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Use these as
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Creative liturgy browsing collection

A Place at the Table

All Desires Known Janet Morley

Dandelions and Thistles ed. Jan Pickard

Friends and Enemies: a book of short prayers and how to write them

Healing- More or Less Jim Cotter

Harvest for the World ed Geoffrey Duncan

Prayer at Night Jim Cotter

Praying Like a Woman Nicola Slee

Praying with Hildegard of Bingen

Wee worship Book (Wild Goose/Iona)

Agapes



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BLESSINGS OF FOOD AND DRINK IN CREATIVE WORSHIP



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Agape or Eucharist?

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In using bread and wine it is advisable, unless in a group of like minded people who know each other well, to avoid direct references to the eucharist. If the words of consecration are used together with "body of Christ"/ blood of Christ" in passing bread and wine, and there is no ordained priest present, this is likely to trouble a number of catholic participants. They may be seeking change in the structures but their theological outlook on the eucharist may be more traditional and they can be alienated by this.

In this situation using an agape, a very early form of christian blessing of food and drink, is helpful. It is then left to each person to decide how far it is eucharistic or not, and no one's conscience is likely to be troubled.

The following pages give examples of agapes and phrases which can be used in passing round the bread and wine.

Some words for use in passing bread and wine round the circle

Bread of Sustenance,	Cup of Compassion
Food for the journey,	Cup of strength for our seeking
Bread of Life,	Wine of Renewal
Bread to strengthen you,	Cup of life etc.
Receive Life,	Receive joy

Example of agape using fruit

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AGAPE: Said together.

Wimbledon Liturgical Group

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so let your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom, for yours is the glory and the power, through Jesus
Christ for ever.

(Adapted from the Didache ix 3-4) Association for Inclusive Language

SHARING THE AGAPE

From an Agape for Summer Wimbledon L.G >

All: As we share the bread and wine, we remember the Divine
Presence of God in Jesus who gave the bread and the wine
to his friends, as he gave his body and his life.

(As you pass the bread you may wish to say -
"This is the bread of life."

& as you pass the wine - "This is the cup of compassion")

(The Agape followed by a time of silence to consider what we
have shared)

Blessing of the food

From an Agape on a theme of Justice
Christian Women's Resource Centre

All: We share this loaf today, as a sign that we are all one in the body of Christ. Just as many
grains came together into the one loaf, so we are all one in Christ Jesus. Help us to reflect the life
giving love of the Creator, Redeemer and Spirit in all our relationships and actions.

Unknown Source

Distribution of bread and wine - Let us join to say:

This cup of blessing we bless and this bread we break is a sharing in
the life of Christ. Because we break and share this one bread and cup,
we who are many become one body.

AGAPE

All: Jesus says that he is bread, and we will all be fed.

E: I bring the bread, fruit of the earth,
the rain and the sun,
symbol of all the products of the labour of people,
bread to be shared through its brokenness,
with brokenness comes healing.

All: Jesus gives us all new wine to drink.

E: I bring the wine, fruit of the vine,
crushed and poured out,
symbol of life rich and full, and hope for the future,
symbol of joy and feasting.

Through brokenness comes new life
(the bread is shared, with the words "receive life")

E. Through giving comes joy
(the wine is shared, with the words "receive joy")

Wimbledon Liturgical Group

L: We belong to one another and all creation and through this bond to Jesus, who, on the day on which he was handed over his freedom to those who would abuse him, had a meal with his friends, eating and drinking with them.

So we eat together as a symbol of sharing our common humanity.

R: We celebrate our freedom to choose, born of the breaking down of old ways

We proclaim the possibility of new life

We declare our intention to live in that hope.

L: Now we are joined together, women and men of faith, with all who seek God's freedom.

We live and together for a shared vision of cosmos in which all are free to enjoy God's generosity.

We keep alive the memory of the Crucifixion of Jesus together with his Resurrection

We root the possibility of our freedom in this experience

R: Strengthening God, take away all that prevents us achieving this;

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Strengthening God, give us true peace.

L: We pray that we will be made new to live our life in the peace born of true freedom.

We choose from these fruits symbols of God's generosity.

— We share the fruit with the phrase

Choose freely of the fruits of God's generosity

Agape using fruit. From a House Blessing (June Boyce Tillman)

Today we share bread and wine together
as a sign that we are one humanity,
as a pledge that we will work for justice,
as a foretaste of that which can be
despite what is and what has been.
May the Holy Spirit that guides us all
be present in this feast,
taking this bread and wine,
the concerns that we have expressed,
the lives that we lead,
and transforming them all
for the unity of humankind
and the service of love.

Blessed be the Eternal Sustainer.
Working with soil and elements and human toil.
Bringing forth bread from the earth.

When the bodies of others are broken,
we are broken.

Blessed be the Eternal Sustainer.
Working with soil and elements and human toil.
Making the fruit of the vine.

We are all one kin, one blood.
When the blood of others spills, our blood
is spilled.

The sharing of bread (read accumulatively)

1 This bread we break, when we eat it we are sharing in the life of Christ

+2 You are amongst us in the love we have for one another

+3 There is one loaf of bonded bread wheat

+4 So all of us, though many, are bonded as one

+5 Sharing the same loaf as a sign of your uniting, creative, sustaining presence among us

Let us take and eat (share and eat the bread)

From a CWO Annunciation liturgy, London 1996

While the Leeds CWO Group keeps the CWO liturgies archive, Ianthe Pratt through the Christian Women's Resource Centre she runs, archives inclusive liturgies from many organisations and individuals. This resource bank of liturgies is held jointly with one of our sister organisations, the Association for Inclusive language. Ianthe is a member of the CWO publications group.

Association for Inclusive Language - SHORT LITURGY BOOKLIST

The following can be obtained from Lumen Books (who liaises with A.I.L.)- 36 Court Lane London SE21 7DR Tel & Fax 0181 693 1438 (ring for appointment to visit, books by post) All prices have p. and p. included.

A.I.L. Publications

Women, Language and the Church resource pack - 60 pages £7.60 post free

Annotated book list on Liturgy 3 pages sae plus 1st class stamp. (Books about the principles of changing liturgy as well as examples, covers a wide variety of resources)

Student starter pack on inclusive language 7 items, articles, reviews, worksheets £2

" " " Widening our Imagery of God £1

(jointly with BISFT) Inclusive Language: Faith Community.- God-Talk- Creative worship £6.50
10 units of long distance learning course.

(jointly with Hildegard Press) In Praise of All encircling Love vols I & 2. inclusive songs £6 each

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USEFUL COLLECTIONS OF LITURGIES AND PRAYERS

All Desires Known Janet Morley 2nd Ed. SPCK £7.60. Prayers using a wide range of images.

