

## Litanies with a global mission emphasis

The following four liturgies were all written by Graham Kings and had their genesis in global mission gatherings of the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC). Their themes vary but each brings together Biblical insights and global mission concerns in a liturgical form of prayer.

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### 1 The Church and the Nations [Johannesburg, South Africa September 1995]

God the Father forms his people  
**from out of the nations to bless the nations;**  
Jesus the Christ saves his people  
**from out of the nations to bless the nations;**  
The Holy Spirit draws his people  
**from out of the nations to bless the nations.**

Abraham called  
**from out of the nations, the people are blessed;**  
Moses leads  
**from out of a nation, a people oppressed;**  
David fights  
**against the nations, the people assured;**  
Isaiah speaks  
**to lighten the nations, the people restored.**  
Jesus dies  
**betrayed by the people, for the people;**  
Jesus dies  
**pierced by the nations, for the nations.**  
Jesus raised  
**the people remade, the nations reproached;**  
Paul proclaims  
**the people reshaped, the nations rejoice;**  
John sees  
**the people redeemed, regathered from every  
tribe, tongue, people and nation.**

Source of the Church,  
**Desire of the nations;**  
Head of the Church,  
**Judge of the nations;**  
Breath of the Church,  
**Light of the nations;**  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
**renew your Church to bless your nations.**

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### 2 Facing the Image [Kingston, Jamaica 1997]

Formed in the image and likeness of God,  
**We rejoice;**  
Fired by violence and facing away,  
**We recoil;**  
Defaced, despairing, curved in on ourselves,  
**We cry;**  
Remaking, repairing, curved into the world,  
**You come, the Image of God.**

With compassion, forgiveness, restoring the image,  
**You heal;**  
With powerfully piercing, incisive insight,  
**You teach;**  
With passion and proverb and practical story,  
**You preach.**

Facing Jerusalem, challenging temple,  
**You suffer;**  
Surfacing from the depths of death,  
**You're raised;**  
Infusing, renewing, the image refacing,  
**You pour out the fiery Spirit of God.**

Being transfigured into your likeness,  
**From glory to glory;**  
With unveiled face, we face God's Image,  
**Reflecting the light of the knowledge of God**  
**Seen in your face,**  
**Jesus our Lord.**

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### **3 Canterbury Rap [Canterbury, England June 1993]**

#### **In the beginning was the Word**

God spoke his Word through  
Abraham and Moses,  
Deborah and Hannah,  
Samuel and David,  
Isaiah, Zechariah.  
**It is written                      it is written**

#### **And the Word      became      flesh**

God spoke his Word through  
Mary and Elizabeth,  
Simeon and Anna,  
Peter and Paul,  
Matthew and Johanna.  
**It is written                      it is written**

God speaks his Word in  
Urdu and Tamil,  
Xhosa and Hausa,  
Spanish and English,  
Mandarin and Maori.  
**It is read                              it is read**

#### **In the beginning was the Word And the Word      became      flesh**

**It is written                      it is read**  
**It is old                          it is new**  
**It is God's                        it is true**

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**4 Limuru Litany – *Mission in Communion*** [Limuru, Kenya July 2003]

**In the beginning, mission in communion  
The Father sent the Son and the Spirit.**

God spoke his word through  
Melchizedek and Hagar,  
Rahab and Ruth,  
Balaam and Naaman,  
Jethro and Job.

**Together they are sent:  
Together we are sent.**

God spoke his word through  
Woman of Samaria,  
Roman centurion,  
Woman of Phoenicia,  
Cornelius centurion.

**Together they are sent:  
Together we are sent.**

God spoke his word through  
Monica of Africa,  
Ajayi Crowther,  
Abdul Masih,  
Pandita Ramabai,  
Watchman Nee.

**Together they are sent:  
Together we are sent.**

**From the beginning, mission in communion.  
‘The Father sent me, I send you.  
Receive the Spirit, the Spirit of release.**

**Until the end, Holy Communion.  
Our hearts are fed, by Christ by faith,  
We proclaim his death, until he comes.**

**Maranatha, Alleluia. Alleluia, Amen.  
Maranatha, Alleluia. Alleluia, Amen.**

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