As an island nation, boats are an important part of Maltese life. The Scripture reading in this service describes a perilous sea voyage by the Apostle Paul. A boat is also symbolic of the sometimes tempestuous journey Christians make together towards unity. For these reasons, it is suggested that prior to the service, a boat or a large model of a boat is placed in the worship space.

Given its length and technical nautical language, the reading from the Acts of the Apostles requires very careful proclamation. Consideration may be given to dividing the speaking roles among a number of readers, or the use of drama or other media to aid the proclamation. The text might be proclaimed from a point near the boat.

Order of Service

“They showed us unusual kindness”
(cf. Acts 28:2)

L Leader
C Congregation
R Reader

The Gathering

Introductory Hymn

During the singing of the introductory hymn, church leaders and representatives enter the venue for the ecumenical service of prayer for Christian Unity. They are led by a participant carrying the Bible for all to see. The Bible is placed in a place of honour in the centre of the worshipping community.

Words of Welcome

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
C And also with you.
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we have assembled here to pray for unity among Christians and reconciliation in the world. Divisions among Christians have existed for many centuries. This causes great pain and is contrary to God’s will. We believe in the power of prayer. Together with Christians all over the world, we offer our prayers as we seek to overcome separation.

The resources for this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by different Christian Churches in Malta. The history of Christianity in this small island nation dates back to the time of the apostles. According to tradition, St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, reached the shores of Malta in the year 60. The narrative describing this eventful and providential episode is conveyed to us in the final two chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.

This text signals the beginning of Christianity in Malta – a small country made up of two main inhabited islands, Malta and Gozo, as well as other islets – at the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, halfway between the southern tip of Sicily and Northern Africa. This biblical land lies at the crossroads of civilizations, cultures and religions.

Our prayers and reflections, today, and during this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, are centred on the hospitality shown by the islanders towards those who had just been shipwrecked: “They showed us unusual kindness” (cf. Acts 28:2). May the love and respect we show each other today as we pray for Christian unity be with us throughout the whole year.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

*The response to each prayer may be sung by a cantor and repeated by the whole congregation.*

L. Spirit of love, come upon this assembly and dwell among us.

C. Come, Holy Spirit! *(or Veni Sancte Spiritus!)*

L. Spirit of unity, show us the path towards Christian unity.

C. Come, Holy Spirit! *(or Veni Sancte Spiritus!)*

L. Spirit of hospitality, teach us to be welcoming.

C. Come, Holy Spirit! *(or Veni Sancte Spiritus!)*

L. Spirit of compassion, instil within us an attitude of respect to all those whom we meet.

C. Come, Holy Spirit! *(or Veni Sancte Spiritus!)*

L. Spirit of hope, help us to detach ourselves from all hindrances to our ecumenical journey.

C. Come, Holy Spirit! *(or Veni Sancte Spiritus!)*
Prayers of Pardon and Reconciliation

The response to each prayer may be sung by a cantor and repeated by the whole congregation.

L Forgive us, Lord, for past mistakes, mistrust and misdeeds between Christians from different Churches and traditions.
C Lord, have mercy! (or Kyrie eleison!)

L Forgive us, Lord, for remaining in the darkness rather than seeking the path of Light; for you, O Lord, are the only true Light.
C Lord, have mercy! (or Kyrie eleison!)

L Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith and for our failure to be people of expectant hope and authentic charity.
C Lord, have mercy! (or Kyrie eleison!)

L Forgive us, Lord, for having caused pain, hardship and anguish to others.
C Lord, have mercy! (or Kyrie eleison!)

L Forgive us, Lord, for isolating ourselves and remaining indifferent, instead of showing hospitality to all, especially strangers and refugees.
C Lord, have mercy! (or Kyrie eleison!)

L The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us (Ps 103:8,11-12).
C Amen.

Song of praise

Listening to the Living Word of God

L Father in heaven, open our hearts and minds to your Word.
C Your words are spirit and life!

L Lead us to grow closer to each other in unity and charity.
C Your word is a lamp on our path!

Reading Acts 27:18 – 28:10

R This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God who saves and who heals.
Psalm       Ps 107:8-9,19-22,28-32

*A cantor may sing this Psalm and the congregation is invited to sing the Response.*

**Response: The Lord has delivered us from the mighty waves.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
   for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty,
   and the hungry he fills with good things. R/.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
   and he saved them from their distress;
he sent out his word and healed them,
   and delivered them from destruction. R/.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
   for his wonderful works to humankind.
And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
   and tell of his deeds with songs of joy. R/.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
   and he brought them out from their distress;
he made the storm be still,
   and the waves of the sea were hushed.
Then they were glad because they had quiet,
   and he brought them to their desired haven. R/.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
   for his wonderful works to humankind.
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
   and praise him in the assembly of the elders. R/.