Bread of Tomorrow Ed Janet Morley SPCK/Christian Aid £7.60 Subtitled "praying with the world's poor. this is an enriching collection of prayers, poems and meditations.

Celebrating Women Ed Ward, Wild and Morley. SPCK £9.99 An expanded edition of this pioneering collection of women's prayer and liturgy.

Human Rites: Worship Resources for an Age of Change Ed Hannah Ward & Jennifer Wild Mowbray £16.99 A collection of services and rituals demonstrating liturgy "from the ground up". A very useful resource.

AGAPE On a theme of Justice

Free form version of psalm 17. (each verse said antiphonally)

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and listen to our call made in the spirit of truth.

B You know what we are,
and that we seek to be faithful to you:
We search your word to find our way.
Let us walk in your footsteps
so that our feet do not slip.

A We call on you, O Creator of life
and you answer us.
Listen to our voice and show us
your loving kindness, O saviour of all who flee evil.

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Scripture Reading

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All the good things that you made
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the peace of Christ I give you today, shalom shalom (x3)

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Food Blessings / Agape

6. Invitation to the Agape Meal *(From Prayers & Poems Songs & Stories)*

We believe that all people are the children of God, and therefore have worth and dignity.

All are welcome to share in this Agape Meal, without regard for human divisions of race, sex, sexuality, class or creed.

As we prepare to follow the example of Jesus in sharing this bread and wine, let us affirm our faith:

Sisters and brothers, let us dedicate ourselves anew to live in such a way that justice may roll like waters, that peace may become real, that the dignity of all persons may be manifest.

Let us make a covenant with one another and seek to make a new beginning.

Let us declare solemnly that we are at peace with all people of good will.

We seek peace with all people.

We affirm that our security rests not in armaments.

We seek a just economic order in which everyone has access to the abundance of the earth.

We seek justice in human relationships nourished in the solidarity of the human family.

We affirm justice for all people.

We choose struggle rather than indifference.

We choose to be friends of the earth and of one another, not exploiters.

We choose to be citizens rather than subjects.

We choose to be peacemakers rather than peacekeepers.

We choose life for all creation.

We join with sisters and brothers the world over.

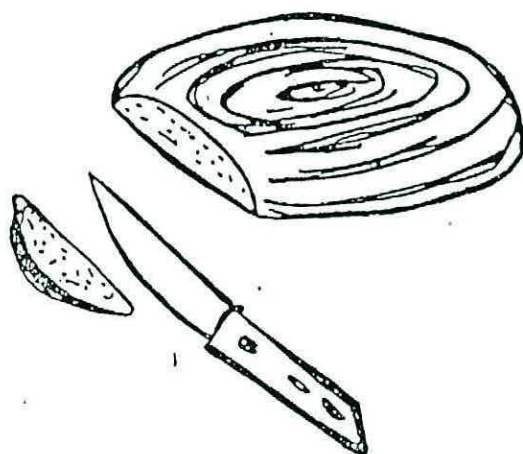
We join in communities of resistance to the threat of hunger and injustice, to the threat of nuclear destruction.

We unite to resist the powers of death.

Before us today are set life and death.

We choose life that we and our children may live.

Warren Talbot



*The 2 below are from Advent Liturgy
& Liturgy of Listening (St Joans International Alliance)*

Blessing of food and drink (taken from the agape prayers of the Didache)

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(wine is poured out)

All We give thanks to you, our creator, for this wine, remembering Israel your people, brought like a vine out of Egypt, and planted in the promised land (wine is passed round)
(the bread is broken and passed round and all say)

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Or as felt fitting.

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Words of Liturgical Song -

SONG SHEET

JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING

(Tune: Noel Nouvelet)

Now the Overblade

(Iona
Words)

Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.

4. Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets
Where each sign of hatred
His strong love defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I feel triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
'Come and walk faith's tightrope,
I will guide your feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

A Touching Place

1. Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care
And Christ is the one who meets us here.

(Iona)

CHORUS: TO THE LOST
CHRIST SHOWS HIS FACE
TO THE UNLOVED
HE GIVES HIS EMBRACE
TO THOSE WHO CRY
IN PAIN OR DISGRACE
CHRIST MAKES, WITH HIS FRIENDS,
A TOUCHING PLACE.

2. Feel for the people we most avoid -
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.
3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast
And feel for the weary who find no rest.
4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

A SONG OF PEACE written on the day of the IRA cease-fire, August 1994 on Rathlin Island off the North Antrim coast.

To the tune SLANE (usually used for 'Lord of all hopefulness').

1. Peace flowing outward and peace flowing in,
Draw peace from the centre in which we begin;
Find peace in the ending, the close of the day;
Let peace in the heart wipe the evil away.
2. Strength flowing outward and strength flowing in,
Draw strength from the centre in which we begin;
Find strength in the ending, the close of the day;
Let strength in the heart wipe the evil away.
3. Hope flowing outward
4. Joy flowing outward....
5. Love flowing outward.....

June Boyce Tillman

PRAISE WITH JOY. (Praise my Soul)

Praise with joy the world's Creator
God of justice love and peace
Source and end of human knowledge
Force of goodness without cease.
Celebrate the Makers glory -
Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry
Frees the captive finds the lost
Heals the sick upsets religion
Fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christs constant presence
Friend and Stranger Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
Liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or gender
Age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker Son and Spirit
One God in community,
Calling us to leave behind
Faith's ghettos and obscurity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
When shown Christ's vibrant unity.

3 OPEN YOUR EARS

Open your ears, O Christian people
open your ears and hear Good news
open your hearts O royal priesthood
God has come to you

1 RESURRECTION HOPE (tune - Danny Boy)

We shall go out with hope of resurrection.
We shall go out, from strength to strength to go on.
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our song of wrongs that can be righted.
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed.
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping.
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.

1: June Boyce-Tillman

chorus: God has spoken to the people
Alleluia
And the words are words of wisdom
Alleluia

Israel comes to greet the Saviour
Judah is glad to see the day
From East and West the peoples travel,
he will show the way

chorus God has spoken

They who have ears to hear the message
" " " " then let them hear
" " would learn the way of wisdom
let them hear God's words

chorus God has spoken

Bind us together

2 LOVE tune: Tell our my Soul

Chorus:

We sing a love that sets all people free,
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
Enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear.
Come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good,
That longs to serve and not to count the cost,
A love that, yielding, finds itself made new.
Come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
To be itself, despite another's wrath,
A love that stands alone and undismayed.
Come, strength'ning love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that, wand'ring, will not rest
Until it finds its way, its home, its source,
Through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed.
Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost
That seeks out shades of ancient bitterness.
Transfig'ring these, as Christ in ev'ry heart.
Come joyful love, live in our hearts today.

Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords that
cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together Lord,
bind us together with love.

1. There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body.
That is why we sing.

2. We are the family of God.
We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine

versions of We shall go out with hope of resurrection

- 1 We shall go out renewed in our commitment
To integrate creation in ourselves,
To work and trust, to hope and play and wonder
With hearts that long for world integrity.
We'll work to right the wrongs of devastation
Of humankind and all created life;
We'll dream our dreams of earth's reintegration
Within the dreamtime of a Christ who is the Way.
- 2 We'll play our games that still the hectic struggle
To win a race that all can only lose;
We'll trust the God who works from deep within us
For peace and justice, unity for all.
We'll keep alive the flame of hope within us
And wonder still at beauty yet unborn.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
Including all within the circles of our love.

Versions of Praise my Soul Tune

RAISE WITH JOY. (Praise my Soul)

raise with joy the world's Creator
God of justice love and peace
Source and end of human knowledge
Force of goodness without cease.
Celebrate the Makers glory -
Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry
Frees the captive finds the lost
Heals the sick upsets religion
Fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christs constant presence
Friend and Stranger Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
Liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or gender
Age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker Son and Spirit
One God in community,
Calling us to leave behind
Faith's ghettos and obscurity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
When shown Christ's vibrant unity.

(Praise my Soul tune)

God the Strengtheners

- 1 Praise to you, our great Creator,
You rejoice when we are strong;
Fill our hearts with loving power;
Bring us wisdom with your song.
Alleluia, alleluia,
It's to you that we belong.

- 2 Praise to you, the Christ, Transformer,
You have shared our wilderness;
Lead us to the streams of mercy,
Purify our bitterness.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Human-God of gentleness.

- 3 Praise to you, the Holy Spirit,
You can scorch us with your flame;
Forge our love within your furnace,
Burning guilt, destroying shame.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Dancing fire we cannot tame.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

The Spirit lives to set us free
walk, walk in the light
who binds us all in unity
walk, walk in the light

chorus Walk ~~walk~~ in the light (x3)
walk in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all
walk, walk in the light
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.

chorus

We know his death was not the end
walk, walk in the light
He gave his Spirit to be our friend
walk, walk in the light

chorus

The Spirit lives in you and me
walk, walk in the light
Whose light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

chorus.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both
waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord
Be thou my great parent and I thy true child
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, not others' false praise
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only first in my heart,
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Peace Flowing outward (Tune: Lord of All hopefulness)

1. Peace flowing outward and peace flowing in,
Draw peace from the centre in which we begin;
Find peace in the ending, the close of the day;
Let peace in the heart, wipe the evil away.
2. Strength flowing outward and strength flowing in,
Draw strength from the centre in which we begin;
Find strength in the ending, the close of the day;
Let strength in the heart wipe the evil away.
3. Hope flowing outward
4. Joy flowing outward....
5. Love flowing outward.....

(New the Green Blade Riset Tune)

1. Your supporting presence guides us through the night
So we can approach You, sparkling Source of light;
Shine through the mists, the dead'ning heavy clay.
Purifying Spirit, burn the dross away.

2. You are gentler weather after winter's rains,
And a wayside restplace soothing journey's strains;
Though out in front, protect us with Yourself,
You're our Destination and the Road itself.

JBT

WE SHALL GO OUT (Londonderry Air)

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.

JBT

WE SING A LOVE (Tell out my Soul)

Text June Boyce-Tillman

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To be itself, despite another's wrath,
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Until it finds its way, its home, its source,
Through joy and sadness pressing on refresh
Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today

5 We sing a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost
That seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,
Transfig'ring these, as Christ in ev'ry heart.
Come joyful love, live in our hearts today.

10. URBAN SPIRIT

1. Holy Spirit, list'ning, loving,
Breathe within our city stress;
Fill the hearts of all the lonely
With a sense of loveliness;
And enable all who listen
To respond within your breath.

(Tape)

2. Holy Spirit, caring, sharing,
Warm the anonymity;
Make of labyrinthine mazes
Patterns of community;
And enable all the caring
To respond within your warmth.

4. Holy Spirit, driving, powerful,
Blow around our city towers,
Guide the strong, support the weakened
And direct the path of power;
And enable all who govern
To respond within your strength.

3. Holy Spirit, washing, cleansing,
Flow among our city streets;
Purify the trace of evil,
Cleanse the structures of disease;
And enable all reformers
To respond within your flow.

5. Holy Spirit, singing, leaping,
Set on fire our city's heart;
Make of vibrant celebrations
A pulsating, dancing art;
And enable all creators
To respond within your fire.

26. SPIRIT OF FIRE

1. Spirit of fire, you lead the way
Through mountain and abyss,
A path that's safe, which we can trust
To lead us to our bliss.

(Tape)

2. Holy you are in giving life
To everything we know;
And, holy, too because your love
Through weeping wounds can flow.

3. Spirit of fire, infuse our hearts
With aromatic balm;
Anoint our lives with healing oil;
Preserve us from all harm.

4. Spirit of fire, you fit us well;
We need not be afraid;
As your firm garment gives support
For each one's tailor-made.

5. Spirit of fire, from you air flows,
And rivers lead their streams;
The character of burnished stones
Is hidden in your dreams.

6. Spirit of fire, you teach the wise
Your Wisdom to employ;
Their earnestness you purify;
They laugh within your joy.

7. Praise must be sung by all to you,
Who are their melody;
For you are life's symphonic song
That fills eternity.

HYMN FOR RECONCILIATION

1. The process of remaking
Within the web of life
Can set up new connections
To bring an end to strife.
The warmth of gen'rous friendship
Will soften walls of stone;
In breaking and in mending
The Love of God is known.

2. Abuse God-given freedom
Through rape, injustice, greed -
This wounding of the fabric
Will make God's body bleed.
In seeking out forgiveness
Community is grown.
In breaking and in mending
The Love of God is known.

3. God's fingers gently weaving
Within creation's heart
Will sometimes pull together
And sometimes push apart;
And so the failing patterns
Are carefully resewn.
In breaking and in mending
The Love of God is known.

4. God calls us to be weavers
And make the fabric strong
And wrestle with the shaping,
Discerning right from wrong;
And so God's rainbow loving
Within the cloth is shown.
In breaking and in mending
The Love of God is known.

June Boyce-Tillman for Winchester Cathedral October 2009 (completed Sept 24th 2009)

TUNE The Church's one foundation.

