**MU ‘Transformation-Now’ Order for Holy Communion.**

**Some suggested hymns, prayers and readings**

*This alternative order for a midweek HC is a shorter option than the usual Sunday liturgies. It includes Eucharistic Prayer H, which is not often used and is also responsorial. The focus is on the MU theme of ‘Transformation – Now’. Seasons and circumstances dictate appropriate choices of readings – this leaflet simply offers a few additional suggestions you may wish to consider.*

*A stock of printed booklets is available for branches to borrow. Alternatively a Publisher version or Word version can be e-mailed: material from it can be used to supplement the home parish service booklets. Suggestions are given here for the confession, intercessions, collect, post communion prayer and blessing; also hymn choices. Also available for use are the MU blue vestments and vessels. (Contact the Chaplain)*

**Collect**

Loving Lord, transform our lives

that we may reflect the glory of Christ.

Continue in us the work of your Spirit;

the miracle of transformation

that we may shine with his love. Amen

**Post communion prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,

your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to spread the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission

and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Blessing**

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you

May the gentleness of the Spirit lead you

May the gifts of the Spirit equip you

To serve and worship God… and the blessing…

**READINGS: NT**

**Romans 12.1-8** Be transformed by the renewing of your minds

**2 Cor 3:7-8,15,18** In Jesus the veil over our faces is removed and we see the glory of God revealed – we are ‘transformed into his image’ and called to reflect that glory

**GOSPEL:**

**Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus** Seeing through Jesus eyes - the other side of things – a better way to live, being valued.

**John 2:1-11** Water transformed into wine – finding heaven in ordinary

**John 5:1-9** Lame man at pool of Bethesda – Jesus didn’t take the man into the healing pool but said: if you want to be healed, then get up, take up your bed and walk.’ Jesus shows us that the power of transformation is within ourselves, not in some outer circumstance.

**Most of Jesus’ miracles** and stories illustrate are about ‘transformation’.

**PRAYERS for transformation…**

Flame dancing Spirit, come

Sweep us off our feet and

Dance us through our days.

Surprise us with your rhythms;

Dare us to try new steps, explore

New patterns and new partnerships;

Release us from old routines

To swing in abandoned joy and

Fearful adventure. And…

In the intervals,

Rest us…. In your still centre.

Amen. *Esther de Waal ‘Lost in Wonder’*

**Lord’s Prayer paraphrased:**

Eternal Spirit,

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The Hallowing of your Name

echo through the universe.

The Way of your Justice

be followed by the peoples of the world.

Your Heavenly Will

be done by all created beings.

Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom

sustain our hope and come to earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too sharp to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and for ever. Amen.

Revd. *Jim Cotter /* *New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book*

Almighty God,

In whom we live and move and have our being,

who has made us for yourself

so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you:

Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose

that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,

no weakness from doing it;

but that in thy light we may see light

and in thy service find our perfect freedom.

*(St Augustine)*

God,

Send your peace

Peace to this world

Peace to this country

Peace for my friends and my community

Peace for my family and my loved ones.

And God give me your peace

And then help me to give it away

As a peacemaker to my family and my loved ones

As a peacemaker to my friends and my community

As a peacemaker for this country

And a peacemaker for this world.

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**HYMN suggestions**

All for Jesus, all for Jesus

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Tell out my soul

Thou whose almighty Word

All that I am, all that I do

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies’ labour

Jesus calls here to meet him *John Bell*

God be in my head

O thou who camest from above (Hereford)

Take my life and let it be

O Jesus I have promised

Father I place into your hands

Longing for light (Christ be our light)

For the healing of the nations

Christ’s is the world (A touching place) *John Bell*

Make me a channel of your peace

There’s a wideness in god’s mercy

Will you come and follow me? *John Bell*

And can it be, that that I should gain  *C Wesley*