

4A Morning Service

The people gather

Welcome and notices

Opening responses (*standing*)

Leader The world belongs to God,
All the earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful
to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together;
justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent,
these stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Song of praise

Call to prayer (*standing*)

Leader Move among us, God; give us life;
All let your people rejoice in you.

Give us again the joy of your help;
with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

God, make our hearts clean,
restore us in body, mind and spirit.

Let us pray

Prayer of confession (*sit or kneel*)

(*here the leader may offer a brief prayer*)

Leader Trusting in God's forgiveness,
let us in silence confess our failings
and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence

Leader Before God,
with the people of God,
I confess to turning away from God
in the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.

**All May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Leader Amen.

**Before God,
with the people of God,
we confess to turning away from God
in the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.**

Leader May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader So now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

All **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;
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil;
for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Response of faith *(standing)*

Leader **With the whole church**
All **we affirm**
 **that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere
 we affirm
 God's goodness at the heart of humanity
 planted more deeply than all that is wrong

With all creation
 we celebrate
 the miracle and wonder of life,
 the unfolding purposes of God
 for ever at work in ourselves and the world.

Psalm *(as announced)*

The reading

Leader Listen now in the reading of scripture for the word and wisdom of God.

(reading

... followed by a silence, at the end of which the leader says:)

Leader For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
thanks be to God.

Song

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Prayers of gratitude and concern

(Any prayers the leader may offer will end with the following response:)

Leader God, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

(Then follows a prayer for members of the Iona Community and their families and associate members, as remembered on specific days of the month.)

(This is followed by:)

Leader Walk with them today, O God,
and keep us on your way.

Daily prayers

Monday

Leader God, in whose heart is love and justice,
show us this day whom we must love
and what we should challenge or change
in order that your will for the earth might be done.

**All Increase our hope,
dispel our apathy;
inspire our imagination,
and deepen our commitment
until we become the signs of your kingdom
for which we and others pray.
Amen.**

Tuesday

Leader O Christ, the Master Carpenter,
you at the last, through wood and nails,
crafted our whole salvation.

**All Wield well your tools
in the workshop of your world,
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench
may here be fashioned
to a truer beauty of your hand.
Amen.**

Wednesday

Leader O God, you gave to your servant Columba
gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness,
and sent out your servants from Iona
to carry your Gospel to every creature.
Further in all things the purpose of this community,
that hidden things may be revealed to us
and new ways found to touch the hearts of all.

All **May we preserve with each other
sincere charity and peace;
and, if it be your holy will,
grant that this place of your abiding
continue still to be a sanctuary and a light.
Amen.**

Thursday

Leader Jesus, you have set before us a great hope
that your kingdom will come on earth,
and have taught us to pray for its coming.

All **Make us ready to celebrate
the signs of its dawning,
and to pray and work for the perfect day
when your will shall be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Amen.**

Friday

Leader O Christ, you are within each of us.
It is not just the interior of these walls,
it is our own inner being you have renewed.
We are your temple not made with human hands;
we are your body.

**If every wall should crumble,
and every church decay,
we are your habitation.**

Nearer are you than breathing,
closer than hands and feet.
Ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery,
look out with compassion on the world.

**So we bless you for this place,
for your directing of us,
your redeeming of us,
your presence among us.**

Take us outside, O Christ, outside holiness,
to where nations clash at the crossroads of the world.

**So shall this building continue to be justified;
and your people find cause
to bless your name.
Amen.**

Saturday

Leader Ever-present God, set your blessing on us
as we begin this day together.
Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live;
confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.

**All We ask not for what we want
but for what you know we need,
as we offer this day and ourselves
for you and to you.
Amen.**

Silence

Closing responses (*standing*)

Leader This is the day that God has made;
All we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.

Go in peace to love and to serve;
we will seek peace and pursue it.

In the name of the Trinity of Love,
God in community, holy and one.

*(We remain standing to leave, our worship continuing in our work and
all we do today.)*