

An exploration of language in worship

God, the Word made flesh, dwells in every language. God created every language, and so every language is a channel for worship. Yet what thought do we give as to which language(s) to use? Language may communicate meaning or mystery, it may connect with the surrounding community or with those who went before us. Is there something special about worshipping in the mother tongue? What options are available for worshipping in a multilingual context? The paper concludes by looking at linguistic hospitality in worship.