

Praying with One Voice

***Common Liturgical Resources for the Anglican
Communion***

**Commended to the Churches of the Anglican
Communion by the Primates' Meeting**

Introduction

In 2018 the Task Group established by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the request of the Primates' Meeting asked the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation (IALC) to draft liturgical resources for the Anglican Communion.

In 2020 the Primates' Meeting commended two sets of liturgical material to the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Praying with One Voice contains prayers and readings around Anglican unity, to be included in any service. It also has a Eucharistic Prayer which may be used in any Church of the Anglican Communion.

A Season of Repentance originated in work offered in draft to the Primates by IALC.

The Primates suggest that the Fifth Sunday in Lent is a suitable time to focus on a season of penitence, using some of the material provided here within an act of worship.

Use of all liturgical materials in each Church of the Anglican Communion is determined by canon.

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right for your children by adoption and grace
to give you thanks and praise,
everlasting God,
source of life and holiness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
He was born as one of us,
and came to live and serve,
to teach and heal,
and to draw us to communion with you.
He gave up his life for us,
and was lifted up on the cross
to draw all people to himself.

And now we give you thanks
because you gather your children throughout the world
to be one, even as you, Father, are one
with your Son and the Holy Spirit;
and to be the body of Christ
and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the gathered company of heaven,
we praise and glorify you, saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ,
who sealed your everlasting covenant with his blood.
Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your promise,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and blood,
that we may live in him and he in us.

On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus Christ took the bread,
gave you thanks, broke this bread,
shared it with his disciples, and said,
'Take this and eat it.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this, whenever you eat it,
in remembrance of me.'

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
shared it with his disciples, and said,
'Drink from this, all of you,
for this is my blood,
shed for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore Father,
as we come together in faith
to share this communion,
we remember your love
shown in Christ, once for all, on the cross,
your power revealed in his resurrection,
and your glory which you promise at his last coming.
Accept our offering of thanks and praise.
Breathe your Holy Spirit into our lives;
Heal our wounds,
calm our fears,
and give us peace.

**All Renew us in your love,
restore us in your image,
and unite us
in the body of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory belong to you,
ever-loving God,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Post Communion prayer

Eternal God,
your Son at supper prayed that the disciples might be one,
as he is one with you.
Draw us daily closer to him,
that in common love and service to you
we may be united with one another in your Spirit
through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

All Amen.

or

Post Communion prayer (based on the Five Marks of Mission)

God of love,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
who calls us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom;
to teach, baptise, and nurture new believers;
to respond to human need by loving service;
to transform unjust structures of society;
and to strive to safeguard the integrity of your creation.
Empower us to fulfil this calling
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who, with Holy Spirit,
inspires us to mission and service,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Sentences of Scripture and Bible readings

Sentences

1. It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. *Romans 8.16*
2. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. *Romans 12.9*
3. Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. *Romans 12.10*
4. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. *1 Corinthians 12.13*
5. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5.18*
6. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. *2 Corinthians 13.11*
7. Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. *Ephesians 4.1–2*
8. Be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *Ephesians 4.3*
9. There is one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. *Ephesians 4.4–6*
10. Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. *Ephesians 4.15*
11. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. *Philippians 1.27*
12. As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. *Colossians 3.12*

13. Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other. As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. *Colossians 3.13*
14. Above all put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. *Colossians 3.14*
15. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. *Hebrews 10.23*
16. Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds. *Hebrews 10.24*
17. After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' *Revelation 7.9–10*
18. If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. *2 Chronicles 7.14*
19. Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. *Isaiah 43.18–19*
20. Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors *Malachi 2.10*

Psalms

1. Psalm 15
Those who do these things shall never be moved.
2. Psalm 46
Be still, and know that I am God!
3. Psalm 133
When kindred live together in unity.

Old Testament readings

1. Nehemiah 1.4–11
Both I and my family have sinned.
2. Isaiah 40.1–8
Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
3. Isaiah 54.1–10
With great compassion I will gather you.
4. Isaiah 57.14–21
I have seen their ways, but I will heal them.
5. Isaiah 58.6–14
Is not this the fast that I choose?

New Testament readings

1. 2 Corinthians 5.17–20
In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself.
2. Ephesians 4.1–7
One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.
3. Philippians 2.1–8
Be of the same mind, having the same love.
4. Colossians 3.12–17
Bear with one another, forgive each other.
5. Hebrews 10.19–25
He who has promised is faithful.

Gospel readings

1. Luke 6.36–42
Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
2. John 4.19–24
The Father seeks such as these to worship him.
3. John 10.11–16
There will be one flock, one shepherd.
4. John 13.31–35
I give you a new commandment.
5. John 17.1–26
That they may be one, as we are one.

Prayers for the Anglican Communion

A thanksgiving for the Anglican Communion

We thank you, loving God,
for calling us to belong to the Anglican Communion.

Thank you for our inheritance
of common prayer, ordered ministry,
and our expanding diversity
of languages and cultures.

Thank you for the bonds of affection
that strengthen our Communion,
through the Archbishop of Canterbury,
our bishops meeting at the Lambeth Conference
the work of the Anglican Consultative Council,
and the meeting of the Primates of our Churches.

Thank you for the baptismal faith we share
in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
and for the Holy Spirit poured out on all of us
without reserve or distinction.

Through times of joy and times of struggle,
keep opening our hearts to one another
with mutual understanding,
forbearance, and compassion,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A prayer for unity

God of peace,
you are the bridge-builder,
you are the opener of doors.
In Christ you break down dividing walls
and invite us to belong together.
You give more than enough love
for binding up broken hearts,
mending broken relationships,
knitting together our scraps of faith
into one communion and fellowship.

Teach us, we pray,
to see the face of Christ
not only in our friends,
but also in the faces of strangers and enemies.

Rebuke us, we pray,
when we choose separation instead of connection,
isolation instead of collaboration.

Renew us, we pray,
for a generous sharing in abundant life
with you and with one another,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

A prayer of recollection

Remember us, O God,
for we are busy, and forget you,
we are weary, and lose sight of you,
we are distracted, and inattentive to your call,
we are sinners, and deny you.

Remember us now,
and remind us again
that we are your beloved ones,
that you alone unite us,
that your grace is enough for us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!

Breathe your peace on us,
and on the whole Church of God.

Give us grace to be worthy of our calling.

May we bear true witness
to one Lord, Jesus Christ,
one faith in his death and resurrection,
one baptism that has made us members of his body,
one God and Father of all.

Banish from our hearts all bitterness and envy,
all anxiety and fear.

Pour out afresh today
your astonishing variety of gifts,
so that the body may build itself up in love.
Teach us to recognise the grace of Christ in one another,
and to bring our own treasures with humility,
for the service of others.

Come, Holy Spirit!

All Amen.