Liturgies to Celebrate
Transformed and Transforming: Radically Following Christ in Mission Together

Here are three liturgies that congregations and leaders across the RCA can adapt for use as together we commit to be a people who are transformed and transforming according to God’s Word and Spirit. The litanies were written by chaplain Lisa Tice.

A Litany of Discipleship

As branches on the true vine of Christ, we are cultivated to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit and the truth of the Word to become followers of Jesus who live and love like him.

We devote ourselves to be transformed as Christ’s disciples.

As branches of the true vine, we are cultivated to deepen our spiritual journey.

We devote ourselves to spiritual worship so that we may renew our minds and seek to discern the will of God in our lives.

As branches of the true vine, we are cultivated to love one another as Christ loves us.

We devote ourselves to love our neighbors and each other as we would love ourselves, for we are all one in Christ joined and knit together.

As branches of the true vine, we are cultivated to change under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We devote ourselves to the Spirit of truth so that in all things the world will know by our testimony what is good and acceptable and perfect before God.

As branches of the true vine, we are cultivated to our personal and corporate devotion to God.

We devote ourselves to the Word, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers.

As branches of the true vine, we are cultivated to build discipling relationships across generations.

We devote ourselves to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind and to teach our children and all who are baptized all that God has commanded us.

As branches of the true vine, we are cultivated to engage conflict in a healthy way.

We devote ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation that all may see a new creation in Christ.

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A Litany Celebrating God’s Spirit in God’s People

Adults:   God’s Spirit has been poured out so that our sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Children:  God’s Spirit has been poured out so that our old men and women shall dream dreams.

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All:  God’s Spirit has been poured out on all so that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

Elders and Deacons:  God’s Spirit has been poured out for the building up of the body of Christ.

All:  God’s Spirit has been poured out to equip emerging leaders of today and tomorrow that we may make disciples of all nations.

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All:  God’s Spirit has been poured out on all!

A Litany Encouraging God’s People to Join in the Harvest

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

We have received the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses in our communities, in our country, and to the ends of the earth.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

We have been taught by Jesus to love our neighbor and show mercy to the stranger.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

We are required to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
We are called to bring the Good News to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to
the captives and release to the prisoners.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Engaged in Christ’s kingdom mission, we work toward the day when a great multitude from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages will stand before the throne of the Lamb.

The harvest is plentiful, and we are the laborers.

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our
God forever and ever! Amen.