

Early in the triennium, the Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision communicated with every diocesan bishop, encouraging each bishop to create a diocesan liturgical commission and share with the Task Force the name of the chair or a contact person in the diocese. As the Task Force learned of diocesan liturgical commissions it posted that information on its website www.episcopalcommonprayer.org. In February 2020, the Task Force published guidelines for diocesan liturgical commissions.

Through the diocesan liturgical commissions and social media, the Task Force invited worshiping communities and individuals to submit new liturgical materials. Over the course of three meetings (in-person and online), Working Group I reviewed twenty-four (24) submissions of alternative liturgical texts or sets of texts. Using the *Principles to Guide the Development of Liturgical Texts* and the *Guidelines for Expansive and Inclusive Language* as developed by the Task Force, each submission or collection was evaluated to determine if it satisfactorily met all criteria of the *Principles* and *Guidelines*. Every submission was read by each member of Working Group I for review of language and theology. Most submissions were read aloud within Working Group I to hear their cadence and literation.

Of the twenty-four submissions, six were found to meet the full requirements of the *Principles* and the *Guidelines*. These six are commended to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for its continued review. The following is one of the six examples:

A Eucharistic Prayer Based on The General Thanksgiving (BCP p. 101)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider Continues

God of all mercies,
we your children give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing (say),

Celebrant and People
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it,
or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or
place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our
Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks
to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take,
eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; 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. Whenever you drink
it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now Christ's suffering and death
and proclaiming his resurrection and ascension,
we bring before you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. AMEN.