

World Communion Sunday Worship Resources At Your Fingertips

The Worship Sourcebook is a unique resource now available for the traditional or liturgical church's worship service needs. Filled with beautiful prepared prayers, stirring liturgies, and useful service plans, it provides an alternative to the Book of Common Worship (PCUSA) that is aimed more broadly in terms of global resources for Reformed and evangelical churches. The companion CD contains the entire 800-page text for easy cutting and pasting into bulletins, overheads, and orders of worship. The Worship Sourcebook is a perfect tool for exploring traditional worship in a classroom setting.

New! Thematic Index! The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019 (AWA 2019) offers fresh worship planning resources for all who plan and implement weekly worship. Worship leaders "need to offer prayers, prepare an order of worship, select music, and even prepare a sermon. Into that weekly task, we offer this resource to strengthen your ability to lead creatively and prepare consistently." Liturgies and prayers are also included for New Year's Day, Ascension Day, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve. Using a theme based on the lectionary readings from the Common English Bible, each week's offering of prayers and litanies follows a basic pattern of Christian worship: Invitation and Gathering Proclamation and Response Thanksgiving and Communion Sending Forth With the purchase of the print book, the entire resource text is available in downloadable, searchable PDF format. Now more than ever, The Abingdon Worship Annual is a must-have sourcebook offering countless opportunities for planning meaningful and insightful worship.

The Africana Worship Book, Year C, contains new calls to worship, liturgies, prayers, litanies, offertory prayers, doxologies, choral readings, creeds, chants and benedictions. The compilations are related to Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary. This volume invites the whole church to become open to the fresh movements of God in the midst of corporate worship. Included with book is a bound-in CD, making it easy for congregations to reproduce the material for use in worship.

Marisol and her neighbors turn a vacant New York City lot into a lush community garden.

In a world of bountiful food yet increasing food insecurity, we are called to remember that all creatures have a place—and may be fed sustainably—at the greatest, communal table offered by our planet.

The pew edition of the prayer book of the Anglican Church of Canada. Includes: the Divine Office; Baptism and Reconciliation; the Holy Eucharist; the Proper of the Church Year; Pastoral Offices; Episcopal Offices; Parish Thanksgiving and Prayers; the Psalter; and Music. (ABC).

This versatile collection provides a wealth of supplementary material to help you customize Common Worship services for any locality, age group, special occasion or festival. It offers:

- Advice and guidance on planning, preparing and structuring services.
- Over 250 pages of prayers and liturgy, conveniently organised by function, e.g. Gathering and Greeting, Praise and Thanksgiving, Action and Movement.
- 22 easy-to-adapt sample services for eucharistic, non-eucharistic, all-age worship and seasonal services.

"Who is missing?" Mark Stamm asserts that this a a question the church should ask every time its members gather around the Lord's Table. He reminds readers that "participation in the Lord's Supper is not a ritual that we perform as isolated individuals, rather we do it with the whole church in mind, even those who cannot attend." In *Extending the Table*, Stamm discusses historical, theological, and pastoral questions surrounding the subject of home communion serving to support participants in understanding and appreciating the significance of this ministry. While Stamm consistently presents information that reminds readers of the importance of "extending the table," he also addressed questions and concerns that arise in serious discussions of celebrating this sacrament outside church walls. Ultimately, Stamm suggest a model for home communion ministry that takes into account scriptural teachings, historical understanding, and spiritual needs.

Sing a new song! The book, *Songs of Grace*, includes over 70 new hymns written to be sung to the tunes of many well loved and well known hymns. The new words offer expression of hope, celebration and spiritual enrichment. Accompanying each new hymn is a devotion or meditation to be used in reflection of the melodic prayers. The hymns are written to celebrate the ministry of a wide range of church activities, from older adult ministries and stewardship to social justice and many other topics in between.

