**WORSHIP RESOURCES**

*Introduction These worship resources were gathered together to help congregations and worshiping communities of this church celebrate our connections and common mission in Christ’s global church.*

*The texts and prayers included below help bring to expression our understanding that we are united by the Spirit of God through the means of grace with our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world.*

*The texts and prayers may be adapted for local celebrations. These prayers may be tied to specific people in global service with the ELCA. You can share real-life stories from the global church — and then pray for those involved — with the regularly updated resources at* [*www.ELCA.org/resources/gobalchurch*](http://www.elca.org/resources/gobalchurch)*.*

**Gathering Dialogue (based on Ephesians 4:4–5)**

*This dialogue may be used at the beginning of the service or following the greeting before the prayer of the day.*

Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit,

**the Spirit of God in the church throughout the world.**

There is one body and one Spirit

**one Lord, one faith, one baptism**

one God and Father of all,

**who is above all and through all and in all.**

Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit.

**Let us gather in unity with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*The congregation response below, “Kyrie,” may be sung using ELW #153, 155, 158 or another appropriate setting.*

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues with the prayer of preparation.*

God of all mercy and consolation,

come to the help of your people,

turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin,

receive your forgiveness,

and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

in baptism you have joined us to Christ in his death and resurrection,

and you have united us with all who are baptized in Christ’s name;

but too often we fail to live as one people and to seek the unity of your church.

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison** *or* **Lord have mercy.**

In baptism you have called the church to witness to Christ in all realms of life;

but too often we do not seek to discern your will

and to carry out your mission in the world.

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison** *or* **Lord have mercy.**

In baptism you have sent us to serve all for whom Christ died;

but too often we have ignored the suffering

of the oppressed and the needs of the poor.

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison** *or* **Lord have mercy**

The presiding minister announces God’s forgiveness with these or similar words.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen**.

**Thanksgiving at the Font**

*This thanksgiving may be used during at the gathering or during an Affirmation of Baptism by the Assembly.*

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.

Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.

You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys

to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom.

In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock,

and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*ELW Assembly Edition, page 70*

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

ELW Assembly Edition, page 68

**Propers for Christian Unity**

*The following readings, prayers and texts may be used for a service that celebrates the unity we share with Christians throughout the world.*

*Preface of the season or Sunday Color of the season*

**Prayer of the Day**

God our Father, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation Alleluia.**

Bear with one anoth- | er in love,\* making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the | bond of peace. Alleluia. (Ephesians 4:2–3)

**Readings and Psalm**

Isaiah 2:2–4

Psalm 133 How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Psalms 133:1)

Ephesians 4:1–6

John 17:15–23

**Kyrie**

Nkosi, Nkosi 153

Kyrie 158

**Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest 164

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah 172

**Holy, Holy**

Holy, Holy, Holy Santo, Santo, Santo 473

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Santo, santo, santo, santo 762

**Suggested Hymns and Songs**

Amen, We Praise Your Name Amen siakudumisa 846

Arise, My Soul, Arise! Nyt ylös, sieluni 827

At Last, Lord Ahora, Senor 203

Behold, How Pleasant Miren qué bueno 649

Blessed Be the Name Heri ni jina 797

Come, All You People Uyaimose 819

Come Now, O Prince of Peace Ososo, Ososo 247

For the Beauty of the Earth 879

God Extends an Invitation Nuestro Padre nos Invita 486

Golden Breaks the Dawn Qing zao qilai kan 852

Goodness is Stronger than Evil 721

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema 401

Hallelujah!  We Sing Your Praises Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona 535

Heaven is Singing for Joy El cielo canta alegria 664

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather Sekai no tomo to te o tsunagi 530

In Christ Called to Baptize 575

In Christ There Is No East or West 650

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love 708

Jesus, We Are Gathered Jesu, tawa pano 529

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet Vamos todos al banquete 523

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ 674

Listen, God is Calling Neno lake Mungu 513

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed 463

O Living Breath of God Soplo de Dios Vivente 407

O, Sing to God Above Cantemos al Senor 555

Oh, Sing to the Lord Cantad al Senor 822

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord 875

Praise to the Lord Louez l’Eternel 844

Send Me, Jesus Thuma Mina, Nkosi yam 549

Send Me, Lord Thuma mina 809

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Vengo a ti, Jesus amado 489

Take My Life, That I May Be Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad 583

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth Enviado soy de Dios 538

The Peace of the Lord La paz del Senor 646

The People Walk Un Pueblo que Camina 706

This is My Song 887

United at the Table Unidos en la Fiesta 498

Veni Sancte Spiritus Holy Spirit, Come to Us 406

We are Marching in the Light Siyahamba 866

We Are All One Christ Somos uno en Cristo 643

When We Are Living Pues sí vivimos 639

You Are Holy Du är helig 525

*Numbers correspond to Evangelical Lutheran Worship. For more global song resources, see the “Global Songs” collections by Bread for the Journey: Global Songs/Local Voices, Global Songs 2, Pave the Way, Global Songs 3, available from Augsburg Fortress at* [*www.augsburgfortress.org*](http://www.augsburgfortress.org)*.*

**Additional Prayers**

Church unity

Most high and holy God, pour out upon us your one and unifying Spirit, and awaken in every confession of the whole church a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 389)

The human family

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 398)

The mission of the church

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ’s mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 392)

Global mission

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. (ELW Occasional Services, page 392)

Immigration Taskforce

Peace Not Walls

World Hunger

Companion Synod

Peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 393)

Peace

Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 393)

Peace among the nations

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through JesusChrist our Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 393)

Prayers to accompany stories of the global church

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you send to witness in word and deed among the nations. Bless name/s in the work you have called her/him/them to do, so that she/he/they may faithfully accompany those among whom she/he/they are sent, show your love to all people, and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 257)

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called name/s to ministry in global context/s. Grant her/him/them joy and a spirit of bold trust, that her/his/their work may stir up in the church throughout the world lives of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (ELW Occasional Services, page 256)

**A Litany of Thanksgiving**

For people, families, communities and churches around the world who pray to you in every language, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in Asia, the Americas and Europe who speak Spanish, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord.

**Gracias. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in India who speak Hindi, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord.

**Shuckreeya. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in North Africa and the Middle East who speak Arabic, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you, Lord. Shuckran. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in Europe, Africa and South America who speak Portuguese, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you, Lord. Obrigado. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in East Africa and Central Africa who speak Swahili, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you, Lord. Asante. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in Asia who speak Mandarin, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you, Lord. Sheh sheh. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in West Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas and the Pacific Islands who speak French, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you, Lord. Merci. We thank you, Lord.**

For neighbors in the United States and companions in South America who speak Quechua, we thank you, Lord.

**We thank you, Lord. Sulpayki. We thank you, Lord.**

We thank you, Lord, for our companions in the global church who are engaged in Global Ministries of evangelism and education, for International Leaders who are furthering their development through scholarship, and for those Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission from our own church who are called to walk with our global companions. May these global relationships flower into the justice and peace you desire for all humankind and all the earth. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**