



WORSHIP BOOKLET

DOTAC 2002 Conference
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Opening Worship

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The Spirit of God Is Here

The Gathering: People gather in table groups

Welcome: DOTAC Planning Committee Co-Chairs: Eric Tusz-King & Ann Naylor

Gathering Music:

The Opening Word:

Song: The Spirit Of The Lord

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Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4

Call to Worship:

One: God is here

All: We are here

One: We come from

All: South, Central and North America

One: We come from

All: many different Diaconal communities

One: Let us rejoice and celebrate

All: Let us Dance with the Spirit

Song: Dance With The Spirit

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Words of Welcome: DOTAC Co-Chairs: Sr. Hildegart Hertel & Linda M. Ervin

Song: Creation of Peace

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The Spirit Calls Us

The Word: Isaiah 61:2b-3

Reflection and Candle Lighting by Phoebe

Prayers of The People

Call To Prayer: Send Your Holy Spirit

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Leader: Lord Jesus, you came to bring health.

You said, "I have come that you might have life in its fullness."

We trust what you said and entrust to you

those who we know need healing and those not known to us

whose research, skill or prayers bring health

Sung Response: Lord Listen to your children praying

Leader: Jesus, you came to bring peace.

You said, "Blessed are the peacemakers,
they shall be called the children of God."

We trust what you said and entrust to you
those who want and work for peace

Sung Response: Lord Listen to your children praying

Leader: Incarnate God, you came to bring people value.

You said, "The last shall be first;
the least are as good as the greatest."

We trust what you said and entrust to you
those who have no work, no sense of worth,
who need to know that they are wanted.

Sung Response: Lord Listen to your children praying

Leader: Immanuel, you came to bring reconciliation

In you there is neither Jew nor Gentile
neither black, white, yellow, red, brown

We trust you and entrust to you
those whose lives are battered by prejudice
and those who try to join hands separated by hate

Sung Response: Lord Listen to your children praying

Leader: Christ Jesus, you came to feed the world.

You said, "I am the bread of life."

We trust you and we entrust to you
those who starve and those who work
to move the minds of the overfed
and to empty their wallets.

Sung Response: Lord Listen to your children praying

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Leader: God with us, you came to build your church
You said to us,
“You are the salt of the earth,
You are light for all the world
Say these words again until, with you
we become agents of God’s liberation

All: **You are the salt of the earth,
You are light for all the world. Amen**

(The Community of Iona Worship Resource)

Song: We Are Called

(Words and Music by David Haas, Copyright GIA)

Presentation of Garlands

One: We are called to witness God’s love
All: **by how we care for others and the world**
One: We are called to be healers and reconcilers
All: **to care for the sick and dying, to bring peace**
One: We are called to bring justice to a broken world
All: **to name the systems of oppression, and act justly**
One: We are called to provide education and leadership
All: **to share the faith stories, to empower one another**
One: We are called to prayer and to preach the gospel
All: **by taking time to reflect and speak God’s word**
One: We are called to give garlands of hope and welcome
All: **to those who mourn, to build cities of hope**
One: We are called to the ministry of Diakonia
All: **to build up the broken, to heal the sick, to free the prisoners**
One: Receive these garlands in the spirit of Diakonia.

(Garlands on your table will now be presented to each other)

One: We welcome you from all parts Canada, United States, Brazil, Mexico,
Jamaica
One: We welcome you from Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Leeward Islands, Panama
One: May these garlands be a sign of hope for you
One: And remind you of the many roles you have through Diakonia
One: Healer, Advocate, Prayer Leader

One: Administrator, Story Teller, Educator

All: **Praise be to God**

One: Together we weave a great tapestry of ministry in all parts of the world

All: **This thread we weave together.**

Reflection In Music and Image: Monica Denk and Barb Myers

Song: This Thread I Weave

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The Spirit Commissions Us

The Word: Isaiah 61:4

A Word From Phoebe

Candle Offering

Commissioning:

The Word: Isaiah 61:11

One: The Spirit of God call us

All: **to build cities of hope**

to create peace, to bring justice

to sing a new song

to Reclaim the Ministry of all God's People

One: The Spirit of God Commissions Us

All: **And when the Spirit calls we must move**

Song: You've Gotta Move When The Spirit Says Move (Traditional)

Closing Worship

June 26, 2002

All Things New

Gathering with Music

Greetings: Eric Tusz King and Ann Naylor

A Gathering Word: Be still and know God.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Call To Worship:

One: We have gathered here

All: We have made new friends

One: We have encountered the scripture

All: And experienced new things

(Reflection in Images)

One: We give thanks for this opportunity to be together

All: We rejoice in one another's ministry

One: Let us sing a new song

All: Let us rejoice in God

One: Behold all things are new

All: Behold we have made all things new!

Song: Behold I Make All things New

Reflection By Phoebe

One: We have been challenged and inspired by this event

All: We have been transformed, and filled with hope

One: We are reclaiming the whole ministry of God's People.

All: And so we celebrate this new life we are given!

Song: We Are Marching In The Light of God

Reconciliation

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 18-19

Prayer of Confession

Response: Holy Holy

Reflection by Phoebe

Song: A Light Is Gleaming

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A Credal Statement: Deacons Dreaming

We believe in God, creator and re-creator,
awesome mystery and ever present,
rock and ground of life.