(All say together the text in capitals)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER OF VISION

1. Lord our God
gathered together around you,
we remember the old story
which has been told down the ages,
of Jesus of Nazareth,
a man who boldly dared to say to you, Lord God,
Abba, Father,
and has taught us to do the same thing.
2. O GOD, OUR LOVING CREATOR
WE THANK YOU FOR JESUS
WHO HAS CHANGED THE FACE OF THE EARTH,
BECAUSE HE SPOKE OF A GREAT VISION,
OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHICH WILL COME ONE DAY,
A KINGDOM OF FREEDOM, LOVE AND PEACE,
YOUR KINGDOM, THE PERFECTION OF YOUR CREATION.
3. We remember that
wherever your Jesus came
people rediscovered their humanity
and so were filled with new riches
so that they could give one another
new courage in their lives
4. WE REMEMBER
HOW HE SPOKE TO PEOPLE,
ABOUT A LOST COIN,
A SHEEP THAT HAD STRAYED, A LOST SON:
OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE LOST AND NO LONGER COUNT,
OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND; THE WEAK AND THE POOR
ALL THOSE WHO ARE CAPTIVE, UNKNOWN, UNLOVED.
5. We recall that
he went to search for all who were lost,

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for those who are saddened and out in the cold,
and how he always took their side,
without forgetting the others.

6. AND THAT COST HIM HIS LIFE,
BECAUSE THE MIGHTY OF THE EARTH WOULD NOT
TOLERATE IT.
AND YET, GOOD GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER,
HE KNEW THAT HE WAS UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED BY YOU,
HE SAW HIMSELF CONFIRMED BY YOU IN LOVE.

7. So he became one with you.
And so, freed from himself,
he could live a life of liberation for others.

8. AND WE REMEMBER
HOW HE, WHO LOVED US SO MUCH
AND WAS ONE WITH YOU, HIS GOOD FATHER,
IN THE LAST NIGHT OF HIS LIFE ON EARTH,
TOOK BREAD IN HIS HOLY HANDS,
BLESSED, BROKE AND SHARED IT
AT TABLE WITH HIS FRIENDS, SAYING:
"THIS IS MY BODY FOR YOU."

AND WHAT HE DID FILLED HIS HEART:
HE ALSO TOOK THE CUP AT THE TABLE,
GAVE THANKS, PRAISED YOU, FATHER, AND SAID:
"DRINK THIS CUP, ALL OF YOU, WITH ME,
FOR THIS IS MY LOVING COVENANT WITH YOU,
MY BLOOD WHICH IS SHED FOR RECONCILIATION,
THE CUP OF LIBERATION AND HAPPINESS."

9. So when we eat this bread together
and drink of this cup,
we do it in remembrance of him, your Son
who is the servant and liberator of us all,
now and ever and beyond death.

10. THEREFORE WE NOW ALSO THINK OF THE MANY
WHO HAVE GONE FROM US, ALL THE PEOPLE
WHOM WE HAVE LOVED SO MUCH
OUR FATHER, WE CANNOT BELIEVE
THAT ALL THAT THEY HAVE MEANT FOR US
WILL NOW BE LOST FOR EVER.
YOU ARE THEIR LIFE, NOW AND ALWAYS.

11. We think, too, of the world,
of all who love us in life.
Even the powerful, who have in their hands
the destiny of all, often without knowing them,
the rulers of the world and the church.
Help them and us, so that we may make this earth
a better home for us all;
so that we may make peace and be one
as you, Father, are in your Son,
and he is in you.

12. SO SEND YOUR SPIRIT UPON US
AND UPON THESE GIFTS, THE GOOD SPIRIT
FROM YOU AND YOUR SON, THAT IT MAY INSPIRE US
WHEN WE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW JESUS:
JESUS, FROM WHOM WE HAVE LEARNT TO BE FREE:
FREE FROM POWERS WHICH ESTRANGE US,
FREE TO DO GOOD.

13. As best we could, we have done what Jesus,
your witness, who knows our hearts,
commanded us to do:
to celebrate his memory.
In praise and thanks to you,
almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now too we may and dare
through him and with him and in him
to pray together, as he has taught us:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Lord our God,
your Son has entrusted to us
this pledge of his love.
We celebrate the memory
of his death and resurrection
and the gift you have given us,
the sacrifice of reconciliation.
Therefore, we ask you, Father,
to accept us, together with your Son.

Fill us with his Spirit
though our sharing in this meal.
May he take away all that divides us.

May this Spirit keep us always in communion
with N., our Pope, N., our bishop,
with all the bishops and all your people.
Father, make the church throughout the world
a sign of unity
and an instrument of your peace.

You have gathered us here
around the table of your Son,
in fellowship with the Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
and all the saints.

In that new world
where the fullness of your peace will be revealed,
gather people of every race, language, and way of life
to share in the one eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ the Lord.

Through him,
with him,
in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 13
RECONCILIATION THEME

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we praise and thank you
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
for your presence and action in the world.

In the midst of conflict and division,
we know it is you
who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.
Your Spirit changes our hearts:
enemies begin to speak to one another,
those who were estranged join hands in friendship,
and nations seek the way of peace together.
Your Spirit is at work
when understanding puts an end to strife,
when hatred is quenched by mercy,
and vengeance gives way to forgiveness.

For this we should never cease
to thank and praise you.
We join with all the choirs of heaven
as they sing forever to your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

God of power and might,
we praise you through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who comes in your name.
He is the Word that brings salvation.
He is the hand you stretched out to sinners,
He is the way that leads to your peace.

God our Father, we had wandered far from you,
but through your Son you have brought us back.
You gave him up to death
so that we might turn again to you
and find our way to one another.

Therefore we celebrate the reconciliation
Christ has gained for us.

We ask you to sanctify these gifts
by the power of your Spirit,
as we now fulfil your Son's command.

While he was at supper,
on the night before he died for us,
he took bread in his hands,
and gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:
This is my body which will be given up for you.

