

## **ABM 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LITURGICAL RESOURCES**

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### **1. ABOUT ABM**

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church. It is the channel through which Australian Anglicans participate in mission, both here and overseas. Anglicans in Development (AID) is wholly owned by ABM, and operates ABM's Sustainable Communities program, working with church partners to deliver grassroots, community-driven development, and disaster preparedness and response. We want to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ, and to this end we support our partners as they participate in God's mission.

### **Our Values**

As individuals and as organisations we embrace the following values:

- Faithfulness to God. We celebrate the capacity of every person to respond to God's love. Holding a clear Christian commitment, we respect the traditions and beliefs of other faiths.
- Integrity in every aspect of our work. We pursue transparency and accountability in all matters.
- Respect for the created order and human dignity. Our mission has its basis in God's unconditional love made known in Christ. We acknowledge our responsibility to care for Creation. We respect the dignity and vulnerability of each person and seek to emulate God's love in our relations with others.
- Wise management of our resources. Recognising the fine balance between good stewardship and compassionate action we commit ourselves to practical, equitable and merciful outcomes.
- Creativity and hard work. We believe that innovation and resourcefulness, combined with diligence, will have a powerful and positive impact on the struggle for justice.
- Relational reciprocity. In our internal and external relationships, we commit to genuine two-way engagement, shared learning, honesty and cultural sensitivity.
- Caring for and serving others. Taking our inspiration from the example of Christ who modelled love and compassion for others.

## **Our Vision**

ABM wants to see people everywhere experience  
the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ,  
and supports our partners as they participate in God's mission.

## **The Five Marks of Mission**

1. Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people,
2. Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith,
3. Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy,
4. Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation, and
5. Protect, care for and renew life on our planet.

## **ABM 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer**

Loving God, friend of this ancient and beautiful land;  
land we call home, land that calls us home.  
Bless the Anglican Board of Mission as we participate in your healing work.  
We honour our history.  
We repent of our failings.  
We commit to your future.  
May we nurture relationships of love.  
May we craft stories of hope.  
May we contribute to communities of justice.  
Grant us the wisdom to hear your voice,  
the courage to follow where you lead,  
the humility to listen to those we encounter.  
May we be blessed by those we Partner with, and be a blessing to them.  
We ask these things in the names of the three that are one.  
Creator, Redeemer, Companion. **Amen.**

## 2. HOLY COMMUNION & MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER RESOURCES

### Preamble

In 2025 we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anglican Board of Mission. It was created in 1850 by the bishops of Australia and New Zealand as a means to bring the Gospel to the Melanesian peoples. Since then, its ministry has extended both around the globe and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples of Australia.

ABM is now constituted by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia and serves as its national mission agency. In 2021 ABM formed Anglicans in Development (AID) to distinguish between its 'religious work' and 'benevolent work' and better reflect government policy.

We give thanks to God for the ministry of ABM and pray God's blessing upon it as it works with its partners to proclaim the good news of Christ both spiritually and practically to a world in need.

### Gathering

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your love  
**and renew our hearts for mission.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God;  
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your love.**

Bring forth justice and compassion through the gifts of your Spirit,  
**and renew our hearts for mission.**

The world waits for good news, hope, and peace.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your love  
and renew our hearts for mission.**

### Sentences

To all to whom I send you, you shall go,  
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

(Jeremiah 1.7b)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet  
of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news, who announces salvation.

(Isaiah 52:7)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

(Psalm 67: 1-2)

I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,  
because apart from me you can do nothing.

(John 15:5)

## **Collects**

God of all,  
bless the Anglican Board of Mission as it serves the Church in Australia  
and our partner churches overseas.  
Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice,  
your peace and your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*or*

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*or the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

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 in this hope that we have grasped;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

## **Benediction**

By the faithful witness of your Church,  
Christ's Kingdom is increased, and faith is established in the lives of your people;  
keep us strong in our faith so that we may glorify your name in word and action.  
And the blessing...