We believe in God,
wide of heart and full of compassion,
gathering us and embracing us in all our diversity.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
friend and forgiver,
companion and redeemer,
one with us in vulnerability,
full of grace and kneeling at our feet.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
comforter and disturber,
sustaining guide and liberator,
exciting, leaping flame of life
and sacred space for our dancing.

We affirm our diaconal ministry with thankful hearts.

*We celebrate with wonder and joy the safe place of our meeting
and the renewal of our passion for service.*

*In unity and diversity and in humble faith,
we commit ourselves again to justice and caring,
to seeing the world through the eyes of Jesus
and to moving towards the truly inclusive community of a God*

who makes the impossible possible.

*In faith we will face the truth of our times,
with its powerful global forces and sweeping new technologies.
In Jesus Christ, we will discern the good and the evil,
we will seek the struggling and lost in all
and we will lift up in hope the dignity in the chaos.
We will be the splash which creates the ripples
of transformation and which points to the miracles of God.*

We believe that Pentecost is renewed every day.
The fire of the Holy Spirit will burn within us
as the grand passion in the core of our life,
sometimes gently flaming
from the patient rubbing of the fire sticks,
sometimes sparking painfully
as we dare to risk the costly friction
of coming very near to each other in our diversity,
that diversity sometimes given as gift
as we sit warming ourselves and resting
by the fire of God.

We believe in the fire of life
which always leaps and frees us,
surprising and refining,
cleansing and consuming,
costly burning from the very heart of God
the fire which burns forever. Amen

(created by the participants to the 18th World Assembly in Brisbane, Australia,
2001)

Song: We are Called

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Sending Forth To Be Ambassadors

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 20

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

- One: May God be with us
- All: God is here among us.**
- One: Let us open our hearts to God
- All: We open them to God and to one another.**
- One: Let us give thanks to God.
- All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- One: In the beginning God gave birth to the earth, the stars, the oceans, the forests and mountains, lakes and streams, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the animals of the land, and all living creatures.
- Two: Through Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, and others you called us into the land of promise. You called us through the prophets, women and men, of wisdom, courage and vision to guide us in your dream for a world of peace, hope, love and joy. You gave to us Jesus, son of Mary and Joseph, who walked among us and showed us how to be servants of God's dream.
- One: In his ministry Jesus invited people to reclaim the ministry of all God's people. He invited people to follow in his way, to bring justice to the broken, To feed the hungry and house the homeless, to hold the hand of the dying, To heal the sick, comfort the lonely, to release those imprisoned. To encounter differences and live with diversity.
- He invited people to teach and prophesy, to pray and to lead. He invited people to be servants of God, to wash the feet of others, and to serve with justice and kindness and to walk humbly with God.
- Two: On that last night with his disciples, Jesus took the bread, lifted the bread up and he said, when you share this bread do it in remembrance of me.
- One: This is the bread of new life, the bread that reminds us of our ancestors and leads us into the future.
- Two: On that same night with his disciples, Jesus took the cup of wine and lifted up the cup and he said, when you drink from this cup, do this in remembrance of me.
- One: This is the cup of new life, the cup reminds us of our hope in God and leads us to transformation and renewal.
- Two: And there was a woman who took the oil and blessed Jesus. Jesus said, wherever the gospel is told in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.
- One: This ancient oil heals our wounds and opens us to the spirit of love and mercy.
- Two: As diaconals, deacons, deaconesses, from all parts of North America, the Caribbean, and South America, we have gathered together with our stories, our

dreams and hopes. We have learned from others, those living on the margins, First Nations people, and from one another. We have been guided by the scripture, and now we are ready to receive the food of God, so that we may continue on our journey to reclaim the ministry of all God's people.

One: Loving God we rejoice in the gift of your grace
remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection
waiting in hope for his coming again.
Grant, O God, that in praise and thanksgiving,
we may offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ had died**
Christ has risen
Christ will come again.

One: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts,
that all who share in this bread and cup may be the body of Christ in the world.
Two: The bread is blessed, the cup is blessed, the oil is blessed.
One: Come now for the food of God is ready.
Receive The bread of New Life for you.
Two: Receive The cup of Blessing for you.

(Communion will be served at your Tables, the elements will be brought to you by the Central Committee Members.)

Prayer after Communion

One: God, we give thanks

All: **For the new life we have received.**
For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted,
For the new life we have received.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
In Christ's name we pray.

Song: Creation of Peace

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Closing Words: Sr. Hildegart Hertel & Linda M. Ervin

Song: You are Holy

Oil of Blessing:

One: You are blessed.
All: And holy people of God.
One: Receive this oil of gladness,
All: And we will proclaim the Good News.
One: We invite you now to anoint one another.

Anoint one another with the oil of gladness saying:
I anoint you to be a Holy Ambassador of Christ.
or
I anoint you to be a Holy Ambassador of God.

Benediction:

One: You have received the bread of new life
All: This bread fills our hunger and our longing
One: You have been refreshed with the wine of transformation
All: This wine renews our Spirits
One: You have received the oil of Blessing
All: And we go forth in ministry together.
One: Rejoice in the newness of your life
**All: We leave here renewed, affirmed,
ready to dance in the Spirit of New Life.**

Song: Dance With The Spirit

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Readings for “Interaction with Scripture”

Luke 4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

2 Corinthians 5:4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord--

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

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