At the end of the meal he took the cup.
Again he praised you for your goodness,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

H O P E

- A *Abba* we praise you and we bless you
for you have made us and we belong to you.
You do not hide from us, you are not distant.
You have revealed yourself and your great love for us
in all your wonderful works.
- B We see you in the strength of mountains,
the solitude of deserts, and in gentle and refreshing rain.
We see you in the height of skies and ocean depths,
in birds that soar and fish that swim.
We see you in the hope of sunrise, the relief and rest of sunset.
All your works proclaim your love.
- A As children, surrounded and protected
by the warmth of a Parent's love,
we join all creation in rejoicing and celebrating
your great care and concern for us.
It is in this spirit that we raise our voices
and praise your name:
- All HOLY, HOLY, HOLY...
- B *Abba*, we thank you for speaking
your greatest word of love to us: Jesus Christ.
He came to show us clearly who you are
and taught us how to call you Father.
- A We are your children, your image,
and we thank you that, when we sinned,
you sent us Jesus Christ, our brother,
to free the child in each of us to grow in your life and spirit.
- B And, of all he said and did,
we thank you for his greatest gift to us,
and ask you to bless this table and these gifts
as we come together in Jesus' name.
- All On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered his friends together for a meal
and shared with them his life and love.
He took some bread and blessed it and broke it
and passed it among them saying:

- All TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND EAT IT.
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE BROKEN FOR YOU.
- " Then he took the cup of wine, said the blessing,
and gave it to them saying:
- " TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND DRINK FROM IT.
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT
WHICH WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME. (pause)
- A *Abba*, we thank you for Christ's life among us,
and the example he has left us of how to live a life of love.
We gratefully recall his death
and how he shows us a way to die to self and live for others.
- B And finally, we remember the hope we have
in Jesus' resurrection and ascension:
the hope of the seed that falls into the ground,
the hope of the grapes that yield to crushing,
the hope we cling to with childlike tenacity,
the hope of new and fuller life.
- A Send us your Spirit, Father, the Spirit Jesus promised us,
so the child in each of us can grow.
Help us rediscover creativity and imagination
and all the ways in which we can be most like you.
- B Give us your eyes and restore our vision.
Teach us to find you in the present moment you give us.
Help us to seek and find you where you are to be found
in the ordinary day to day living out of our lives.
- All We make our prayer to you, Father,
in the name of your son, Jesus, who is our hope.

THROUGH JESUS, IN JESUS, IN THE UNITY
OF THE H-SPIRIT, ALL GLORY AND HONOUR IS YOURS
ALMIGHTY GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER... AMEN

4 We rejoice in the fellowship of faith which we share with people of other creeds. And we ask the Spirit to guide and enlighten all who lead us towards the fullness of truth.

3 In union with all peoples, living and dead, we commit ourselves to the ongoing evolution of life, that goodness may triumph over evil, that pain and suffering may diminish, that justice may prevail; And may we never cease to collaborate with our creative God who begets the possible from the impossible, life from death, hope from despair, and the renewal of all creation in the eternal plan of God.

AM Through Christ, in Christ, with Christ,
We recall and celebrate God's creative love.
Made possible through the transforming power of
the Spirit, One God,
Living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

at the beginning of 1913

Eucharistic

Prayer

The Future

Blessed are you, Creator God, calling forth life from the abyss of nothingness, breathing order and beauty into the chaos of creation.
Blessed are you, God, the unfolding dream of our universe, in the range and variety of life, from inanimate to animate creatures, from the vast galaxies to the tiny specks of dust. In all you do, you call forth new life and you invite all living beings to participate in this creative task.
We acknowledge you as the source of all we are and have, and we glorify you with all celestial beings as we say: HOLY, HOLY, etc.

Group A Creator God, from the beginning of time, you call forth life, energising our universe with hope and vitality. Down through the ages you reveal your creative power in the change and transformation of life. You raise up wise and holy people to unravel the hidden mysteries of your creative love. And in due course you sent Jesus to embody in our world the Christian revelation of your Godhead.

B Sharing the faith and vision of Jesus, we gather here in the power of your life-giving Spirit to celebrate anew the sacred meal that renews our faith, and nourishes us for our pilgrim journey.

A We invoke the Spirit of God, who gathers us in worship, to look lovingly upon these gifts of bread and wine, and transform them into the Body and Blood of Jesus, to sustain and nourish us on

Celebrate/All

Upon this bread, produced from the womb of Mother Earth, we invoke God's transforming power, as we pronounce anew our Saviour's own words:
TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND EAT IT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

Upon this Cup of Wine, crushed from the grapes of nature, we implore God's special blessing, as we pronounce anew the Lord's own words, uttered at the original banquet of our salvation:
TAKE THIS ALL OF YOU AND DRINK FROM IT; THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL, SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Group B As we celebrate this sacred meal, our hearts awaken to the love and energy that animates all creation. We call to mind all that God has done in our world and we look forward in hope as life unfolds - ordered in harmony and enriched in diversity.

A As we share this sacred food, we implore the Holy Spirit to transform our inner being, that we may become more deeply attuned to God's revelation in our world today.

B As we share our pilgrim journey, we unite our thoughts and prayers with all who seek the truth, within and outside our Churches.

SONG SHEET

JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING

(Tune: Noel Nouvelet)

Now the Overblade

(Iona
Words)

1. Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you.
2. Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.
3. Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.
4. Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets
Where each sign of hatred
His strong love defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I feel triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.
5. Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
'Come and walk faith's tightrope,
I will guide your feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

PRAISE WITH JOY. (Praise my Soul)

Praise with joy the world's Creator
God of justice love and peace
Source and end of human knowledge
Force of goodness without cease.
Celebrate the Makers glory -
Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry
Frees the captive finds the lost
Heals the sick upsets religion
Fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christs constant presence
Friend and Stranger Guest and Host.

A Touching Place

1. Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love, (Iona)
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care
And Christ is the one who meets us here.

CHORUS: TO THE LOST
CHRIST SHOWS HIS FACE
TO THE UNLOVED
HE GIVES HIS EMBRACE
TO THOSE WHO CRY
IN PAIN OR DISGRACE
CHRIST MAKES, WITH HIS FRIENDS,
A TOUCHING PLACE.

2. Feel for the people we most avoid -
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
Feel for the women and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.
3. Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
Feel for the women whom men have defiled,
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast
And feel for the weary who find no rest.
4. Feel for the lives by life confused,
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
Which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

A SONG OF PEACE written on the day of the IRA cease-fire, August 1994 on Rathlin Island off the North Antrim coast.

To the tune SLANE (usually used for 'Lord of all hopefulness').

1. Peace flowing outward and peace flowing in,
Draw peace from the centre in which we begin;
Find peace in the ending, the close of the day;
Let peace in the heart wipe the evil away.
2. Strength flowing outward and strength flowing in,
Draw strength from the centre in which we begin;
Find strength in the ending, the close of the day;
Let strength in the heart wipe the evil away.
3. Hope flowing outward
4. Joy flowing outward....
5. Love flowing outward.....

June Boyce Tillman

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
Liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or gender
Age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker Son and Spirit
One God in community,
Calling us to leave behind
Faith's ghettos and obscurity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
When shown Christ's vibrant unity.

3 OPEN YOUR EARS

Open your ears, O Christian people
open your ears and hear Good news
open your hearts O royal priesthood
God has come to you

1 RESURRECTION HOPE (tune - Danny Boy)

We shall go out with hope of resurrection.
We shall go out, from strength to strength to go on.
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our song of wrongs that can be righted.
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed.
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping.
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.

