yielding. Zealousness.

⁵ God, who chose the faithful and righteous
God, who rescued the hospitable
God, who drew out God's people
God, who protected God's own
God, who kept God's word
God, who sent angels to save...

...will do the same for me.

⁶ I – white, male, straight, poor, educated.	Sinner.
He – African, male, queer, middle-class, educated.	Sinner.
She – Honduran, female, bi-, poor, uneducated.	Sinner.
They – black, non-binary, asexual, rich, undereducated.	Sinner.

God

...will do the same for us.