My dear friends,

On behalf of the House of Bishops, I have great joy in announcing the completion of a new rite and commending it to you. The _1552 Order of Holy Communion in Modern English_ is now approved by the ANiC House of Bishops for use within the diocese over the next two years.

We are deeply grateful to the 1552 Liturgy Working Group comprised of Canons David Short and J I Packer, Archdeacons Dan Gifford and Bruce Chamberlayne, and the Rev Josh Wilton. They have been working for more than a year, having received permission to create this new rite from Archbishop Bob Duncan, the then Primate and now chair of the ACNA Liturgical Commission, as well as from the ANiC House of Bishops. The intention is that this new rite will eventually stand alongside the other two rites published by ACNA.

This contemporary Holy Communion service is based on the order of Thomas Cranmer's 1552 Lord's Supper. It attempts to follow Cranmer's principles in reforming the service: simplicity, vernacular, normative, pungent and pastoral.

You'll note that this new order is comprehensive with excellent rubrics, exhortation, seasonal greetings, offertory sentences, proper prefaces, the Ten Commandments and the Summary of the Law, plus, what is so important, the helpful note at end of the service. As bishops, we so appreciate the working group's efforts to use the language of the ACNA rites, while faithfully framing the service to the order of 1552 and maintaining its theological strength.

This new order is now posted on the ANiC website and available for you to download and use. You'll also find a helpful Q&A, as well as information on how you can provide feedback. The working group is especially interesting in hearing from those who are using the new 1552 order.

It is a privilege to serve our Resurrected Lord together with you,

+ Charles

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