



Anglican Diocese of
Canberra & Goulburn

A Communion Liturgy
For
Hope25

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The Hope25 Story

Hope25 is an initiative of the Anglican Church Australia. The Standing Committee of General Synod identified Evangelism as one of its strategic priorities before the next General Synod. They requested the Mission and Ministry Commission to plan a season of Parish-based evangelism in 2025. Hope25 – Hope in an Uncertain World is that project.

Hope 25 is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus.

The priest says:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The deacon may say:

Lord God who speaks to us the Word of hope.

We gather to hear your voice.

Incarnate Christ who shows to us the way of hope.

We gather to celebrate your story.

Holy Spirit who nurtures in us the life of hope.

We gather to know your presence.

Trinity of hope meet with us here through word and song, bread and wine, **and draw us deeper into your eternal dance of life.**

Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The deacon says:

Come, Holy Spirit of God,

and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

After a period of reflection

Come, let us return to the Lord saying:
**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest says:

God who has called us is faithful,
and will not remember our sins.
Your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as you have been forgiven. **Amen.**

*A song of praise (for example, 'Glory to God in the highest')
may be said or sung.*

Hope25 Collect:

God of Hope
you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain
world; by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*All sit for the Reading from the Old Testament or as appointed.
After each reading the reader may say*

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

A Psalm, hymn or anthem may be sung.

The Reading from the New Testament (other than from the gospels).

A hymn may be sung.

All stand for the Gospel Reading.

The deacon or other reader may say

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The reader says:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
[chapter... verse...]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence may follow.

On Sundays the Nicene Creed or the Apostles Creed is said or sung, all standing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and the Church

Holy God of healing,

We hold hope for healing of all that is broken in our communities, our nation and in the world. We long for a world where robust equity allows thriving and inclusion of all.

God of hope, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God of comfort

We hold hope for comfort when we do not sense your presence where we desire to find you, and guidance to see your presence, where, in our stubbornness, we refuse to look.

God of hope, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God of the outcast,

We hold hope for those who experience distress, isolation, and loneliness. We long for a world where those who feel forgotten due to poverty, illness, caregiving, incarceration, persecution, and depression, experience your love through our actions

God of hope, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God of community,

We hold hope for the needs and concerns of those gathered here, the hopes expressed by those who pray and leave their messages, and those hopes carried without the words to name them.

God of hope, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers may conclude with this or another suitable prayer, or the Lord's Prayer if it is not used later.

Lord, hear our prayers.

Use us by your grace so that the world is changed for good and you are known and loved as the Lord of hope. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The priest says:

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bread and the wine for the Holy Communion are placed on the Lord's Table.

The priest says :

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Generous God whose story and song
are now and always the hope of the world:
We praise you for the stories of creation
and incarnation, redemption and resurrection.
We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling
waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing
the eternal music of hope.
And we join our voices now in that great song of love
and adoration that creation sings back to you.

**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.]**

This bread is a sign of hope
it tells the story of dying and rising,
of breaking and sharing, of nourishment and
strengthening, of Jesus' body being more than enough.

On the night before his death,
Jesus took bread and broke it with friends,
saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

This wine is a sign of hope
it holds a story of dying and rising, of pouring and
sharing, of refreshment and renewal, of Jesus' blood
being more than enough.

On the night before his death, Jesus took wine, and
sharing it with his friends, said, 'This is my blood of the
new covenant which is poured out for many. Do this in
remembrance of me.'

As we share these holy gifts, we remember the Lord
Jesus. For the love he shared with us, and the hope he
now gives us, and so we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

And now, faithful God,
send down your Holy Spirit on us and our celebration,
that the story of hope, of your death and rising to new
life and the fruit of the kingdom,
may continue on in us, and through us.

Send us as your messengers into the world
and fill us with energy, courage, hope and love.

Now to you, most holy God,
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power,
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

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

If the Lord's Prayer has not already been said it is said here or after the Communion.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one
bread:

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts
with thanksgiving.

This is the table of our Lord on which he sets his gifts of love and hope and to which he calls all who want to share his life. So come, whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive, for all are welcome at the feast of love.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says:

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, God of all hope: we thank you for opening our hearts to hear words of hope. Continue to move in our hearts so that we may be bearers of that holy hope to a hurting world, renewed and replenished to faithfully do the work you have called us to do.

Send us forth as a people restored by your grace and renewed by your Holy Spirit so that all that we may be strengthened by this meal, to share the Good News of the hope that we have in Christ to neighbours and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ.

The priest continues:

May the God of hope fill you with every joy in believing. May the peace of Christ abound in your hearts. May you be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The deacon says:

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Notes

1. If this service is used on a Sunday, the Nicene Creed or Apostles' Creed should be said in the usual place.
2. Where readings from both the Old and New Testament are provided, one may be omitted (cf Note 6, *APBA* page 164). The Gospel is always read.
3. The Notes regarding Holy Communion (First Order and Second Order) in *A Prayer Book for Australia*, page 117 and pages 164-165 also apply to this service.

Adapted from:

- Bennett, Pat, 2010. *A Communion Liturgy from Iona Abbey on the Theme of Hope*.
- *An Order of the Holy Communion (2009, revised). The Anglican Church*.
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