### **3. CONTEMPORARY SERVICE RESOURCES**

#### **a. Season of Creation Prayers and Resources – ABM 2023**

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#### ***'Let Justice and Peace Flow'***

##### **Confession**

Let us acknowledge before God the pain we have inflicted on the world and the future, trusting that we can be changed.

Merciful God, we are ashamed.

We have broken and despoiled what you have made.

In our greed to possess,

we have taken what is not ours, dealing death, poisoning the well of life.

We have forgotten how to live with your creation.

Choosing instead to live as if there is no tomorrow,

we have stolen from our children and grandchildren,

becoming fat on the banquet of selfishness.

We turn back to you, ready to change,

open to your leading and longing for hope.

Cleanse our betrayal. Turn to us.

Lead us from darkness into light.

Lead us from death into life.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, teach us humility and bring us home.

##### **Eucharistic Prayer**

All worship is rightly yours,

God of complexity, God of mystery, God of beauty.

You are present in the full moon over desert sands.

You drink in the birdsong of a waking rainforest.

You thunder in the wild rivers, and whisper in deep aquifers.

Author and beating heart of all things, we honour your untamed glory.

In Jesus you became the locus of life, incarnate love, enfleshed hope,  
revealing love for your prodigal people.

Where we bruised, you healed.

Where we destroyed, you restored.

Through Christ, your boundless generosity

invites us back into the family of the living.

You repudiate death, making all things new.

With firefly and whale-shark, fungi and forest, we praise you,

God of relentless mercy, lifting our voices in one, eternal song:

**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.**

We come to your table to learn again the law of love.  
Teach us to turn towards light.  
Restore your earth, renew our hearts, enable us to see and love, as you see and love.  
We thank you that in these gifts of bread and wine,  
we bear witness to the good fruit of your creation.  
Renew in us, a willingness to embrace your Spirit, as we honour and follow your Son.  
Betrayed and threatened, he gathered his friends.  
Taking bread, he blessed and tore it, giving them new words of life.  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'  
He took the cup, once more giving thanks.  
'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is present here.**

God of kindness, we celebrate the outpouring of your love.  
Enable us to be companions in your mission to restore all things.  
Rekindle our strength, that we might honour your world,  
protect your creatures and replant your garden.  
May we be messengers of love, hope and justice, until you come again.  
As we recall Christ's death and resurrection, celebrating the presence of your Spirit,  
and rejoicing in your love, we receive these mysteries with open hearts.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen**

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of life, in your grace we receive what we need each day.  
As you have met us in the ordinary things of bread and wine,  
meet us in our homes and places of work.  
In our gardens and places of recreation, renew, nourish and sustain us,  
inspiring within us a deep love for your creation.

Gentle Creator,

**May your Spirit enable us to bring healing and hope  
to a world that longs for it;  
bring justice and new ways of being to a world that craves life and love.  
May we go out in joy and be led forth in peace,  
that the mountains and hills may burst into song before you,  
and all the trees of the field once more clap their hands.**

*(Alternate version)*

God of life, we have come to you to receive all that we need.  
As we have been joined into your life, may we also join in the life of the world,  
bringing nourishment and renewal.  
Grow in us a wild river of love for all that is,  
honouring your presence in the beauty and fragility of creation.

Ever-loving God,

**set our feet upon the path of healing.**

**Let us be your repairers of the breach.**

**May we go out in joy and be led forth in peace,**

**that the mountains and hills may burst into song before you,**

**and all the trees of the field once more clap their hands**

## **Blessing**

Go in peace and with courage, singing God's song.  
Join the chorus of possibility and renewal.  
Grieve what is lost. Nurture what remains.  
Restore what will be, sowing seeds that will bring life to future generations.  
May we see in all things, the fingerprint of the Holy One, and may we rejoice;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