1: June Boyce-Tillman

chorus: God has spoken to the people
Alleluia
And the words are words of wisdom
Alleluia

Israel comes to greet the Saviour
Judah is glad to see the day
From East and West the peoples travel,
he will show the way

chorus God has spoken

They who have ears to hear the message
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let them hear God's words

chorus God has spoken

Bind us together

2 LOVE tune: Tell our my Soul

Chorus:

We sing a love that sets all people free,
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
Enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear.
Come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good,
That longs to serve and not to count the cost,
A love that, yielding, finds itself made new.
Come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
To be itself, despite another's wrath,
A love that stands alone and undismayed.
Come, strength'ning love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that, wand'ring, will not rest
Until it finds its way, its home, its source,
Through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed.
Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a burning, fiery, Holy Ghost
That seeks out shades of ancient bitterness.
Transfig'ring these, as Christ in ev'ry heart.
Come joyful love, live in our hearts today.

Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords that
cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together Lord,
bind us together with love.

1. There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body.
That is why we sing.

2. We are the family of God.
We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine.

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Prayers on Various Themes

St John's Women's Spirituality Group June 05

Holy Weaver (each person takes a line)

Holy Weaver, Life giving Spirit

We draw near to each other in your presence.

You breathe, and we see afresh;

You startle, and we hear anew;

You cajole, and we act again with vigour.

Weave a pattern of peace between strangers,

Weave a pattern of love between friends,

Weave a pattern of hope among the hopeless,

Weave a pattern of joy among the sorrowful,

Weave a pattern of passion between lovers -

(All) For you, holy weaver, Creator, Son and Spirit

are the true lover of us all.

Bind us in your love, now and forever.

(Ruth Harvey)

All

Bread of Tomorrow

But now you have called me out and away from home
and I do not know where you are leading.

I am empty, unsure, uncomfortable.

I have only a beckoning star to follow.

Journeying God,

pitch your tent with mine

so that I may not become deterred

by hardship, strangeness, doubt.

Show me the movement I must make

toward a wealth not dependent on possessions

toward a wisdom not based on books

toward a strength not bolstered by might

toward a God not confined to heaven

but scandalously earthed, poor, unrecognized ...

Help me to find myself

as I walk in others' shoes.

(Kate Compston)

Pause

Flowing Free

The love of God

Flowing free

The love of God

Flow out through me

The peace of God

Flowing free

The peace of God

Flow out through me

The life of God

Flowing free

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Celtic Prayer

**Prayers connected with
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From Seeing Christ in others (Anthology by
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Through human lips

Christ is speaking

Through human hands

Christ is healing

Through our hearts

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Through us all

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To which I used to cling;

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Into patterns of integrity;

The wounds I cherished

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From Human Rites

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And may God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,

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Now and for ever. Amen.

Joyce Yarrow adapted from NZ prayerbook

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Thanks be to God.

From a New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and Holy
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do
You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal: you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you

CREED worked out by teenage group (Westgate CPW 1988)

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The Community of all Creation (Based on opening Service for CAFCD renew the earth campaign)

Blessed are you,
strong and faithful God.
All your works, the height and the depth,
echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning
your Word summoned light:
night withdrew, and creation dawned.
As ages passed unseen,
waters gathered
on the face of the earth
and life appeared.

When the time at last had ripened
and the earth grown full in abundance,
you created in your image
man and woman,
the crown of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech,
that all the living
might find a voice to sing your praise.

Filled with the knowledge
of your love for us
we now commit ourselves
to your service
and the renewing of all the earth.

Song Jesus Christ is Walking
(Lena)

Psalm 103

How many are your works, O Lord,
in wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches,
living things great and small.

You hide your face, they are dismayed,
you take back your Spirit, they die.
You send forth your Spirit, they are created
and you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord all my life,
make music to my God while I live.
May my thoughts be pleasing to him;
I find my strength in my God.



4 Prayer of Renewal

Response: We promise to care for your earth

For the sun that gives light and for the air that we
breathe
For the waters of the earth in rivers and seas
For the forests and fields of the land
For all animals that are threatened and endangered
For plants and flowers that are trodden under the
foot of technology

For resources on and in our land
For people who are misused for profit
For people who are denied access to your gifts
For all people who fight for justice and for peace

All: For the future we hold
for our children's children
We promise to care for your earth

5 Prayer of Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

May the Lord walk with us along the
way, and may he bless all that we do
in his name.

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Examples of Blessings

From 'All our Desires'

Blessings

O God our dance,
in whom we live and move and have our being;
so direct our strength
and inspire our weakness
that we may enter with power
into the movement of your whole creation,
through our partner Jesus Christ, Amen.

May holy Wisdom,
kind to humanity,
steadfast, sure and free,
the breath of the power of God;
may she who makes all things new, in every age,
enter our souls,
and make us friends of God,
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Easter

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless you with power to go forth
and proclaim the gospel,
Amen.

Blessed be God for the faithfulness of Mary,
who went out from the garden
to do her beloved's bidding,
who joyfully proclaimed his resurrection
to those to whom he sent her,
and risked her self in bold believing.

In her proclamation we find courage to speak out.
In her acclamation we gain strength to share our stories.
In her vindication we know the recognition of our redeemed and vindicated lives.

Make us faithful like Mary,
when faith is sent out
into the noon of Easter morning,
Until we come at last
to share in the full glory
of Resurrection day.

From 'Celebrating Women'

Eternal God, as you created
humankind in your image, women
and men, male and female, renew us
in that image;
God, the Holy Spirit, by your
strength and love comfort us as those
whom a mother comforts;
Lord Jesus Christ, by your death and
resurrection, give us the joy of those
for whom pain and suffering become,
in hope, the fruitful agony of travail;
God, the Holy Trinity, grant that we
may together enter into a new life,
your promised rest of achievement
and fulfilment - world without end,
Amen.

World Council of Churches Community of
Women and Men, Sheffield 1981

Tender God, touch us.
Be touched by us;
make us lovers of humanity,
compassionate friends of all creation.
Gracious God, hear us into speech;
speak us into acting;
and through us, recreate the world.
Amen.

Carter Heyward

The blessing of the God of Sarah and
Hagar, as of Abraham,
the blessing of the Son, born of the
woman Mary,
the blessing of the Holy Spirit
who broods over us
as a mother, her children,
be with you all, Amen.

Lois Wilson

The blessing of the most holy
Trinity

God unbegotten

God incarnate

God among us

Keep us now and for evermore.
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Women's Agape, Greenham Common,
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Statements of Faith from "Who are You Looking For?"

