**A Sample Liturgy**

***A Worship Service with the theme of Racial Reconciliation & Unity***

***Centered in the Gospel***

*Please insert songs and any other liturgical elements according to your regular practice.*

*This is only a sample meant to be adaptable to your preferences.*

***Processional Hymn***

*Celebrant*: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**.

All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,   
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our   
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may   
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;   
through Christ our Lord. Amen***.*

***The Gloria***

***The Collect***

*Celebrant*: The Lord be with you

*People*: And also with you.

Let us pray

O God, who created all peoples in your image: We thank you for the diversity of races and cultures in this world. Show us your presence in those who differ from us, and enrich our lives with their fellowship, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***The Readings***

Old Testament

Psalms

New Testament

*The Gospel Anthem*

The Gospel Reading

***The Sermon***

***The Creed***

***Prayers of the People***

Let us raise our prayers to the Lord, whose love for His world moved Him to take our human form

and become as one of us, to redeem us to the Father.

Perfecter of our faith,

in your lineage you called Abraham to life anew in the land you will show him

Strengthen our faith to risk all for the sake of your Kingdom and its righteousness.

**Lord, perfect our faith**.

King of kings,

in your lineage you raised up a wise and courageous leader like David

Grant wisdom and courage to our leaders, that they may govern in truth and justice.

**Lord, restore justice**.

Redeemer of the world,

in your lineage you made a place for those of other ethnicity like Ruth

Grant us true reconciliation with one another, and increase in us a gracious heart for all people.

**Lord, reconcile us**.

Great Healer,

in your lineage you graced the despised and rejected like Tamar

Bring healing to all who are in pain from rejection and unjust treatment.

**Lord, heal our wounds**.

Son of Man,

in your lineage you honored the ordinary of our world like Joseph and Mary

Look with favor on all who are forgotten, and move us to honor your image in all people.

**Lord, renew our heart**.

***Conclusion of prayers***

Lord Christ, by the power of your death and resurrection you redeem and restore us into relationship with the Father, uniting us into one heavenly family by your Spirit. Grant that we, being filled by the Holy Spirit, may be a living testimony of your universal Kingdom on earth, that the world may see and hunger for your reign of righteousness, justice and peace. **Amen**.

***Confession & Absolution***

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All*: **God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth,**

**you create us from nothing and give us life.**

**You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.**

**You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour.**

**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy,**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant*:

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

**Amen.**

***The Peace***

***Doxology***

***The Eucharist***

*Celebrant*: The Lord be with you.

*People*:  **And also with you**.

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

It is right for your children by adoption and grace to give you thanks and praise, everlasting God, source of life and holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He was born as one of us, and came to live and serve, to teach and heal, and to draw us to communion with you. He gave up his life for us, and was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself.

And now we give you thanks because you gather your children throughout the world to be one, even as you, Father, are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit; and to be the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the gathered company of heaven, we praise and glorify you, *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.]**

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, who sealed your everlasting covenant with his blood.

Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your promise, these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ’s body and blood, that we may live in him and he in us.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took the bread, gave you thanks, broke this bread,

shared it with his disciples, and said, ‘Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you. Do this, whenever you eat it, in remembrance of me.’

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, shared it with his disciples, and said,

‘Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood, shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again**.

Therefore Father, as we come together in faith to share this communion, we remember your love shown in Christ, once for all, on the cross, your power revealed in his resurrection, and your glory which you promise at his last coming. Accept our offering of thanks and praise. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our lives; Heal our wounds, calm our fears, and give us peace.

**Renew us in your love,**

**restore us in your image,**

**and unite us in the body of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ**.

Through him, with him, in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory belong to you,

ever-loving God, now and for ever.

**Amen**.

*You may proceed with the Lord’s Prayer and the Breaking of Bread accordingly*.

***Post Communion Prayer***

**Eternal God, your Son at supper prayed that the disciples might be one, as he is one with you.**

**Draw us daily closer to him, that in common love and service to you we may be united with one another in your Spirit through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen**.

***The Blessing***

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

***Recessional Hymn***

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God**.