## **Collects**

1. Lord of justice, Lord of peace,  
wash the dirt from our feet and the blood from our hands  
that we might take our place at your table.  
Lead us to the bank of the quiet billabong,  
that we might reflect on what it means to be stewards of profligate beauty.  
Strip us of cleverness and easy words.  
Re-train our senses to see you in every scent and sound and touch  
of the world you have chosen to love.  
Make us less than conquerors, make us willing to heal.  
Through Jesus Christ, Lord of life, prophet of renewal. **Amen.**
2. Lord of lamentation, Lord of joy, break into our hearts with the Word of life.  
Lead our feet to the creeks of hope;  
lead our hearts to the shining stones of understanding.  
Help us to hear your voice in the rills and rivulets,  
leaping and dancing in refracted light.  
Lift our eyes to the Son and our hands to praise.  
Through Jesus Christ, Lord of life, prophet of renewal. **Amen.**
3. Lord of courage, Lord of awe, shake the ground beneath our feet,  
that we might understand your will and power.  
The tumbling might of your grace thunders like a waterfall.  
Still us with your majesty and draw us in to swim beneath the tumult,  
drawn to your depths, rising to breathe glory.  
Restore our strength as we work with you to revive creation.  
Through Jesus Christ, Lord of life, prophet of renewal. **Amen.**

4. Lord of wholeness, Lord of completion,  
may we be granted a vision of creation renewed.  
May we not grow weary in doing what is right.  
Let your justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
May we be caught in the mighty river of your love,  
coming at last to the sea of communion with you.  
Renew our strength, that we might soar on wings like eagles;  
run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint, until the world is healed.  
Through Jesus Christ, Lord of life, prophet of renewal. **Amen.**



**b. A Liturgy for Mission**

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*Available on the ABM website <https://www.abmission.org/resources/missional-prayers/>*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can extinguish.**

We give glory and thanks to you, O God;  
in the midst of suffering and death we find hope,  
through the gift of new life we share your wholeness  
and beyond all our endings we encounter the mystery of your love.  
To you, creative and empowering God be all thanksgiving and praise,  
here and everywhere, may we be filled with thankfulness, O God,  
all the days of our life. **Amen.**

*A Psalm and one or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks Be to God.**

Blessed are you Creator and Sustainer of the universe,  
who brings forth bread from the earth.  
You have given us your peace and set a hunger in our hearts.  
Restore our strength.  
Give new energy to tired limbs, new thought to weary minds.

**This is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!**

Lord, we are honoured that you call us your friends.  
Call us afresh to know and experience your love;

**For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!**

Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit that we may use the gifts you have given each one of us with courage and compassion;

**For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!**

Open our eyes Lord,  
to see your grace at work beyond our church buildings and institutions;

**For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!**

Help us Lord, to work with you in building communities of faith  
allowing your Gospel to be expressed in our hurting world;

**For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!**

May we proclaim afresh your faithfulness and constant love  
in a changing and uncertain world;

**For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!**

Let us see with the eyes of faith;

**For mission is seeing what You, God, are doing and joining in.  
For the building of Your kingdom and to the glory of Your name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A Gospel or other New Testament Reading as appointed.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks Be to God.**

Intercessory Prayer:

**Come to us, God of peace.**

Come with your healing and your reconciling power.

Come, that fear may be cast out by love;  
that weapons may be replaced by trust;  
that violence may give way to gentleness.

**Come to us, God of peace.**

**Come to us, God of justice.**

Come with your righteous judgments and your mercy.

Come, that we may hear the cries of the oppressed in every land;  
that we may see the suffering of the poor in our own land;  
that we may return to the way of righteousness and compassion.

**Come to us, God of justice.**

**Come to us, God of love.**

Come with your extravagant kindness and your goodness.

Come, that we may see you in the people of every race and culture;  
that we may embrace you in the lonely, the bereaved, and the rejected;  
that we may be an accepting and a caring church.

**Come to us, God of love.**

**Come to us, God of unity.**

Come with your forgiveness and your healing grace.

Come, that we may witness to reconciliation for a divided world;  
that we may gather around Christ's table as one people;  
that we may affirm one church, one faith, one Lord.

**Come to us, God of unity.**

**Come to us, God of hope.**

Come to us with your promises; come in your mysterious presence.

Come, that we may marvel at your faithfulness in past generations;  
that we may celebrate the new things you are doing among us today;  
that we may be your pilgrim people on our journey to your kingdom.