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In the knowledge of forgiveness and the strength to stand as God's daughters
[and sons],

In the promise of God which sustains us in what we know and invites us to travel on in
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O God, embodied in a human life,
we believe and trust in you.
Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and the powerful,
and welcomed as your friends those of no account.
Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,
you emptied yourself of power,
and became foolishness for our sake.
You laboured with us upon the cross,
and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.
*We commit ourselves to struggle against evil
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Nicola Slee

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From Renewing the earth

The Pacific Women's Creed

We believe that Creation is a gift from God, an expression of our Creator's goodness.

We believe that the resources of our lands and waters and air are precious gifts from our creator, to be used and looked after with loving care.

We believe that there is a rhythm to God's creation, like a drum beat.

When we lose the rhythm, or the drum is damaged, the music is out of tune.

We believe that as Christians, we are called to be peacemakers, in order that our world and our communities, and each person, may experience the true peace which God promises.

We believe this may sometimes mean "disturbing the peace", as Jesus did, for a purpose-to restore the purpose of God.

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Jan Berry

We believe in God

- Maker, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life,
- without beginning or end,
- whose life-giving love was let loose on the first Easter Sunday
- and whose life-giving love we share and proclaim here today.

We believe in God

- who gave up the divine life and submitted to the darkness and terror of the grave
- and who enters with us into every darkness and terror we shall ever face.

We believe in God

- who raised Christ from the death of the grave to glorious new life
- and who raises our lives from sin and despair to newness and hope again.

We believe in God

- who met the grief-stricken Mary in the garden and called her into hope by the uttering of her name.
- and who meets us in our grief and gives us courage to hope again by tenderly calling our name.

We believe in God

- who sent Mary out from the garden to be the witness and apostle of the resurrection
- and who commissions us, like Mary, to be bearers of hope and good news in our world.

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- to all women and men, wherever and whoever they are,
- loved, blessed and called by God,
- without beginning or end.

Nicola Stee
(these two last from
Who Are You Looking For)

PRAYERS ON A THEME OF WATER

Poem Envoi (verses spoken round the room)

A A stone is thrown
 into a calm lake
 and the stone makes waves
 spreading, reaching to the far side.

B Let us throw stones into the deadly calm
 of the lake that is our world, no matter how small
 is the stone,
 no matter how small is the wave.

A The stone brings awakening,
 the stone is a movement
 and the movement spreads
 when all of us
 standing on all sides
 around the lake
 keep throwing
 our little stones.

All The wave will never cease
 till the whole lake
 starts bubbling with life.

Silence

My Lord is the source of Love: I the river's course
Let God's love flow through me. I will not obstruct it.
Irrigation ditches can water but a portion of the field.
the great Yangtze River can water a thousand acres.
Expand my heart O Lord, that I my love yet more people.
The waters of love can cover vast tracts,
nothing will be lost to me.
The greater the outward flow, the greater the returning tide.
If I am not linked to Love's source, I will dry up,
If I dam the waters of Love, they will stagnate.
Can I compare my heart with the boundless seas?
But abandon not the measure of my heart, O Lord.
Let the waves of your love still billow there!

(one line each)

translated from the Chinese

All
May the earth continue to live
May the heavens above continue to live
May the rains continue to dampen the land
May the wet forests continue to grow
Then the flowers shall bloom
And we people shall live again.

Love is patient and kind

Love is patient and kind
But also demanding, dangerous, difficult,
involving nothing less than everything.

Love has something to do with feelings
but far more to do with
commitment
when life is difficult and seems impossible;
challenge
to endure the circumstances we live in;
darkness
when you are in despair and I can't help;
letting go
when I want my own way,
when I want to control.

Loving has to do with all of who I am, not just a part.
Loving has to do with seeing the wounded parts of you
and being there for you.

Listening and not interrupting.
Opening my eyes and ears not just to what you say
but to what you cannot say.

Lord, teach me to love.

From The Trampled Vineyard

*Let us be committed to giving a
voice to the voiceless, to hearing each
other's stories and to creating a
new symbolic order. SW.*

The active love of God

We are asking, by the active love of God in us, to be delivered from all evil. For that to happen we must play our part: by resisting temptation; by forgiving the faults of others; by sharing our bread. These are the conditions to be fulfilled, the tasks to be carried out in the world, if the practice of God's will is to be achieved on earth as it is in heaven. Only then will God's Kingdom become a reality. Only then will God's name be kept holy in the practice of our lives. Only then will we be true sisters and brothers in our Creator.

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MAGNIFICATS

My soul weeps

and my spirit lies battered within me
for the world belongs to the heartless imagination of the wealthy
and greed for profit and fear of war rule the earth;
the powerless go unheard and the hungry are not fed
the poor and the weak are oppressed
and great things are done in the name of this generation.
Arrogant men and submissive women
squander the inheritance of our faith
and seeds of hope are left to die in the dust.
Who will save our children for the promise of your mercy?
Who will scatter the darkness of our disobedience to the calls for justice?
You who have looked with favour on your lowly servant Mary
will redeem your people in every generation.

Glory to the one who created us and who re-creates us,
glory to the one who redeemed us and who goes on redeeming us
Glory to the one who sanctifies and sustains us, now and for ever,
Amen (Terry Garley In MOW newsletter, Oct 84)

Part of Magnificat of Acceptance (from "Miryam of Nazareth-£5 p & p inc)

Yes, forever in the life of humankind
people will sing of this loving encounter;
through remembering this moment, the faithful
will know all things are possible in God
Holy is the place within me where God lives.
God's tender fingers reach out from age to age

I have experienced the creative power of God's embracing arms
and I know the cleansing fire of unconditional love.
I am freed from all earthly authority
and know my bonding to the Author of all earthly things.

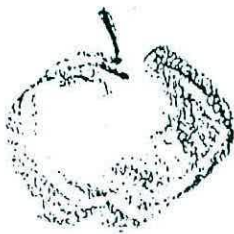
I am filled with the news of good things;
my favour with God,
faithful trust in the gentle shadow of the Most High,
the mystery of my son, Jesus,
the gift of companionship with my beloved kinswoman,
Elizabeth, who believes as I believe.....

Magnificat used in "Widening the Web" celebrated at Embracing the Base, Dec 85, adapted from Phoebe Willett's version.

My heart is bubbling over with joy
with God it is good to be a woman
from now on tell all peoples, proclaim
it is a wonderful gift to be.
The One in whom power truly rests
has lifted us up to praise,
God's goodness shall fall like a shower
on the trusting of every age.
The disregarded have been raised up
the pompous and powerful shall fall ...
God has made good the word
given at the dawn of time

penitential liturgy

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND METANOIA



WE NEED YOUR forgiveness, merciful God,
For not allowing our complacency to be shattered,
For taking refuge too often in the familiar and the certain;
For not believing in the victory of vulnerability,
For not daring to accept your gifts nor claim your promises.
Grant us true repentance.
Set us free to hear your word to us.
Set us free to serve you.

