

'GIFTED': DIOCESAN 11-14s COMMUNION SERVICE

Manchester Cathedral 23/3/07

PRESIDENTIAL TEXT

(Common Worship Order One)

¶ The Gathering

Words of welcome

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY – 'Freak or Unique' game: in small groups, the congregation share 'unusual' things they can do. Some of these are chosen to show to the whole congregation.

The Greeting

In the light of the activity – we greet each other with a new perspective on who we are!

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

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.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

1 Corinthians 12: 12-20 (Read by a young person) 'One Body, Many Parts'

All This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

QUIZ – A number of power point pictures are shown of famous people. The congregation have to guess what the people are gifted at.

ACTIVITY – ‘What are your gifts’ The congregation choose gifts they feel they have from a set of prepared paper strips with ‘gifts’ written on (eg patient, kind). These strips are placed in a ‘gift box’. There are also blank strips provided for people to write a gift they think they have, other than those on the prepared strips.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 19: 12-26 (Read by a young person) ‘The Parable of the Talents’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Talk

Story of someone misusing one of their gifts in some way..

Prayers of Intercession

The leader introduces the activities and points out that one of them will give the opportunity to think about times we’ve misused our gifts and say sorry.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1) **PENITENCE**
*Discuss ways that people misuse gifts – write/represent on one side of a piece of paper a time when you have suffered from a gift being misused, and on the other a times when you’ve caused hurt to others by misuse of a gift. Ask for forgiveness, and try to give forgiveness in your mind, then put the paper through a shredder. A priest will supervise the activity and give **ABSOLUTION**.*
- 2) **I’M GOD’S GIFT**
Make an object out of playdough that symbolises who you are and what your gifts are, then place it with everyone else’s inside an outline shape of a body – making a gift of yourself by using our gifts as part of ‘The Body’.
- 3) **A SWEET SCENT**
Young people are asked to think about committing a gift to God’s service, and thereby making it sweet. To symbolise this they take an incense crystal and, under supervision, place it in a thurible.

¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

The Peace

The leader introduces this by linking it to the 'body' that the young people all put their Playdough symbols into in the prayer activity.

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
So let us follow the ways that lead to peace and strengthen our life together.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

(cf Common Worship p290)

In pairs, congregation exchange their gift boxes and hold them up towards the altar as the Collect is said – in this way they hold their neighbour and his/her gifts up to God in prayer.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, all good gifts come from you. Guide us by your holy inspiration so that we may think good things, and do good things in your service. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

(Based on Collect for The Weekdays after the Day of Pentecost: Common Worship p406)

The Creed

The leader suggests to the congregation that our statements of faith (Creeds, Affirmations) can be seen as a way of listing and celebrating the gifts that God has given to the whole world.

A gift-wrapped box is opened to reveal a globe.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
All **We believe and trust in him.**

*The globe is placed on a table.
A gift-wrapped box is opened to reveal a cross.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
All **We believe and trust in him.**

*The cross is placed on a table.
A gift-wrapped box is opened to reveal an altar candle.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

The candle is placed on a table and lit from an altar candle.

This is the faith of the Church

All **We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

(Common Worship p144)

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*Two young people (YP) bring up the elements in a gift-wrapped box.
The leader assists by unwrapping and placing elements on the table.*

The bread is unwrapped:

Leader What shall we do with this bread?

YP 1 With this bread that we bring, we shall remember Jesus.

The wine is unwrapped:

Leader What shall we do with this wine?

YP 2 With this wine that we bring, we shall remember Jesus.

YP 1 Bread for his body,

YP 2 wine for his blood,

Leader gifts from God to his table we bring.

All **We shall remember Jesus.**

(cf Common Worship, p292)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The leader explains that more gifts will be brought to the table throughout the Prayer.

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise forever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

The leader places the globe from the affirmation on the table

All We believe and trust in God the Father.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

The symbolic shapes in 'The Body' from the prayer station are placed before the table.

All We are the Body of Christ.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

The President holds up a gift box (already on table); all hold up their boxes; verger censes them

All As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

The shredded sins from the prayer station are scattered before the table.

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

From your people you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

The cross from the affirmation is placed on the table.

All We believe and trust in God the Son.

On the night before he died he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave thanks and said: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

The candle from the affirmation is placed on the table.

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

As we eat and drink these holy gifts in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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.**

(Prayer G, Common Worship p201)

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy, gifted people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion is received.

Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty God, we thank you
for the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ –
the gift with which you feed us.**

**Through him we offer you the gift
of 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**

The Blessing

Freely, freely, you have received – now, freely, freely give!
Go into the world in Jesus' name, to share his love as he told you to.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**