

Diocese of Niagara

Contemporary Liturgy Resources

Websites

www.inclusivechurch.net/

www.moot.uk.net/

<http://www.practicingourfaith.org/index.cfm>

<http://www.klisia.net/blog/2007/07/moot-rhythm-of-life-service-st-pauls.htm>

www.emergentvillage.com/ growing, generative friendship among missional Christians seeking to love our world in the Spirit of Jesus Christ

<http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/>

http://bigbulkyanglican.typepad.com/bigbulkyanglican/a_welcome/index.html

<http://askthequestion.ca/index.html> in Oakville

<http://instituteforprogressivechristianity.org>

<http://www.resonate.ca/>

<http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/> Fresh Expressions

<http://www.stbenedictstable.ca> St. Benedict's Table in Winnipeg

<http://frwy.ca/church/> Freeway Community Church, 333 King Street, Hamilton

<http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/> a think-tank that promotes transformative theological ideas in public life

<http://www.alternativeworship.org/> changing church in a changing culture)

<http://www.emergingchurch.info/> a touching place for the emerging church; stories, reflection, discussion

http://www.iona.org.uk/goose_liturgy.php Excerpts and ideas for worship

<http://www.spiritseasons.com> Seasons of the Spirit

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/> Church of England

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/> Episcopal Church of the United States

<http://elcic.ca/> The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

<http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca/main.htm> Five Oaks United Church Education & Retreat Centre

<http://www.ccsonline.ca/index.htm> Centre for Christian Studies

Books

Iona Abbey Worship Book

This book of services and resources, previously known as The Iona Community Worship Book, reflects the Community's commitment that worship is all we are and all we do. The material is drawn from many different traditions, including the Celtic, and includes morning services and evening services (both with communion and without), alternate services (including Agape and a creation liturgy) and afternoon prayers for justice and peace, as well as general worship resources such as responses, prayers, and song texts.

Cloth for the Cradle:

Worship resources and readings for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

This book contains a wealth of worship resources: litanies, meditations, monologs, poems, prayers, readings, scripts, and symbolic actions. Its prime purpose is to allow the adult world to rediscover the stories of Christ's birth as speaking from and to adult experience, rather than merely gaze from a distance at children reenacting the Nativity.

Drawn from the work of the Wild Goose Worship Group, whose innovative and highly participatory style of worship is widely admired and imitated, *Cloth for the Cradle's* range and diversity offer a unique source of elements for lay and clerical worship planners and enablers.

Stages on the Way

Worship Resources for Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Similar to its companion *Cloth for the Cradle* (for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany), *Stages on the Way* contains a wealth of worship resources including litanies, meditations, monologs, poems, prayers, readings, scripts, and symbolic actions for the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. The book's resources trace Jesus' road to the cross and reflect the hope, apprehension, and desolation of the time, ultimately leading to the unexpected, deep joy of the resurrection. Through this journey, we truly *experience* Easter.

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Present on Earth

Present on Earth is the third volume in a special series of worship resources from the Iona Community. While *Cloth for the Cradle* dealt with Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany and *Stages on the Way* addressed the Easter season, *Present on Earth* was created for Ordinary Time. The prayers, dialogues, meditations, and worship ideas in this book cover the three years of Christ's earthly ministry. Drawn from the work of the Wild Goose Worship Group, *Present on Earth* is another fine example of the Iona Community's innovative and highly participatory style of worship. A unique and wonderful resource for lay and clerical worship planners and enablers!

A Wee Worship Book

Revised and republished by popular demand, A Wee Worship Book from the Iona Community is ready in its fourth edition. This edition includes five morning liturgies, two daytime liturgies, five evening liturgies, two eucharistic liturgies, one liturgy with prayers for healing, and fourteen chants (full music versions) appropriate to the liturgies.

The introductory section also provides hints on how to best use the liturgies with guidelines for planning, leadership, and environment, as well as suggestions for use of music, the Bible, conversations, and symbolic action.