O GOD, WE bring you our failure,
our hunger, our disappointment, our despair,
our greed, our aloofness, our loneliness.
When we cling to others in desperation
Or turn from them in fear
Strengthen us in love.
Teach us, women and men
To use our power with care.

We turn to you, O God,
We renounce evil,
We claim your love,
We choose to be made whole.

Spirit of joy,
through you, Christ lives in us,
and we in Christ.
Forgive us when we forget you
and when we fail to live in your joy.
*Spirit of God, forgive us,
and lead us to life in you.*

Spirit of love,
you bind us in love to yourself
and to those around us,
in marriage, in family and in friendship.
Forgive us when we hurt those we love
and when we turn away from the love of our friends.
*Spirit of God, forgive us,
and lead us to life in you.*

Spirit of the Body of Christ,
uniting us in the church
with your life-giving grace and hope.
Forgive our fragmenting of your church
and our failure to carry your love into the world.
*Spirit of God, forgive us,
and lead us to life in you.*

Penitential Liturgy

Reader: O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Pattern of mutual love,
forgive us for failing to understand that being Church means loving well.

All: Help us to create loving community

R: God of justice and integrity, forgive us for all the times we have
not identified ourselves with the oppressed and deprived, and for the
times we have hurt others

All: Help us to uphold each other

O God the disturber, forgive us for the times when we have taken the
easy path in comfort rather than facing discomfort in spreading your
good news

Help us to be joyful announcers of the word

God, maker of both women and men in your own image forgive us for
presenting a distorted understanding of what it means to be human or
divine

Help us to mirror the truth

O God, source of all insight, forgive us our shallow understanding of
your presence, when we fail to recognise the meal taken together, the
joy or sorrow shared as a meeting with the divine. Strengthen our
understanding so that our lives become more Christlike and so draw
others to you.

Help us to recognise where You are among us.

(All) O Spirit that empowers the powerless, give us the strength to
forge communities of loving friends who seek to bring about the new life
promised in the Resurrection.

Source of Prayers:

1 & 2 from "Women Included" 3 from the WCC "In Spirit and in Truth" Worship Book,
4 from a garden eucharist on a theme "Go Tell Everyone"

Garden Eucharist on a theme of justice and the care for creation 09

Opening song: I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Naming ourselves with the Galilee stone

Opening Words from the Celebrant

Penitential prayer

Group A

Loving Creator, who has breathed your own life into your people
you have given us all creation to care for:

- the tall trees of the forest and the crops of the fields,
 - the fish that swim in the sea and the animals that roam the earth
- All the good things that you made

Group B

And we, what have we done with your gifts?
We have used the resources of the earth recklessly ;
plundered the riches of this planet with greed :
refused to share with the poor and the hungry.

All Forgive us, O Source of all our Being, and bring us back into harmony with your universe.

Group A We are called to love one another in your name,yet what have we done?
We talk about love with our lips

Group B But we pass on the other side when needs press in upon us, rules matter more than
compassion,the law than the spirit.

All Forgive us for our failure to listen to your call to show forth your love in our lives and that of the
Church.

Group A We have been called to be sisters and brothers of Christ yet, what have we done? We have
allowed the. dominations and oppressions of the world to enter Into Christ's body. –

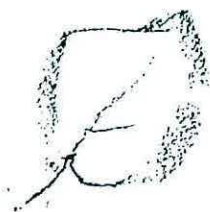
Group B We have been called to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a consecrated nation.

All Send forth your spirit into our hearts so that we may truly share with one another the work of
building up your realm here on earth.

Group A You created human beings in your own image "male and female God created them".

Group B Yet your people have treated women, made in the image of God, as inferior and defective.

Prayer of Jesus



GOD, WHO cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go. Amen.

BELOVED,
our Father and Mother,
in whom is heaven.
Hallowed be your name,
followed by your royal way,
done be your will and rule,
throughout the whole creation.
With the bread we need for today,
feed us,
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure,
spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil,
free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

GOD, LOVER of us all, most holy one,
help us to respond to you,
to create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs;
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
just as we must forgive others when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil and to do what is good;
for we are yours,
endowed with your power to make us whole.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

A prayer of commitment to continual conversion, which calls for a liberating praxis.

Note: This is a meditation where we are asked to reflect upon the Lord's Prayer, but in the reverse order.

Meditation:

We are asking, by the active love of God in us, to be delivered from all evil.

But for that to happen we have to play our part, in fact, by resisting temptation, and two specific areas of our life are highlighted.

Those of forgiveness of faults, and of sharing of bread. Note the plural, community form, in which we are to address this agenda of spiritual and material poverty. In the last analysis, what we do or don't do, will be the test of our religious practice.

These are the conditions to be fulfilled, the task to be carried out in the world, if the practice of God's will is to be achieved on earth as in heaven.

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(taken from "Vocation for Justice, Columban Fathers' Journal

A Prayer for Abundant Life

Oh God

Where hearts are fearful and confined:

Grant freedom and daring.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening:

Grant peace and reassurance.

Where impossibilities close every door and window:

Grant imagination and resistance.

Where distrust shapes every understanding:

Grant healing and transformation.

Where spirits are daunted and dimmed:

Grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

THE GLOBAL OUR FATHER

Our God who is in heaven
holy is your name in peoples across the world,
of different race, colour and religion,
in families and religious communities,
in places of work, centres of study,
hospitals and places of refuge.

Your reign come more and more
in the hearts of those who work in your name,
of those who know you least and those who have no hope.

Your will be done on earth,
in the hearts of saints and sinners
and those who have abundance from which to give the hungry,
the sick, the untaught, the homeless and unemployed.

Give us this day our daily bread
to the poor at home and the poor across the world,
the bread of truth to this disturbed generation.

And forgive us our sins, our coldness,
our constant failure to reach out
to those who are in need,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation;
Give us the grace to resist temptation to judge,
the temptation to count the cost, the temptation to fear failure,
the temptation to selfishness, to a closed mind.

But deliver us from the evil of injustice,
of war and of violence,
the evil of failing in affection, respect and support for those
who live and work with us,
deliver us from the evil of turning away from you.

Prayer (Helder Camara)

Let every word
be the fruit
of action and reflection.
Reflection alone
without action
or tending towards it
is mere theory,
adding its weight
when we are
overloaded
with it already ...
Action alone
without reflection
is being busy
pointlessly.
Honour the Word eternal
and speak
to make
a new world possible.

Parting Prayer

Order of Service for Anointing

Be at peace!
God be *your* comfort, *your* strength;
God be *your* hope and support;
God be *your* light and *your* way;
and the blessing of God,

Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
remain with *you* now and for ever.