

Introduction to Additional Material

A rich and varied selection of material has been contributed by various writers and we are delighted that their work is in this new collection.

The supplementary material is set out in three sections;

Advent to Pentecost with the sub-sections,
Advent to Epiphany and
Lent to Pentecost;

Exploring the Year;

Encircled by Prayer with the sub-sections:

Calls to Worship
Offertory Prayers
Prayers of Approach and Thanksgiving
Prayers of Confession
Prayers of Assurance
Prayers of Commitment
Global Voices (for Intercessions)
Celebrating the Lord's Supper
Blessings

Whilst Celebrating the Lord's Supper is a sub-section within Encircled by Prayer there is also material for this sacrament within the individual sub-sections where this is relevant. For example, in the Advent sub-section there is a Eucharist Prayer for Advent.

There are poems relevant to the time of year and these will provide a rich input for some situations. These can be a part of worship and in many instances a poem will enhance our understanding of a theme. After using a prayer or a creative item people may feel encouraged to write a prayer/poem/litany which will be used in worship. This is to be encouraged and welcomed. Listen for opportunities whereby creativity may flow. Let worship in our own local situation develop from where we are and send out people into the world.

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