*An Alleluia acclamation may be sung before (and after) the Gospel reading.*

**Gospel**       Mark 16:14-20

R       This is the Word of the Lord.
C       Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. You are the Good News!

*A biblical reflection or short homily follows.*

**Hymn**
The Nicene Creed

L Dear brothers and sisters, as we are united in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us proclaim our common faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Prayers of the People

During the prayers, eight oars (or oar-shaped models) are brought into the assembly by members of different communities. Each oar bears a single word – Reconciliation, Enlightenment, Hope, Trust, Strength, Hospitality, Conversion and Generosity. The presentation of an oar introduces each of the petitions. After the oar has been held high, it is placed near or in the boat and a time of silent prayer follows. A reader then announces the corresponding petition and all respond.

L We cannot face the storms of life alone. A boat moves forward when all row together. In the face of difficulties we recognise the need to pull together and to unite our efforts. Let us pray.

In silent prayer, the first oar (Reconciliation) is brought forward, followed by the others.

R Gracious God, heal the painful memories of the past which have wounded our churches and continue to keep us apart.
C Hear our prayer for Reconciliation.

R Gracious God, teach us to fix our course on Christ, the True Light.
C Hear our prayer for Enlightenment.

R Gracious God, strengthen our confidence in your providence when we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life.
C Hear our prayer for Hope.

R Gracious God, transform our many separations into harmony and our mistrust into mutual acceptance.
C Hear our prayer for Trust.

R Gracious God, give us the courage to speak the truth with justice in love.
C Hear our prayer for Strength.

R Gracious God, dismantle the barriers, visible and invisible, that prevent us from welcoming our sisters and brothers who are in peril or in need.
C Hear our prayer for Hospitality.

R Gracious God, change our hearts and the hearts of our Christian communities, that we may be agents of your healing.
C Hear our prayer for Conversion.

R Gracious God, open our eyes to see the whole of creation as your gift, and our hands to share its fruit in solidarity.
C Hear our prayer for Generosity.
The Lord’s Prayer

L One in Jesus Christ, let us pray together in the words he taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

L The people of Malta welcomed Paul and his companions with unusual kindness. Let us greet each other and share the peace which is Christ’s gift to us.

We are sent out together to proclaim the Good News

L We have come together as Christians,
and therefore as fellow disciples.
As we yearn for Christian unity,
let us commit ourselves anew
to work for this common goal. (Pause for silent prayer)

Church leaders who are present may join in proclaiming the Prayer of Blessing.

L/Ls May God the Father, who called us from darkness into light,
make us true bearers of God’s light.

C Amen.

L/Ls May God the Son, who redeemed us by his precious blood,
empower us to follow his example in serving others.

C Amen.

L/Ls May God the Holy Spirit, who is Lord and giver of life,
strengthen us to endure the shipwrecks of life and reach the shores of salvation.

C Amen.

L/Ls May the Almighty and Merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and protect us now and forever.

C Amen.
C We will set out together, to proclaim the wonders of God’s love.
Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Concluding hymn
Acts 27:18 – 28:10

We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship’s tackle overboard. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, ‘Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, “Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.” So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we will have to run aground on some island.

When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, ‘Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.’ Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift.

Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, ‘Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads.’ After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves. We were in all two hundred and seventy-six persons in the ship. After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea.

In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but
the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. The soldiers’ plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us round it. Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire, when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, ‘This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live.’ He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead, but after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. It so happened that the father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. They bestowed many honours on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed.

New Revised Standard Version
The hymn “Unusual Kindness” was especially composed in Malta for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020.