**Come to us, God of hope.**

Come to us, O God, as we gather together and pray in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray;

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Song or Silent Meditation*

Closing Prayer:

May the fire of Christ consume all indifference to God,  
The light of Christ illumine our vision of God,  
The love of Christ enlarge our longing for God,  
The Spirit of Christ empower our service to God,  
And the Blessing of God Almighty, Holy Trinity  
Be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

## 4. READINGS

### Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

### Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### Psalms 19: 1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

and its circuit to the end of them;

and nothing is hidden from its heat.

## **Psalm 96**

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvellous works among all the peoples.  
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.  
Honour and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in holy splendour;  
tremble before him, all the earth.  
Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!  
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
He will judge the peoples with equity.'  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

## **Acts 1: 1–9**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

**Acts 26: 19-23**

‘After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.’

**1 Corinthians 4: 1-5**

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

**1 Thessalonians 2: 2b-8**

For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

**Ephesians 2: 13-22**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Luke 5: 1-11**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Luke 10: 1-9**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

**Matthew 28: 16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

## 5. PRAYERS AND LITANIES

The Anglican Board of Mission:

God of all, bless the Anglican Board of Mission  
as it serves the Church in Australia and our partner churches overseas.  
Inspire its work and its vision that all may come to know your justice,  
your peace and your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(APBA)

Mission and Evangelism:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth  
and sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near:  
grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you;  
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh and hasten the coming of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(APBA)

The Rainbow Prayer:

Dear Loving Lord, Creator of all, you created us all in your own image,  
one image – many colours, one image – many cultures.  
You made us come together like a rainbow,  
separate parts but coming together in one creation.  
Help us to see the beauty you have created in each and every one of us.

Dear Loving Lord, we are your creation, hear the cries of your people.  
You gave us ears to hear and eyes to see,  
open our eyes to what you want us to see,  
help us always to look to you to see the wisdom of your ways.

Dear Loving Lord, Creator of all, you gave us hearts to love and minds to reason.  
Help us to understand our differences and grow in love for each other.  
Help us to come together as the rainbow comes together, many colours, shining as one  
creation over all the earth as you intended us to be.  
In the name of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

– Rev'd Robyn Davis

Reconciliation Prayer:

Lord God, bring us together as one,  
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.  
You made us in your likeness, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ.  
He has given us forgiveness from sin.  
Lord God, bring us together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus  
Christ,  
together as your body, your Church, your people.  
Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven,  
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.  
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. **Amen.**

– Bishop Arthur and Mrs Colleen Malcolm



Thanksgiving for the Church:

Almighty God,  
we praise you for the blessings brought to the world through your Church.  
We bless you for the grace of the sacraments,  
for our fellowship in Christ with you and with each other,  
for the teaching of the Scriptures, and for the preaching of your word.  
We thank you for the example of your saints,  
for your faithful servants departed this life  
and for the memory of all that has been true and good in their lives.  
Number us with them in the company of the redeemed in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(APBA)

Litany (1):

For the mission of the church, let us pray to the Lord our God.

For the growth of God's Kingdom in all places,  
Lord, hear us:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the ministry of the Church in making disciples of all nations,  
Lord, hear us:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the ministry of all Christians,  
that they may exercise their vocation in bringing Christ's Kingdom to all,  
Lord, hear us:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have not yet heard or believed in the Gospel,  
and those who preach and demonstrate good news.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Anglican Board of Mission and its partners,  
and all who respond to human need.

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litany (2):

We pray for the mission of the church and its work of reconciling people with God,  
transforming lives, and renewing all creation.

Almighty God, we pray for your world and humanity's place in it.  
May we have a concern for just and equitable outcomes  
that reflect your love and mercy.

Give our leaders a vision of a better world and the wisdom and courage to pursue it.  
Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, fill your people with a passion for the Gospel that wins hearts and changes lives.

Empower your church for its engagement with the wider world and inspire it through your Spirit for its work of reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, help us to demonstrate your love for all people, especially the sick, the poor and needy, the marginalised, and the persecuted.

May we follow Jesus; confronting injustice with love, inequality with transformation, and brokenness with your healing power.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all agencies that have been tasked with a special focus on the mission of the church.

