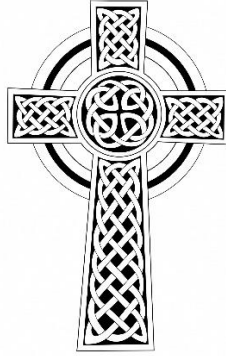


ST. COLUMBA ANGLICAN-UNITED CHURCH

Celtic Prayer: Iona Community
Evening Liturgies A-E



Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Chant

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come Holy Spirit.**
Maranatha! **Maranatha!**
Come, Lord, Come. **Come, Lord, Come.**

Invocation

Breath of God, breath of live, breath of deepest yearning,
Come, Holy Spirit

Comforter, disturber, interpreter, enthuser,
Come, Holy Spirit

Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of truth, midwife of change,
Come, Holy Spirit

God is here **God's spirit is with us.**

Song: Listen Lord (Come All You People #71)

Listen, Lord, listen Lord, not to our words but to our prayer.
You alone, you alone understand and care.

Prayer

Let us pray. Lord, teach us the silence of humility,
the silence of wisdom,
the silence of love,
the silence that speaks without words,
the silence of faith.

**Lord teach us to silence our own hearts and minds
that we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit,
and feel your presence in the depths of our being.**

Contemplative Silence (will end with the ringing of the bell)

Word of God

Hutlilala's! This is God's Word and it can be trusted
(a portion of scripture is read)

This is God's Word and it can be trusted.

Contemplative Silence (will end with the ringing of the bell)

Opening into reflection: what resonated in today's scripture?

Prayers:

Let us pray for God's world.
That its beauty may be preserved,
its variety retained, its integrity respected,
God, hear us.

That pollution and cruel exploitation might cease
so that rivers can clap their hands,
waste places burst into flower,
valleys laugh and sing,
wild life live in safety,
and all as you intended,
God, hear us.

That the poorest nations of the world
may not harvest their fields
only to fill foreign tables,
God, hear us.

That Christ who pointed to the birds,
the flowers, the corn, the sunset,
might not find their beauty lacking
were he to return.
God, hear us.

Hear us, Creator of all:
Convert the hearts of those who ravage the earth,
and strengthen the resolve of those who respect it.
And since the earth is your gift to us,
prevent us from destroying by thoughtlessness
that which is not ours to own. **Amen.**

Song: Somebody Prayed for Me (We Walk His Way) #12

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,
Took the time to pray for me.
I'm so very glad, I'm so glad they prayed,
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

My children prayed for me ...
My siblings prayed for me ...
My friends prayed for me ...
My Saviour prayed for me (had me on *his* mind)

Closing Responses

From where we are to where you need us,
Christ be beside us.

From what we are to what you can make us of,
Christ be before us.

From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom.
Christ be beneath us.

Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,
Christ be above us.

Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.
Amen.

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