

THE LIMA LITURGY

The Eucharist at the Sixth Assembly

of the World Council of Churches, Vancouver 1983.

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This liturgy was first celebrated at the conclusion of the meeting of the Faith and Order Commission at Lima, Peru, 15 January 1982. It incorporates the doctrinal convergences expressed in the text on "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry", whose maturity was unanimously approved at Lima for the reception of the churches, and includes liturgical elements from various Christian traditions. Subsequently the liturgy was celebrated in Geneva, Switzerland, 28 July 1982, as closing worship at the meeting of the WCC Central Committee.

"Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" is presently under discussion by the member churches of the WCC. For members of The Church Service Society the liturgy is published here in the hope that comments will be forthcoming.

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("P" = Presiding celebrant. "R" and Block capitals = Congregation)

SINGING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY OF ENTRANCE

OPENING HYMN

Lobe den Herren

CH3 9

(Praise to the Lord !)

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

CONFESSION

MOST MERCIFUL GOD,
WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE IN BONDAGE TO SIN
AND CANNOT FREE OURSELVES.
WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU
IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED,
BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE
AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE.
WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART;
WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBOURS AS OURSELVES.
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST,
HAVE MERCY ON US.
FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US,
SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL
AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS,
TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God gave Jesus Christ to die for us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church
and by the authority of Jesus Christ,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(A) AMEN. (sung - as below)



KYRIE LITANY

P: That we may be enabled to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace and together confess that there is only
one Body and one Spirit,
only one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyries (sung) as in "Songs of God's People" 61

P: That we may soon attain to visible communion
in the Body of Christ, by breaking the bread
and blessing the cup around the same table,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyries (sung - as above)

P: That, reconciled to God through Christ,
we may be enabled to recognize each other's ministries
and be united in the ministry of reconciliation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyries (sung - as above)

GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo ! Alleluia !
(Music as below)

Music from Taizé, France

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has two measures marked with circled 'A' and 'B'. The second staff has two measures marked with circled 'C' and 'D'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo ri a al le lu ia al le lu ia!

P: 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 take away the sin of the world:
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
have mercy on us.

Gloria in excelsis Deo ! Alleluia !

P: 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.

Gloria in excelsis Deo ! Alleluia !

L I T U R G Y O F T H E W O R D

COLLECT

P: Let us pray:

O God, our God: You have brought all spiritual and rational powers
into being for the sake of obeying your will.

We beseech you to accept the hymns which we,
in unison with all your creatures, sing to your glory.

Reward us with the overflowing graces of your bounty,
for every creature in heaven, on earth,

and below the earth bows down before you,
and every creature sings of your ineffable glory.

You are the only true and all merciful God,
and all the powers of heaven praise you,
and we glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and forever.

AMEN (sung - as at (A) above)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Response: Sung (as below)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal !
Have mercy on us.

In the style of the 11th century



A - gi - os o The - os, A - gi - os Is - chi - ros,
A - gi - os — A - tha - na - tos, E - le - i - son i - mas.

EPISTLE

Response: Sung (as below)

Zimbabwe Hallelujah

Abraham Maraire, Zimbabwe



Hal-le-lu - jah —, Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal-le-lu - jah —, Hal-le-lu - jah!
Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal-le-lu - jah!
Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal-le-lu - jah!

HOLY GOSPEL

Response:

Zimbabwe Hallelujah

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN

NICENE - CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED
(text of 381)

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,
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 FROM 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.
HE 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;
WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON
HE IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED;
HE 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.

INTERCESSION

(after each petition the congregation responds:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. sung as below)

I-to Loh, Taiwan



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

P: In faith let us pray to God our Father,
his Son Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy ...

P: For the Church of God throughout all the world,
let us invoke the Spirit and the diversity of Gifts.

Lord, have mercy ...

P: For the leaders of the nations,
That they may establish and defend justice and peace,
let us pray for the wisdom of God.

P: For those who suffer oppression or violence
let us invoke the power of the Deliverer.

P: Across the barriers that divide race from race:
Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

P: Across the barriers that divide people of different faiths:
Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

P: Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:
Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.
Lord, have mercy ...

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER

P: Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears
which deny and betray our prayers.
Enable us to see the causes of strife;
remove from us all false sense of superiority.
Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children.
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy now and forever.

AMEN (sung - as at A above)

L I T U R G Y O F T H E E U C H A R I S T

PROCESSION During the singing of a HYMN the gifts of money, bread and wine
are brought to the altar. The Assistant Ministers accompany the
Presiding Celebrant to the altar.

PREPARATION

Assistant Ministers: Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this bread,
fruit of the earth and of human labour:
let it become the bread of life.

Choir: Blessed be God, now and for ever !

Assistant Ministers: Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you are the giver of this wine,
fruit of the vine and of human labour:
let it become the wine of the eternal Kingdom.

Choir: Blessed be God, now and for ever !

Assistant Ministers: 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.