A Wee Worship Book has been used extensively worldwide by lay leaders, bishops, youth groups, house groups-absolutely everyone and anyone exploring transforming, creative, and participative worship. This is the one you've been waiting for!

Pictures of God: An act of worship about images

Wild Goose Resource Group

Sweet Honey & Hard Place: Prayer services based on the Psalms

Wild Good Resource Group

Iona Dawn: Through Holy Week with The Iona Community

Ed. by Neil Paynter

The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community

Ed. by Kathy Galloway

An anthology of worship in the Celtic tradition from the Iona Community; liturgies, prayers and other resources

Thinking Out Loud: Collected Scripts from Radio 4's "Thought for the Day"

John Bell

For four years, John Bell has been a contributor to Radio 4's Thought for the Day, attempting to offer a religious perspective on matters of current social and international importance. Sometimes affirming, sometimes controversial but always contemporary, these short reflections represent the prickly interface between faith and politics from the perspective of a Christian believer.

Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Holy Week and Easter

Ruth Burgess & Christine Polhill

includes a Lent discipline, liturgies, responses, prayers, poems, reflections, meditations, stories, stations of the cross, sermons, monologues and songs - for Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week; includes some all-age resources. Material by Iona Community members, associates and friends

Friends and Enemies: A Book of Short Prayers & Some Ways to Write Your Own

Ruth Burgess

Collected short prayers about friends, enemies, relationships and the particular moments and places of our lives

A Book of Blessings and how to write your own

Ruth Burgess

A collection of blessings for the people, sadnesses, artefacts, special occasions and journeys of our lives. It also explores the tradition of blessings, including biblical and Celtic, and offers ideas and resources to encourage readers to write blessings of their own, with suggestions for how to organise a blessings workshop.

He Was in the World: Meditations for Public Worship

John Bell

Twenty five meditation covering a range of personal, pastoral, and biblical themes

Holy Ground: Liturgies and Worship Resources for Engaged Spirituality

Neil Paynter & Helen Boothroyd

All ground is holy ground - city streets, housing estates, shanty towns, playgrounds, prisons, shopping malls... This book presents liturgies and worship resources on a range of subjects and concerns - globalisation, food, water, HIV/Aids, the environment, interfaith dialogue, the arms trade, prisoners of conscience, 20th-century martyrs, homelessness, racism, gender, living in community, youth, children, ageing... written by Iona Community members, associates and friends; by folk engaged in the life of the world. A book for anyone searching for worship material that reflects the world we live in.

Gathered and Scattered: Readings and Meditations from the Iona Community

Ed by Neil Paynter

Blessed Be Our Table: Graces for mealtimes & reflections on food

Graces that invite us to recommit ourselves to act in justice each time we join in the simple sharing of a meal.

Reaching for Rainbows: Resources for Creative Worship

Ann Weems

Always full of joy and hope, these litanies and poems are ideal for individuals looking for devotional readings to use privately or share with a group.

Get Up Off Your Knees: Preaching the U2 Catalog

Ed. by Raewynne Whitely & Beth Maynard

This book collects thoughtful and provocative sermons based on U2s work from preachers across the international church spectrums.

Ruth Duck

Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship Editor and contributor with Maren Tirabassi.

Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship Editor and contributor.

Bread for the Journey: Resources for Worship Editor and contributor.

Finding Words for Worship: A Guide for Leaders

Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting

Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl

From the team that wrote "Now the Feast and Celebration," this new setting of Holy Communion features lyrical melodies and modern, accessible language. The Tree of Life Setting includes traditional parts of the liturgy plus a new gathering song, "Beneath the Tree of Life," a new offertory song, "Come, Let Us Bring," (based on the LBW hymn "Come, Let Us Eat"), and a new post-communion song, "By Your Hand You Feed Your People." This service offers the form of the historic liturgy, with singable new music and hospitable language.

Many of the songs in this collection are dedicated to personal mentors in Marty's life, including well-known professor of music Weston Noble. *Beneath the Tree of Life* was commissioned by the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, as part of a jubilee gathering rite.