Today we especially remember the Anglican Board of Mission in its 175<sup>th</sup> year.

Guide and strengthen it for its work of building your Kingdom through proclamation of the Gospel, teaching the faith, responding to need, transforming society, and safeguarding the integrity of creation.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer**

Litany (3):

God of the nations, we pray for the mission of the church.

Inspire your people with a vision of your Kingdom and a desire to extend it on earth.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Renew our bodies, hearts and minds, so that we may see your glory in all the world.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Help us to discern your calling and presence in the world so that we may work effectively for your Kingdom.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Help us to bring your Gospel of reconciliation and new life to those who despair or are in trouble.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Help us to feed the hungry with good food, refreshment, and hope.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Help us to act with courage and determination to bring justice, equity and freedom to those who are persecuted or marginalised in our society.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Help us to be generous in our support of your Church and its mission in the world.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Blessed God, who brings the renewal of all things, help us to be a catalyst for the transformation of the world by responding to the needs of all creation, and your people in mind, body and soul; through Jesus our redeemer and companion. **Amen.**

## 6. MUSIC RESOURCES

### Hymns

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord [SA 2]  
All hail the power of Jesus name [TIS 224]  
All you nations, sing out your joy [SA 4]  
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord [TIS 390]  
Brother, sister, let me serve you [SA 14]  
Clap your hands all you nations [TIS 29]  
Community of Christ [TIS 473]  
Faith will not grow from words alone [TIS 691]  
Father, whose everlasting love [TIS 213]  
Filled with the Spirit's power [TIS 411]  
From all who dwell below the skies [TIS 72]  
God has spoken by his prophets [TIS 158]  
God has spoken to his people [SA 39]  
God of freedom, God of justice [TIS 657]  
God of mercy God of grace [TIS 452]  
God, your glory we have seen in your son [TIS 461]  
Hail Redeemer, King divine [TIS 237]  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises [TIS 541]  
Hear the bells ringing [TIS 389]  
Here in this place new light is streaming [TIS 474]  
Holy Father, God of might [TIS 622]  
I will give thanks to you, O Lord [TIS 726]  
In Christ there is no east or west [TIS 459]  
In suffering love the thread of life [TIS 177]  
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun [TIS 207]  
Jesus! The name high over all [TIS 218]  
Jesus, where'er your people meet [TIS 445]  
Joy to the world! The Lord is come [TIS 268]  
Joyful the morning when Jesus Christ is risen [TIS 383]  
Jubilate Deo, omnis terra [TIS 731]  
Let all be one in mind and heart [TIS 247]  
Let us talents and tongues employ [TIS 537]  
Lift high the cross [TIS 351]  
Lo! He comes with clouds descending [TIS 237]  
Lord God, you now have set your servant free [TIS 733]  
Lord, bid your servant go in peace [TIS 324]  
Lord let me see, see more and more [TIS 681]  
Lord of life and Lord of nations [SA 63]  
Lord, the light of your love is shining [TIS 675]  
Aake me a channel of your peace [SA 66]  
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord [TIS 315]  
O breath of life, come sweeping through us [TIS 409]  
O for a thousand tongues to sing [TIS 210]  
O Lord, you are my God and King [TIS 89]  
O sing a new song to the Lord [TIS 54]

O Spirit of the living God [TIS 405]  
Our God, be gracious unto us [TIS 37]  
Praise the Spirit in creation [TIS 415]  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God [SA 75]  
Sent forth by God's blessing [TIS 531]  
Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness [TIS 60]  
Sing praise to God who reigns above [TIS 110]  
Spread, O spread, almighty Word [TIS 450]  
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord [TIS 161]  
Thanks to God, whose Word was spoken [TIS 431]  
The call of God resounding [TIS 460]  
The stars declare his glory [SA 85]  
The voice of God goes out to all the world [SA 86]  
This is the truth we hold [TIS 469]  
We are your people [SA 90]  
What shall we offer our good Lord [TIS 439]  
When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage [TIS 80]  
You servants of God, your Master proclaim [TIS 215]  
You shall go out with joy [TIS755]