

CURRENT THEMES IN THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP

God

(note inner Trinitarian structure of Great Thanksgiving and Prayer over the water)

Mighty acts of God - transforming power of Jesus Christ - Holy Spirit as empowering presence

The Community of Faith

Worship as the epiphany of the Church:

Gathered together / worshipping/learning/koinonia / Sent forth for mission & service

(note inner structure of worship: gathering, proclaiming the Word, giving thanks, going forth)

Contextual

*embodied locally;
speaking to and for THIS people;
incarnating the Gospel*

Counter-Cultural

*challenges and transforms
what is inconsistent with
the Gospel*

Cross-Cultural

*Church as greater
than local embodiment;
Gospel as multivocal*

Transcultural

*underlying dynamic
of the Gospel beyond
local expression*

The Dynamic of Time

Remembering (living memory)

*Appropriating the Story
Incarnating the tradition*

Present Action (transformation)

*The action of the Holy Spirit
and the means of grace*

Anticipatory Participation

*“Thy kingdom come”
Embodying future hope*