

The background is a vibrant blue mosaic of small, square tiles. The tiles are arranged in a grid that recedes into the distance, creating a sense of depth. Scattered throughout the mosaic are numerous translucent, light blue bubbles of various sizes. Some bubbles are in sharp focus, while others are blurred, suggesting movement or a shallow depth of field. The overall effect is a shimmering, aquatic or ethereal atmosphere.

John 20:19-23

Accountability  
**IS** Sustainability

Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

**Step 5 of the Twelve Steps**

Sin  
→ Punishment  
→ Repentance  
→ Transformation



Sin  
→ Unconditional Love  
→ Transformation  
→ Repentance



If you forgive the sins of any,  
they are forgiven them;  
if you retain the sins of any,  
they are retained.


**John 20:23**

Forgiveness means letting go  
of the hope for a better past.

**Lama Surya Das**

Forgiveness means opening ourselves up to the hope for a better future.



The background of the slide is a vibrant blue mosaic floor, likely from a swimming pool, with numerous translucent, glowing bubbles of various sizes scattered across it. The lighting is bright and creates a shimmering effect on the mosaic tiles.

# Confession & Absolution

**Leader:** Awesome and compassionate God,  
You have loved us  
with unfailing, self-giving mercy,

**All:** but we have not loved you.

**Leader:** You constantly call us,

**All:** but we do not listen.

**Leader:** You ask us to love,

**All:** but we walk away  
from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice,  
warfare, and greed.

**Leader:** God of grace,  
as you come to us in mercy,

**All:** we repent in spirit and in truth,  
admit our sin,  
and gratefully receive  
your forgiveness  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.