Response: Maranatha ! Alleluya ! (B - as below)



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Dialogue

- P: The Lord be with you
AND ALSO WITH YOU.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface

- P: Truly it is right and good to glorify you,
at all times and in all places, to offer you our thanksgiving,
O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God.

Through your living Word you created all things,
and pronounced them good.

You made human beings in your own image,
to share your life and reflect your glory.

When the time had fully come,
you gave Christ to us as the Life of the World.
He accepted baptism and consecration as your Servant
to announce the good news to the poor.

At the last supper,
 Christ bequeathed to us the eucharist,
 that we should celebrate
 the memorial of the cross and resurrection,
 and receive his presence as the Bread of Life.
 Wherefore, Lord, with the angels and all the saints,
 we proclaim and sing your glory.

Sanctus

(Music - as below)



Epiclësis I

P: O God, Lord of the universe,
 you are holy and your glory is beyond measure.
 Upon our eucharist send the life-giving Spirit,
 who spoke by Moses and the prophets,
 who overshadowed the Virgin Mary with grace,
 who descended upon Jesus in the river Jordan
 and upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.
 May the outpouring of this Spirit of Fire
 transfigure this thanksgiving meal
 that this bread and wine may become for us
 the body and blood of Christ.

Response: O Holy Spirit, come to us
 Fill us with your gift of grace. (sung - as below)



Institution

P: May this Creator Spirit accomplish the words of your beloved Son,
who, in the night in which he was betrayed,
took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take, eat:
this is my body,
which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them 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 for the remembrance of me.

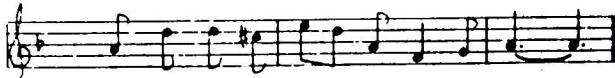
Great is the mystery of faith.

Response: Your death, Lord Jesus, we proclaim ! (sung - as below)

Pablo Sosa, Argentina



Your death, Lord Je - sus, we pro-claim! Your res-ur-rec-tion we cel-e-brate!



Your com-ing in glo - ry we a - wait!

Anamnesis

P: and Assistant Ministers:

Wherefore, Lord,

we celebrate today the memorial of our redemption:
we recall the birth and life of your Son among us,
his baptism by John,
his last meal with the apostles,
his death and descent to the abode of the dead.
We proclaim Christ's resurrection
and ascension in glory,
where as our Great High Priest
he ever intercedes for all people;
and we look for his coming at the last.
United in Christ's priesthood,
we present to you this memorial:
Remember the sacrifice of your Son
and grant to people everywhere the benefits
of Christ's redemptive work.

Response: Maranatha, Alleluya ! (sung - as at B above)

Epiclesis II

P: and Assistant Ministers

Behold, Lord, this Eucharist
which you yourself gave to the Church
and graciously receive it,
as you accept the offering of your Son
whereby we are reinstated in your Covenant.
As we partake of Christ's body and blood,
fill us with the Holy Spirit
that we may be one single body
and one single spirit in Christ,
a living sacrifice to the praise of your glory.

Response: O Holy Spirit, come to us. (sung - as below)
Fill us with your gift of grace.

Commemorations

Assistant Ministers: Guide us to the joyful feast prepared
for all peoples in your presence,
with the blessed Virgin Mary,
with the patriarchs and prophets,
the apostles and martyrs ...
and all the saints for whom your friendship
was life.

With all these we sing your praise
and await the happiness of your Kingdom
where with the whole creation,
finally delivered from sin and death,
we shall be enabled to glorify you
through Christ our Lord.

response: Maranatha ! Alleluya (sung - as at B above)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Assistant Minister: United by one baptism
in the same Holy Spirit and the same
Body of Christ,
we pray as God's sons and daughters:

OUR FATHER ...

THE PEACE

Assistant Minister:

Lord Jesus Christ, you told your apostles:
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church;
in order that your will be done,
grant us always this peace
and guide us towards the perfect unity
of your kingdom for ever. AMEN.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Let us give one another a sign of reconciliation and peace.

(Each person is invited to greet those around, saying,
for example:
PEACE BE WITH YOU.)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P: The bread which we break
is the communion of the Body of Christ;
The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
is the communion in the blood of Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

sung by the Choir

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

(The congregation is invited to come to the places
where the elements will be distributed.)

(During communion, choir and congregation sing alternately)

[Among the chants suggested was "Laudate omnes gentes" - Taize -]

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

SINGING

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(Editorial note: I am given to understand that the provision for "SINGING" at the beginning and end of the Service was intended to follow the pattern of services at the Church of the Reconciliation in Taizé where meditative chants and songs are sung by the gathering and gathered congregation before the Offices. These "singings" contribute immeasurably to the worship. TGL)

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O Lord Jesus Christ,
You were anxious for those who stood idle in the market-place
when no one had hired them.
We plead before you the needs of the unemployed
whose plight is harder to endure than the hardest work,
whose hearts are made sick by hope deferred,