

# Liturgical materials for use during the Commonwealth Games 2014

## **Propers at a Eucharist for the Commonwealth**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, by whose providence we are bound in fellowship as a commonwealth of nations: Give us, we pray, such unity of heart, that being joined as one in a common purpose of truth and love, justice and peace, we may be strong to further your holy will; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Readings**

Isaiah 2: 1–5

Psalms 122

*Refrain:* I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord'.  
[or 'Let us go to God's house.']

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Matthew 28:16–20

### **Material for insertion in Eucharistic Prayer I**

As children of your redeeming purpose,  
called to bring all things in heaven and on earth  
into a perfect unity in Christ,  
we offer you our praise,...

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all the world; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Or*

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, you alone make your household and family to be of one heart and mind: we bless your holy Name for the family of the Commonwealth, asking you to grant to all of us grace, that we may obediently walk in the way of your commandments; and leading lives in truth and peace, may continually offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing ...

## Prayer for the Games

Almighty God, you have created us in your image  
and blessed us with diverse gifts:  
give us grace in these Commonwealth Games  
to celebrate the sporting talents bestowed by you;  
grant discipline and purpose to competitors and teams,  
a grateful heart to those who win,  
and grace to those who do not gain the prize,  
that in all our dealings with one another,  
the fellowship of nations may be strengthened  
in bonds of peace and love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Readings suggested for services during the Games

Genesis 1: 26–31a

Genesis 32: 22–30

Joshua 1: 1–9

Psalm 8

*Refrain:* O Lord our governor,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!

Psalm 124

*Refrain:* Our help is in the name of the Lord

I Corinthians 9: 24–27

Philippians 3: 12–21

Matthew 13: 44–53

Matthew 25: 14–30

Mark 9: 33–37

Luke 12: 22–34

## Hymns suggested for services during the Games

*All people that on earth do dwell  
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Come all you People  
God is Love: let heav'n adore him  
God is working his purpose out  
Fight the good fight  
In Christ there is no east or west  
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Let all the world in every corner sing  
Let us build a house where love can dwell  
Sing to the world of Christ our sovereign Lord  
We have a gospel to proclaim*

## **A Litany at the time of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games**

*This Litany may be used on its own, or as the Intercession at the Eucharist.*

*[Presiding priest or minister]*

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*[Deacon or other lay minister]*

For peace, harmony, and unity in all the world,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Queen Elizabeth II, the family of the Commonwealth,  
and for all the leaders of the nations,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For each competitor and team,  
and for all who coach and support them.  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the city of Glasgow,  
and for all places where events are being held,  
let us pray to the lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all officials and adjudicators,  
and for all volunteers,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all visitors to our country  
and for all who are hosting them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the churches of Scotland  
and for all who seek sanctuary in them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who worked for peace and unity through sport,  
whose earthly life has ended,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the company of Andrew, patron of Scotland,  
Mungo, patron of Glasgow,  
Patrick, Ninian, Columba, Margaret, and all the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, and one another,  
and all our life, to God.

*Silence is kept*

*[Presiding priest or minister]*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory,  
the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. **Amen.**

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD  
FOR USE DURING THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

*The words in **bold** are said by all.*

**PREPARATION**

**1** Hymn

**2 GREETING**

The Lord be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

*(Ruth 2.4)*

*A brief introduction to the service is given here.*

**3 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS**

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:  
**to our God, who will richly pardon.**

*(Isaiah 55.7)*

*A time of silence is kept, followed by*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness.

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness.**

Have mercy on me, O God:  
according to your loving-kindness.  
I know my transgressions:  
and my sin is ever before me.

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness.**

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure:  
wash me and I shall be clean indeed.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God:  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness.**

*(From Psalm 51)*

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,  
to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Collect for Epiphany 5)*

Blessed is the Lord:  
**Who has heard the voice of our prayer.**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:  
**And in our song will we praise our God.**

*(From Psalm 28)*

*EITHER*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia!**

*OR*

**Glory to God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia!**

**4 Hymn**

**5 COLLECT**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words: 'Let us pray for the Commonwealth'.*

Almighty God,  
by whose providence we are bound in fellowship  
as a commonwealth of nations:  
Give us, we pray, such unity of heart,  
that being joined as one in a common purpose  
of truth and love, justice and peace,  
we may be strong to further your holy will;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### 6 READING(S) FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

*A selection is made from the readings given for use during the Games. A reading from the Gospels should always be used.*

### 7 SERMON OR other Exposition of the Word

### 8 REFLECTION

*A time of silence, which may be followed by music, such as an anthem, or a meditative congregational song.*

### 9 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*If the service is taking place during the week, the Affirmation of Faith may be omitted.*

#### EITHER

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OR

Do you believe in God the Creator,  
who made the world?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Saviour,  
who redeemed humanity?

**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Sanctifier,  
who gives life to God's people?

**I believe.**

## PRAYERS

### 10 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*[Presiding minister]*

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*Silence is kept*

Let us pray for the unity of all peoples on earth  
in the words our Saviour has taught us:

*EITHER*

**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.  
Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

OR

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **11 OFFERING**

*During a hymn, song, music, or silence, the people's offering may be collected, and the following prayer may then be said.*

Generous God,  
accept the offering of your people  
for the work of your Church,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONCLUSION**

## **12 ACT OF DEDICATION**

Fight the good fight of the faith;  
take hold of the eternal life,  
to which you were called  
and for which you made the good profession  
in the presence of many witnesses.

*(1 Timothy 6.12)*

Tell it out among the nations: 'The Lord is King!'  
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He will judge the peoples with equity.  
**'The Lord is King!'**  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Tell it out among the nations: 'The Lord is King!'**

*(Psalm 96.10)*

**God of all the nations,  
may we who long for your appearing,  
fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(2 Timothy 4.7-8)*

### 13 Gloria in Excelsis, Te Deum *OR* Hymn

### 14 DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

*(Ruth 2.4)*

Almighty God, by grace alone  
you call us and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(Collect for Epiphany 3)*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

*(2 Corinthians 13.14)*

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