

MOVING ON WORSHIP

A revised communion has been produced. Observations and suggestions are required by the end of March for the group to consider at their next meeting in April. Either in writing to or on line to roger@rrcollins.freeserve.co.uk please.

The principles upon which this revision were based were as follows

- **The service needed tweaking rather than rewriting**

So we tweaked Peruvian Gloria, shorter creed, and the prayer before communion

- **That we needed to replace those parts of the service that were rarely used**

Eucharistic prayer 2

Eucharistic prayer 3

- **That we could offer more choice so**

**Added an alternative creed
And an alternative prayer of prayer
Removed posture instructions which restricted choice**

Roger

THE HOLY COMMUNION

(P = President; C = Congregation)

THE GATHERING

The President may say an appropriate sentence from Scripture.

A Hymn may be sung.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

1

**All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Or

2

**All: God, you nourish us for the faith journey.
As we gather at your table,
your people here and throughout the world
offer praise and thanksgiving to you
as bread and wine are shared.
May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our worship,
bind us together as one worldwide community.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The President uses a seasonal invitation to confession or these or other suitable words.

P God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

(or)

P: Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**1. All: God of mercy ,
your love for us is strong, but our love for you is weak.
You call us to follow Jesus, but we are slow to obey.
You care for all that you have made, but we ignore the needs
of others and misuse your creation.
We are sorry for our sins.
Forgive us, and help us to please you by the way we live;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

(or)

**2. All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
Help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may act justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

(or)

3. P: I confess to God and in the company of all God's people that my life and the life of the world are broken by my sin.

All May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

P: Amen.

All: We confess to God and in the company of all God's people that our lives and the life of the world are broken 'by our sin.

P: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P: May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *us* his pardon and peace, now and for ever. Amen.

(or)

P: May the God of love and power
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(or)

P: Almighty and merciful Lord
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(or)

2. PERUVIAN GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen,
Alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen,
Alleluia amen

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen,

Alleluia amen.

The Collect (printed on the weekly notice sheet)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON/EPISTLE

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

P: The young people now leave to go their own lessons so we say to them:

All: The Lord be with you

And they reply

YP and also with you.

A hymn may be sung

THE GOSPEL

To introduce the Gospel the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to Christ our Lord.

A hymn may be sung

SERMON

THE INTERCESSIONS

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

The Church of Christ

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

The local community

Those who suffer

The communion of saints

These responses may be used

P: Lord of life:

All: hear us in your love.

or

P: Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

or

P Lord of life:

All: Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

And at the end

P: Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CREED

1

P: Do you believe and trust in God the Father who has created the universe?

All: We believe and trust in God the Father.

P: Do you believe and trust in Jesus, the Son of God, who has redeemed the world?

All: We believe and trust in God the Son.

P: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

All: We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the faith of the church:

All: We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2

P Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, both human and divine, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed

**Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon
the earth. Amen.**

3

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We**

look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The President may introduce the Peace -with a suitable sentence, and then says

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

These words may be added

P: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE TAKING OF

THE BREAD AND WINE

A Hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AT THE TABLE

1.

**All: Lord God,
we bring to you the ordinary things of life —
food and drink and money -
and with them we bring ourselves.
Take us, and our gifts of money,
to do your work in the world.
Take this food and drink from our tables**

**and feed us from your table with your love.
Accept the praise we offer;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(or)

2,

P: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May it become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

P: Blessed are you, Lord, God of
all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and the
work of human hands.
May it become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

P: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have ourselves to offer,
fruit of the womb, and formed by your love.
May we become your servants in the world.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

(or)

3P As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All: Amen.

(or)

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

FIRST EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord is here

All: His Spirit is with us.

P Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All: You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

P: In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

P: On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
His body is the bread of life.**

P: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

P As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send
your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the
body and blood of your dear Son.

**All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts
Make us one in Christ our Risen Lord.**

P With your whole Church throughout the world we offer
you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the
eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on p. 18.

SECOND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*Especially when children are
present*)

P: God is here.

All: We praise God together.

P: Let us say thank you to God

All: who has done so much for us.

P: God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.
All the good we see comes from you.
You have always loved us
but people have not always loved you.
You sent Jesus to show us how to live
and to bring us back to you again.

All: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

P: He died for us on the cross so that through your
Spirit we can all be your people. And so with
thanks we praise you.

All: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

P: We are here because on the night before he died
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread
and gave thanks to you, God.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.
"This is my body," he said.
"Do this, and know that I am with you."

All: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

P: Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
He shared it with them, and said
"This is my blood, which brings new life.
Do this, and know that I am with you."

All: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

P: And so, remembering Jesus, who died,
was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
we are glad to share that life and live in him.

All: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

P: Send your Holy Spirit
so that this bread and wine
can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,
and through this food
give us strength to live as your people.

All: Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

P: Help us care for your world and for each other
in the way that Jesus showed us.
Until he comes again,
with all your people
in every time and every land
we worship you and say:

**All: We praise you,
we thank you,
we bless you.
Amen.**

THIRD EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right,

**All: it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,**

P: holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

P: Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

P: Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

P: Therefore with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and 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.**

P: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

P: In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you

thanks;

he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever

P: Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All: Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

P: Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

P: Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

FOURTH EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We praise you, gracious Father, our Maker and Sustainer. You created the heavens and the earth and formed us in your own image. Though we sinned against you, your love for us was constant, and you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Saviour of the world. Sharing our human nature, he was born of Mary and baptized in the Jordan. He proclaimed your kingdom, by word and deed, and was put to death upon the cross. You raised him from the dead; you exalted him in glory; and through him you have sent your Holy Spirit, calling us to be your people, a community of faith. And so, with angels and archangels and all the choirs of heaven, we join in the triumphant hymn:

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.

P: Holy God, we praise you
that on the night in which he was betrayed our Saviour
Christ took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my
body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'¹ After supper, he
took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
'Drink from it, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for all people
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,

and proclaiming his eternal sacrifice,
we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving,
as we declare the mystery of faith:

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

P: Send down your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.
Unite us with him for ever
and bring us with the whole creation to your eternal kingdom.

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the power of the Holy
Spirit, we worship you in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing
and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

P: As our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as
in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive
us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the bread.

P: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **All:
Though we are many, we are one body because we
all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

(Distribution may be around the Communion table (Anglican/ Methodist patterns) or in seats (URC pattern). During the sharing of the bread and wine hymns may be sung.)

**All: We come to this sacred table,
not because we must but because we may;
We come, not because we are strong, but because we are weak;
We come, not because any goodness of our own gives us a right to come, but because we need mercy and help;
We come, because we love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.
We come, because he loved us and gave himself for us.**

P: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

The bread is given with the following, or other appropriate, words:

P: The body of Christ given for you.

1 (or)

P: The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The wine is given with the following, or other appropriate, words:

P: The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

(or)

P: The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The president may say an appropriate sentence.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(One of the following or another post-Communion prayer is said)

1.All: Lord Jesus Christ,

**you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us; renew us; remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

2. All:

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(or)

3. All:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

A Blessing may be given.

A Hymn may be sung.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

(or)

P: Go in peace in the power of the Spirit
to live and work to God's praise and glory.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**