

Appendix B: Worship Working Group Order of service/Liturgy Framework

Guide to the Preparation of the Liturgy

This framework aims to assist leaders in the preparation of liturgy. It contains the main elements of liturgy as recommended by the Worship Working Group, providing the congregation with a familiar 4- part structure and gives leaders flexibility, allowing for individual expression. Leaders should feel comfortable to adjust elements of the liturgy in accordance with how they wish to structure the worship service.

- Content, including readings, affirmations, prayers, music, and rituals, are at the leader's discretion.
- Services should be planned for around one hour long.
- The *Together In Song (TIS)* reference should be included in the liturgy. Where alternative words to TIS music, or a song not in TIS, are to be used, the words should be included in the liturgy.
- Services can commence with music (prelude) and/or the use of a gong struck 3 times.
- It is up to the leader whether to include the words of prayers.
- The leader can decide whether to use the liturgy readings for the relevant week, choose another scriptural source, or utilise a non-biblical reading.
- The reflection/message should be limited to around 10 minutes.
- It is up to the leader whether to incorporate children into the service, whether as a separate conversation or as active participants in a part of the liturgy.
- Communion will be incorporated into the service around once a month. Communion can be incorporated early or later in the service at the leader's discretion.
- The use of a candle during the Prayers of the People can be limited to those occasions where a Service is focussed on an aspect of caring, or when a special situation where care and reflection is needed.
- The leader can decide on whether to close with an affirmation, song, notices and postlude, or alternatively an affirmation, postlude and then notices.



WODEN VALLEY UNITING CHURCH

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Service location: Curtin/Pearce

Title

Optional illustration

10 a.m. Worship

Date Month Year

Leader: Name
Reader: Name
Music: Name
Welcomers: Names

Jesus practiced radical inclusion! All are welcome here.

We Gather as People of God

The Gong sounded 3 times

Prelude Music

Lighting the Community Candles

Acknowledgement of First Peoples

- *Suggested words:* We acknowledge that we are worshipping on the land of the Ngunnawal people. They made their land sacred, as we have made this place sacred. We honour their elders - past and present - and continue to work for reconciliation and justice for all.

Call to worship

- Liturgy and Congregational Response inserted here.

Hymn/Song (title & source) (*People stand as they are able*)

- Lyrics inserted here if TIS is not used.

Welcome & Introduction

- *Suggested words:* A warm welcome is extended to all. An especially warm welcome to those who are worshipping at Woden Valley Uniting Church for the first time, or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.
- Refer to printed liturgy- congregational responses in bold
- Refer to those attending via zoom (Monash and elsewhere)
- Fellowship hour following worship.

Prayer for Living Attentively

- Prayer or Liturgy is inserted here.

Passing the Peace (Alternative words and responses may be used)

- *Suggested words:* The Peace of God be with You.
Response: And also with you.
- Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

Hymn/Song (title & source) (*People stand as they are able*)

- Lyrics inserted here if TIS is not being used.

Holy Communion (can be inserted here or later)

- Insert Communion Liturgy

We Reflect on the Word for our time

Readings from the Bible and the World Around Us

- Readings from Lectionary/ and /or alternative readings. Optional number of readings and sources, including: Bible, Psalms (may be sung or spoken), contemporary texts...
- Conclude the readings (suggested/optional words: For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us....)

Response: Thanks be to God

Reflection (approx. 10 mins)

Silence for Personal Reflection OR Music for Reflection

We Respond to the Word

Affirmation:

- Insert Affirmation here
OR
- **Hymn/Song (title & source)** (*People stand as they are able*)

Offering

- Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and beyond, will now be received. (*Refer to Covid routine: the offerings bowl is placed near hall entrance/exit for individual donations and acknowledge that other donations are made e.g. electronic & in-kind*)
- **(Response optional)**

Prayers of the People

- May be spoken/read by leader or other (suggest addressing major global issues, national issues, local issues, and congregational issues).
- Congregation members may be invited to contribute matters of prayer or concern at the leader's discretion.
- **(Response optional)**

The Lord's Prayer/The Abba Prayer

- Insert words of prayer for whole congregation to say

We Go out into the World

Words of Mission (Optional)

- Liturgy and Response (*We may wish to seek the blessing of God for particular congregational activities*).

Blessing

- Liturgy and Response.

The Community Candle is extinguished

Postlude: *remind congregation to stay seated*

'This week' at Woden Valley Uniting Church

Notices

Significant birthdays, anniversaries or events (eg: decade birthdays)

Fellowship

Morning tea is now served.

You are invited to share in the time of fellowship.

References for OOS: illustration; CCLI licence#546647; sources etc

Order of Service has congregation responses printed in **bold**