Published during the tenth anniversary of the Book of Common Worship (1993), *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* is a practical guide, answering questions such as how do I use the Book of Common Worship to its fullest advantage? and how can the Book of Common Worship form a congregation into a community that glorifies and enjoys God?

The Guidelines' booklets, one for each ministry area, are tools that enable you to help get new lay leaders off to a good start. Each booklet includes the basic "job description" for the leader as well as practical "how-to" information important to implementing ministry effectively. Brief and to the point for the busy, but spirit-led leader, these Guidelines take some of the unknown out of leading these ministry areas. One booklet for each title makes up this set of 26 Guidelines, perfect for making them available to all church members. The twenty-six Guidelines, one for each ministry area, cover church leadership areas including Church Council and Small Membership Church; the administrative areas of Finance and Trustees; and ministry areas focused on nurture, outreach, and witness including Worship, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Christian Education, age-level ministries, Communications, and more. The download file of a product is copyrighted just as a print resource is copyrighted. In the case of the Guidelines Set of 26, the purchaser can extract one copy of each booklet for an individual to use. (For example, one copy can be extracted for the chair of the stewardship committee; one for the person responsible for adult ministries; one for the lay leader). Additional copies are purchased separately as needed. Download files for each individual booklet are sold separately, just as print copies of the booklets are sold separately.

The Bible's version of leadership is pretty different from—and sometimes alien to—that of the business world. It is also dissimilar from our usual assumptions about what makes a great leader in

the church, where we tend to focus on preaching ability, strategic hutzpah, and managerial savvy. But what if the Bible actually points toward a different set of characteristics necessary for leadership? What if our weakness is an essential qualification? Do we know our limitations, our inabilities? Do we see clearly our vulnerable, broken selves? Do we really believe that God's strength is perfected in our weakness, and do we lead with that as a core belief? James Howell's *Weak Enough to Lead* is not a list of "leadership principles" from the Bible. This book is an examination of stories about leaders from the Old Testament, where we discover not only them but ourselves. How does family dysfunction or depression or tragic bad luck or larger historical forces figure into the leadership equation? How do biblical characters prosper despite themselves or stumble even while being holy? Can we get inside the head, heart, and the actual administration of King David and reckon with his strength and foibles? How is strength in leadership almost always the downfall of the biblical leader? What kind of leader would Jesus, Esther, Moses, Jeremiah, or Paul be today? Howell explores the careers, struggles, joys, and devastations of various biblical leaders, believing that immersion in scripture's stories is what modern Christian leaders need—not to succeed so much as to be God's people in the world. He roots this unique exploration of leadership in a prayer of Jehoshaphat: "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

This paperback volume contains all the contemporary language Collects and the prayers to be said after Communion, for every Sunday and every major and lesser festival in the year. It provides both the original collects from the Common Worship Main Volume and the Additional Collects on the same page for convenience and ease of use.

The key question in planning all ages worship is: "How can we share the Bible passages and their message, visually and actively, in ways that will keep children involved as well as inspire adults?" Usually we are looking for a drama, or a parade, or an experience that can involve the whole congregation. Once we have that in place then the hymns, prayers, and so forth come quite easily. This book includes such resources for use on special days when children are present.

Ready-to-use Communion services suitable for Sunday morning and other special occasions.

Introduces young readers to Catholic beliefs as expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Gifts in Open Hands contains a wealth of multicultural liturgies, prayers, affirmations, blessings, and poetry by people from the global community. These beautifully written pieces can be used in worship and celebration of sacraments, sacred seasons, and all other occasions in the life of the church.

