**Common Worship ‘Bishop’- related resources which could be used or adapted in local Prayer Gatherings/Vigils:**

Eternal God,

you called N to proclaim your glory

in a life of prayer and pastoral zeal:

keep the leaders of your Church faithful

and bless your people through their ministry,

that the Church may grow into the full stature

of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Almighty God,

the light of the faithful and shepherd of souls,

who set your servant N to be a bishop in the Church,

to feed your sheep by the word of Christ

and to guide them by good example:

give us grace to keep the faith of the Church

and to follow in the footsteps

of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Collect and Post Communion for St Andrew’s Day (30th November)**

Almighty God,

who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew

that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ

and brought his brother with him:

call us by your holy word,

and give us grace to follow you without delay

and to tell the good news of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

O almighty God,

whose blessed Son called Andrew

to be an apostle and evangelist:

give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain

and the possessive love of riches

that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**From Ordination/Consecration of Bishops –**

**Collect:**

God our Father, Lord of all the world,

through your Son you have called us into the fellowship

of your universal Church:

hear our prayer for your faithful people

that in their vocation and ministry

each may be an instrument of your love,

and give to your servant N now to be ordained

the needful gifts of grace;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion:**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,

keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Welcome could be adapted as a prayer …**

Guard the truth that has been entrusted to you

by the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

  **We welcome you as a shepherd of Christ’s flock.**

**Build up the Church in unity and love,**

**that the world may believe.**

**Veni Creator (sung during the service)**

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,**

**and lighten with celestial fire;**

**thou the anointing Spirit art,**

**who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessed unction from above**

**is comfort, life and fire of love;**

**enable with perpetual light**

**the dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face**

**with the abundance of thy grace;**

**keep far our foes, give peace at home;**

**where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,**

**and thee, of both, to be but one;**

**that through the ages all along**

**this may be our endless song:**

**Praise to thy eternal merit,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**The Litany**

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,

let us pray to the Father.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,

for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,

and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the members of the Church in their vocation and ministry,

that they may serve him in truth and love,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For *N* our archbishop,

and for all bishops, presbyters and deacons,

that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For *N,* called to be *a bishop* in the Church,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,

that in faithful witness we may proclaim the gospel of reconciliation

to the ends of the earth,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For the unity of the Church,

that there may be one flock and one Shepherd,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lost and for those who have strayed,

that they may return to the way of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering,

for the aged and infirm,

for the lonely and neglected,

and for all who remember and care for them,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the hungry,

for the homeless and the oppressed,

for all prisoners and captives,

and for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For *Elizabeth our Queen*,

for the leaders of the nations,

and for all in authority,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves,

for grace to repent and amend our lives,

that we may be pardoned and absolved from all our sins,

let us pray to the Lord.

***All***   **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering [… *and*]

all who have gone before us in faith,

and in communion with [… *and*] all the saints,

we commit ourselves, one another,

and our whole life to Christ our God;

***All***   **to you, O Lord.**