The Gods Aren't Angry

Rob Bell (recorded on location from The Gods Aren't Angry Tour – 1:29:04)

Where did the first caveman or cavewoman get the idea that somebody, somewhere existed who needed to be worshipped, appeased and followed? And how did the idea evolve that if you didn't say, do, or offer the right things, this being would be upset, agitated, or even angry with you? Where did religion come from?

Everything is Spiritual

Rob Bell (1:17:52)

In the Hebrew Scriptures there is no word for "spiritual". And Jesus never used the phrase "spiritual life". Because for Jesus and his tradition, all of life is spiritual. So what does that mean?

Messy Church: Fresh Ideas for Building a Christ-centred Community

Lucy Moore

Messy Church is bursting with easy-to-do ideas to draw people of all ages together and help them to experience what it means to be part of a Christian community outside of Sunday worship. At its heart, Messy Church aims to create the opportunity for parents, caregivers and children to enjoy expressing their creativity, sit down together to eat a meal, experience worship and have fun within a church context.

Ted Loder

Tracks in the Snow: Tales Spun From the Manger

Presents a powerful new view of the ancient story, giving voice to unusual witnesses of the Nativity

Guerillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle

Tough, beautiful, earthy, grace-filled prayers to lighten your heart, challenge your thinking and touch your life.

Arts and the Spirit: The Role of Art in Faith Formation

Ed. by Mary Anne MacFarlane and E. Ann Fleming

Invites you and your congregation to explore how the arts can enhance your faith life, congregational life, worship and programs.

Edward Hays

Chasing Joy: musings on life in a bittersweet world

Prayers For a Planetary Pilgrim

I'm Still Dancing: Praying Through Good Days and Bad

Rose Tillemans, C.S.J.

These passionate, whimsical, upbeat and touching prayers express faith in the God of quiet gifts and of refreshment, of laughter and of justice, of refuge and of joy.

Creative Worship 1 and 2

Compiled by Ian Price

Gertrude (Trudy) Lebens

Out of the Fire: Worship and Theology of Liberation

A challenging collection of theological reflections and inclusive worship services modelling an intentional transfer of emphasis from ordained leadership to a leadership by and with the whole community; rooted in integrity, passion for the Good News and respect for the people of God.

Salted with Fire: Radical Healing for an Apocalyptic Age

Reflections, sermons & meditations explore the connection between biblical passages and the lives we lead

Celebration: Banners, Dance & Holiness in Worship

Lora Allison

Sharing the Banquet: Liturgical Renewal in Your Parish

Paul MacLean and Douglas Cowling

A book about the power of symbolic story and symbolic ritual; reminding us that good liturgy, of its very nature, speaks to the child in each one of us, and is indeed an invitation from God to share the banquet.

Ancient Songs Sung Anew: The Psalms as Poetry

Translations by Lynn Bauman

All Desires Known

Janet Morley

A collection of inclusive language prayers, written from a woman's perspective

Blessing New Voices

Prayers of Young People and Worship Resources for Youth Ministry

Don't be misled; useful resource for anyone looking for contemporary worship

The Circle of Life: The Heart's Journey Through the Seasons

Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

Exploring the relationship between the seasons of the earth and the seasons of our lives through reflections, poems, prayers and meditations

The Worshipping Life: mediations on the order of worship

Lisa Nichols Hickman

The author delves into the life of worship seeking to reveal its rhythms and order.