Anderson provides a brief, user-friendly introduction to the meaning of Holy Communion as understood and practiced in The United Methodist Church. He addresses basic questions about Holy Communion. Another wide-ranging collection of resources, including material for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Holy Week. Also includes a reflection, meditation and prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day; resources and ideas for remembering the Bible with women; prayers by and for kids; all-age resources for Pentecost and Ascension, and Christmastime; harvest prayers; a meditative look at climate change, the sacredness of all life and human responsibility; a blessing for a new car; stories and reflections for the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel; a reflection and prayer on racial justice; prayers for Remembrance Sunday; a reflection, meditation, and ideas for taking action on homelessness ...So - as always with the Iona Community - worship which is contextual, prophetic, with a strong justice and peace edge. Originally published as single digital downloads.

It's been said that prayer is the vocabulary of faith. This book offers a wealth of resources from forgotten places to help us create a new vocabulary for worship and prayer, one that is located amidst the poor and the major issues of violence and destruction around the world today. It is a collection of prayers, songs, rituals, rites of healing, Eucharistic and baptismal prayers, meditations and art from four continents: Asia-Pacific Islands, Africa, Americas, and Europe. *Liturgies from Below* is the culmination of a project organized by the Council for World Mission (CWM) during 2018-2019. Approximately 100 people from four continents worked with CWM, collaborating to create indigenous prayers and liturgies expressing their own contexts, for sharing with their communities and the rest of the world. The project was called "Re-Imagining Worship as Acts of Defiance and Alternatives in the Context of Empire". The author and others spent weeks living in each of four communities for several weeks/months, getting to know the people, and then facilitating the people's own creation of prayers and liturgies. The author, other scholars, pastors, artists, activists and students all came from radically different ethnicities, races, sexualities, churches and Christian theologies. The people in each location were poor, living in very challenging communities, living in oppressive and seemingly hopeless situations. After some time, they wrote prayers and stories of their experience trying to live the Christian faith in utterly abandoned places. What we have here is an immensely rich and varied collection of liturgical sources from various communities dealing with issues of violence, immigration/refugees, drugs, land grabbing, war on the poor, attack on women, militarization, climate change, and so on.

The services and resources in *The Iona Abbey Worship Book* reflect the Iona Community's commitment to the belief that worship is all that we are and all that we do, both inside and outside the church, with no division into the 'sacred' and the 'secular'.

A lyrical story about how looking back is helpful when you start looking forward. . . . A young girl thoughtfully considers her family tree and the vibrant ancestors who populate it. As each family member's story is revealed, her quiet meditation—about what kind of person she'll be when she grows up—transforms into a testament to the importance of sharing family stories. The simple, elegant narrative combined with Sean Qualls's evocative art makes for a wonderful read-aloud experience.

Children's Sermons: Just in Time! offers preachers and worship leaders a ready resource for children's sermons with stories and object lessons. These children's sermons are geared to spark interest and attention and teach children about the Christian faith.

Lectionary texts for reading the daily office using the Revised Standard Version translation of the Bible.

Where denominational hymnals feature beloved, traditional hymns, the *Upper Room Worshipbook* is a wellspring for newer or previously unpublished ecumenical selections. A rich source of versatile liturgies, psalm settings and prayer songs, this new edition of *Upper Room Worshipbook* is ideal for use at retreats, with choirs, and by individuals who want to enrich their personal devotional practices. The fresh collection is an essential resource for congregations who are experimenting with classical worship forms such as Evensong or Taizé. Each section contains suggestions for using music and for introducing liturgies into the worship experience of a community. The book features inclusive language and a music index.

Once again, author Ralph Milton brings his enormous talent as storyteller to the task of retelling biblical stories. Based on the bestselling *Family Story Bible*, the *Lectionary Story Bible* includes many new and wonderfully engaging stories from both the Hebrew and New Testament scriptures. At least one, but usually two stories from the lections are included for each Sunday of the church year making *Lectionary Story Bible* a complete lectionary resource for Christian educators, camp leaders, worship leaders, and families who want to share their faith at home. The book also includes a scripture index of the stories included in the collection, for non-lectionary settings and uses. Adept at handling even difficult material, Ralph Milton writes stories that are positive and life-affirming, use inclusive language, and portray a

