Peace is a commonality in Catholic worship and less of a surprise in a Protestant service than a few years ago. The “we” of our prayers is frequently a topic of sermon and conversation and is a continued opportunity for “us” to consider individual and community input into worship.

Nor is God and our relationship with him ignored in this process of community awareness. Just the opposite is true. He is and remains the focal point of liturgical action. All of this interpersonal communication, this celebration, is because of him and in the awareness of his presence. Indeed, there is strong argument that this sensed community, this aware joint participation, is according to his will and pleasure. God is thus surely rendered greater honor and glory and this adoration and praise remains the prime purpose of liturgy.