The Book of Uncommon Prayer: Contemplative and Celebratory Prayers and Worship Services for Youth Ministry

Steven Case

Living the Christ Life: Rediscovering the Seasons of the Christian Year

Mangan, Wyse & Farr

Prayers, rituals, meditations, storytelling and activities

Keri Wehlander

Circles of Grace: Worship and Prayer in the Everyday

A collection of complete worship services includes themes of courage, healing, freedom, wonder, compassion and wisdom

Joy is the Banquet: Resources for Everyday Worship

Prayers, litanies, song suggestions and biblical passages – easy devotions for small groups, retreats or special events

Courage for Hallelujahs: Alternate Resources for Lent and Easter (editor)

A collection of prayers, meditations, litanies, intergenerational events and worship services emphasizing a new way to approach these seasons

The Little Book of Prayers

Ed. by David Schiller

God Has A Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time

Desmond Tutu

Christyn & Joyce have used excerpts from this book in several worship services as adjunct readings to the Scripture

Prayers to Share: Responsive Prayers for each Sunday of the Church Year

David Sparks

Includes: call to worship, opening prayer, prayer of confession, words of assurance, offering prayer, commissioning prayer

Emergent Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations

Dan Kimball

Focuses on the steps church leaders can take when creating multisensory worship gatherings to reach new generations using several examples from emerging churches

Worship Feast: 100 Readings, Rituals, Prayers and Guided Meditations

Worship Feast: 50 Complete Multi-Sensory Services for Youth

Worship Feast: Complete Worship Outlines for Lent and Easter

Worship Feast: 8 Easy-To-Learn Dances for Worship

Worship Feast: Prayer Stations

A video introduction to prayer stations including instructions for developing a prayer room, 6 prayer-station instructional videos, meditation sheets for each station, 8 original songs and photos to use in a worship slide show

A Place in God's Heart A Place at Christ's Table

Worship resources for the Welcome Church movement

Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship

Maren Tirabassi & Maria Tirabassi

Nine chapters of seasonal materials, three chapters of sacraments and services, seven chapters oriented by theme;

More Voices

A supplement to the United Church's Voices United

Sing the Journey

Mennonite hymnal

Silver Screen Sacred Story: Using Multimedia in Worship

Michael Bausch

Balances practical concerns such as finances and architecture with attention to theological integrity and the challenges of sustaining media-enhanced worship

Sanctuary: Where Heaven Touches Earth...A Group Resource for Those Seeking Simplicity, Silence & Nurture

Trisha Watts & Gabrielle Lord

A creative, practical and easy-to-use resource including prayers, reflective quotes, Bible verses, music and rituals that engage the senses, move the emotions, and challenge the mind to look at life from a variety of angles

What Would Jesus Sing? Experimentation and Tradition in Church Music

Help for the traditional parish or church musician ready to explore many other kinds of music and multiple ways of making music

Staging the Story: New Plays for Worship and Church Gatherings

Sally Armour Wotton

Organized around seasonal themes, this is a collection of liturgical plays dramatizing the readings; how to adapt each script to a variety of church spaces, using movement & improvisation for entrances/exits and how to employ colour, fabric, and symbols effectively

With All Thy Mind: Worship That Honors the Way God Made Us

Robert Glick

When worshippers assemble, they bring with them remarkable differences in aptitude, temperament and preferences. Coming to terms with this diversity is essential.

The Work of the People: What We Do in Worship and Why

Gilbert, Grundy, Myers & Perdeu

Explains the structure of worship, the actions and words we use in liturgy, the environment in which it happens; what we are doing and why

Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada

A New Zealand Prayer Book

The Gathering: resources for worship planners

The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language

Other

Encounters On The Edge: Discoveries about fresh expressions of church from The Sheffield Centre #29 -38

**geez: holy mischief in an age of fast faith
quarterly magazine**

**Little *Red* Words (in between the prayers) A worship planning resource
Church of the Resurrection**

Pewshots 1 & 2

From kevinmills.com

Photos for worship service power point presentations

Various bulletins with prayers or whole liturgies by liturgy writers: Lynne Corfield, David Howells, Christyn Perkons

Creation Labyrinth & Chartres Labyrinth

Wild Goose Worship Group CDs

One is the Body

I Will Not Sing Alone

Sent by the Lord

Innkeepers & Light Sleepers

Many & Great

Come All You People

There is One Among Us

Cathedral Singers Conducted by John Bell

Songs from the Iona Community

Take This Moment