

# A LITURGY FOR WORLD MISSION

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. THIS LITURGY CAN ALSO BE USED AT OTHER TIMES. FEEL FREE TO ADAPT THIS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR CHURCH

Opening Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign* #544

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One or Rite Two  
The Word of God p. 323 or 355

Gloria *(Anglican Church of Kenya, BCP, 1989)*

Leader: Glory to the Father

People: **Glory to the Son**

Leader: Glory to the Spirit

People: **Forever Three in One**

Leader: Be glorified at home

People: **Be glorified in church**

Leader: Be glorified in earth

People: **Be glorified in heaven**

Leader: Glory to the Father

People: **Glory to the Son**

Leader: Glory to the Spirit

People: **Forever Three in One**

Leader: Hallelujah

People: **Amen.**

Collect *The Scottish Episcopal Church, BCP, 1928*

Leader: Let us pray for Missionaries in distant lands.

People: **Brethren pray for them;**

Leader: That the word of the Lord may run and be glorified.

People: **O God our Savior, who wills that all people might be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: Prosper we pray thee, our brethren who labor in distant lands, Protect them in all perils; support them in loneliness and in the hour of trial; give them grace to bear faithful witness unto thee; and endue them with burning zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness, and finally obtain a crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4

Psalm 96 p. 725

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Sequence Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* #528, v1-2,5

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Sermon** Some sermon ideas: 1. Jesus carried out the ministries prophesied by Isaiah and commissioned his disciples and church to do the same in their hometown, throughout their nation, across cultural barriers, with the church overseas and among all peoples who have not yet received the gospel. 2. The importance of prayer and training (discipleship) in preparing to effectively proclaim, model, and extend the Kingdom of God.

The Nicene Creed p. 326-7 or 358

Prayers of the People: A Litany of Thanksgiving p. 837

Celebrant: The second prayer for the mission of the Church p. 206 or 257 ("Oh God of all the nations of the earth...")

Confession of Sin, Absolution, and Peace p. 331 or 360  
Offertory Hymn: *O Zion Hasten* #539

The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer II or B p. 340 or 367  
Lord's Prayer, The Breaking of the Bread

Litany of the Lamb *(Church of South India Book of Common Worship)*

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb that has been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

People: **Unto the Lamb be glory!**

Leader: Unto him that sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.

People: **Unto the Lamb be glory!**

Leader: Worthy are you, for you were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood people of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

People: **Unto the Lamb be glory! Salvation unto our God who sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Music

*Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted* #303

*My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread* #321

*After all have communicated:*

Celebrant: There are many who have not yet received the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. 600 million Muslims have never been invited to the Lord's Table. 400 million Chinese have never been invited to the Lord's Table. 300 million urban poor have never been invited to the Lord's Table. 340 million Hindus have never been invited to the Lord's Table. 200 million Buddhists have never been invited to the Lord's Table. 200 million animists have never been invited to the Lord's Table. 20 million Sikhs have never been invited to the Lord's Table. Millions of Jews have never been invited to the Lord's Table. Over 1,700 unreached people groups have no church to invite them to the Lord's Table.

Deacon: Who will go share the Good News that the banquet is prepared for everyone?

People: **We will go, by our prayers, our offerings, our lives, we will go!**

Post Communion Prayer p. 339 or 365

Closing Hymn: *Lift High the Cross* #473