A video is accessible on Youtube at the following address:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRB4_CjuHy8

UNUSUAL KINDNESS

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Kindle a fire, build a fire, in the hearts of people, young and old. Kindle a fire, build a fire, it’s getting darker it’s getting cold! Don’t just stay there but show them you care, don’t just stay there but go out and share don’t just stay there but go out and serve the people of the world. And the people of the world may one day sing out with joy about the love they have been shown in Jesus’ name. They showed us unusual kindness. They showed us they really cared. They showed us unusual kindness every time and everywhere. They showed us unusual kindness they gave us a helping hand. They
showed us un-us-ual kind-ness in each and ev-ery land. We
don't de-serve this song, Ky-ri-e-le-i-son, our love is not that strong Ky-ri-e
le-i-son. Help us to rise be yond Ky-ri-e-le-i-
son be yond words to let the fi-re of your love change our hearts
Kin-dle a fi-re, build a fi-re, in the hearts of peo-ple,
young and old Kin-dle a fi-re build a fi-re, it's get-ing dark-er, it's
get-ing cold! Don't just stay there but show them you care don't just stay there but
go out and share, don't just stay there but go out and serve the peo-ple of the world
In His love we were im-mer-se-d in His grace we found our strength,
in His mer-cy we have found the source of pow-er He
showed us un-us-u-al kind-ness
showed us un-us-u-al kind-ness
ev-er-y time and ev-er-y where
show un-us-u-al kind-ness and give a help-ing hand

He showed us He real-ly cared.
that we may
to show un-us-u-al kind
ness in each and ev-er-y land

UN-US-U-AL KIND-NESS
BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS
AND PRAYERS FOR THE EIGHT DAYS

DAY 1
Reconciliation: Throwing the cargo overboard

Acts 27:18-19,21
“We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to
throw the cargo overboard and on the third day with their own hands they threw the
ship’s tackle overboard… Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then
stood up among them and said, ‘Men, you should have listened to me and not have set
sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss’.”

Psalm 85

Luke 18:9-14

Reflection
As Christians from different Churches and Traditions, we have unfortunately, over the
centuries, accumulated abundant baggage consisting of mutual distrust, bitterness and
suspicion. We thank the Lord for the birth and the growth of the ecumenical
movement over the past century. Our encounter with Christians from other traditions
and our common prayer for Christian unity encourage us to seek mutual forgiveness,
reconciliation and acceptance. We must not allow the baggage of our past to hinder us
from drawing closer to one another. It is the Lord’s will that we let go, in order to let
God!

Prayer
Forgiving God,
set us free from the painful memories of the past,
that wound our shared Christian life.
Lead us to reconciliation
so that, through the Holy Spirit we may overcome
hatred with love,
anger with gentleness,
and suspicion with trust.
We ask this in the name of your beloved Son, our brother Jesus. Amen.
DAY 2

Enlightenment: Seeking and showing forth Christ’s light

Acts 27:20

“When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.”

Psalm 119:105-110

Mark 4:35-41

Reflection

Christ is our light and our guide. Without the light and guidance of Christ, we become disorientated. When Christians lose sight of Christ, they grow fearful and divided from one another. Moreover many people of good will outside the Church are unable to see the light of Christ because in our Christian division we reflect Christ’s light less clearly or, at times, block it out completely. As we seek the light of Christ, we are drawn closer to one another, and so mirror this light more clearly, becoming truly a sign of Christ, the light of the world.

Prayer

God, your word is a light to our steps
and without you we are lost and disorientated.
Enlighten us so that, through your word, we may walk your path.
May our churches crave your guiding, consoling and transforming presence.
Give us the honesty we need to recognize
when we make it difficult for others to see your light,
and the grace we need to share your light with others.
We ask this in the name of your Son,
who calls us, his followers, to be light to the world. Amen.
DAY 3
Hope: Paul’s message

Acts 27:22,34
“I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship… none of you will lose a hair from your heads…”

Psalm 27

Matthew 11:28-30

Reflection
As Christians belonging to churches and traditions that are not fully reconciled to one another, we are often discouraged by the lack of progress towards visible unity. Indeed, some have given up all hope and see this unity as an unattainable ideal. Others do not even see unity as a necessary part of their Christian faith. As we pray for this gift of visible unity, let us do so with steadfast faith, enduring patience and expectant hope, trusting in God’s loving providence. Unity is the Lord’s prayer for the Church and he is accompanying us on this journey. We will not be lost.

Prayer
God of mercy,
lost and disheartened, we turn to you.
Instil in us your gift of hope.
May our churches hope and strive for the unity
for which your Son prayed on the eve of his passion.
We ask this through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. Amen.
DAY 4
Trust: Do not be afraid, believe

Acts 27:23-26

“For the last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we will have to run aground on some island.”

Psalm 56

Luke 12:22-34

Reflection

In the midst of the tempest Paul’s encouragement and hope contradicted the fear and despair of his fellow travellers. Our common call to be disciples of Jesus Christ entails being a sign of contradiction. In a world riven with anxieties, we are called to stand as witnesses to hope by placing our trust in God’s loving providence. Christian experience shows us that God writes straight on crooked lines, and we know, against all odds, we will not drown or be lost. Because God’s steadfast love endures for ever.

Prayer

Almighty God,
our personal suffering leads us to cry out in pain
and we shrink in fear when we experience sickness, anxiety
or the death of loved ones.
Teach us to trust you.
May the churches we belong to be signs of your providential care.
Make us true disciples of your Son
who taught us to listen to your word
and to serve one another.
In confidence we ask this in the name of your Son,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
DAY 5
Strength: Breaking bread for the journey

Acts 27:33-36

“Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, ‘Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads.’ After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves.”

Psalm 77

Mark 6:30-44

Reflection

Paul’s invitation to eat is an exhortation to those in the boat to strengthen themselves for what lies ahead. This taking of bread marks a change of attitude, as those in the boat move from despair to courage. In a similar way the Eucharist or Lord’s Supper provides us with food for the journey and re-orientates us to life in God. We are made strong. The breaking of the bread – at the core of Christian community life and worship – builds us up as we commit ourselves to Christian service. We long for the day when all Christians will be able to share at the same table of the Lord’s Supper and draw strength from one bread and one cup.

Prayer

Loving God,
your Son Jesus Christ broke bread
and shared the cup with his friends on the eve of his passion.
May we grow together in closer communion.
Following the example of Paul and the early Christians,
give us strength to build bridges of compassion, solidarity and harmony.
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we ask this in the name of your Son,
who gives his life that we might live. Amen.
DAY 6
Hospitality: Show unusual kindness

Acts 28:1-2, 7

“After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us round it... Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days.”

Psalm 46

Luke 14:12-24

Reflection

After the traumas and conflicts of the storm at sea, the practical care offered by the islanders is experienced as an unusual kindness by those washed up on the shores. Such kindness demonstrates our common humanity. The Gospel teaches us that when we care for those in distress we are showing love to Christ himself (cf. Matthew 25:40). Furthermore, when we show loving kindness to the weak and dispossessed we are attuning our hearts to the heart of God in which the poor have a special place. Welcoming outsiders, whether they be people of other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees, is both to love Christ himself, and to love as God loves. As Christians, we are called to step out in faith and reach out with God’s all-embracing love, even to those we find difficult to love.

Prayer

God of the orphan, the widow and the stranger,
instil in our hearts a deep sense of hospitality.
Open our eyes and hearts
when you ask us to feed you, to clothe you and to visit you.
May our churches participate
in the ending of hunger, thirst and isolation
and in overcoming barriers that prevent the welcome of all people.
We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus,
who is present in the least of our sisters and brothers. Amen.
DAY 7
Conversion: Changing our hearts and minds

Acts 28:3-6

“Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire, when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, ‘This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live.’ He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead, but after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.”

Psalm 119:137-144

Matthew 18:1-6

Reflection

The locals realized that their judgment of Paul as a murderer was wrong, so they changed their minds. The extraordinary event with the viper enables the islanders to see things in a new way, a way which might prepare them to hear the message of Christ through Paul. In our search for Christian unity and reconciliation we are often challenged to rethink how we perceive other traditions and cultures. This demands an ongoing conversion to Christ in which the churches learn to overcome their perception of the other as a threat. As a result, our pejorative views of others will be cast away, and we will be drawn closer to unity.

Prayer

Almighty God,
we turn to you with repentant hearts.
In our sincere quest for your truth,
purify us from our unjust opinions of others
and lead the churches to grow in communion.
Help us let go of our fears,
and so better understand each other and the stranger in our midst.
We ask this in the name of the Just One,
your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
DAY 8
Generosity: Receiving and giving

Acts 28:8-10
“The father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. They bestowed many honours on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed”.

Psalm 103:1-5
Matthew 10:7-8

Reflection
This story is full of giving and receiving: Paul received unusual kindness from the islanders; Paul gives healing to the father of Publius and others; having lost everything in the storm, the 276 receive abundant provisions as they set sail. As Christians we are called to unusual kindness. But in order to give we must first learn to receive – from Christ and from others. More often than we realize, we are recipients of acts of kindness from people who are different from us. These acts also point towards the generosity and healing of our Lord. We who have been healed by the Lord are responsible for passing on that which we have received.

Prayer
God, giver of life,
we thank you for the gift of your compassionate love
which soothes and strengthens us.
We pray that our churches
may be always open to receive your gifts from one another.
Grant us a spirit of generosity to all
as we journey together in the path of Christian unity.
We ask this in the name of your Son