

Morning Liturgy L - adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2017

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Welcome and a time of silence for centering and preparation.

Leader: Eternal God, Maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people,
unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,

All: You are present among us.

Leader: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,
soul within all souls, in all we touch, in all we meet,

All: You are present among us.

Leader: As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;

All: Dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.

Leader: For all we should be and all we can amend, God, in your love,

All: renew us.

Leader: For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us, God, in your love

All: prepare us.

Leader: For the life of the world and the love of its people, God, in your love,

All: commit us.

Leader: Glory to the Creator who gives us life,

All: Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us,

Leader: Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Leader: Listen now for God's word. *(a passage of Scripture is read).*

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection and/or another brief reading may follow).

Prayers

Leader: Maker and Lover of all, in the mystery of your kindness you have bound us to each other, and called us to serve the earth and its people. So hear us, as we pray for the faith communities to which we belong, that they may be centres of faith, hospitality and imagination, modeling the future rather than lamenting the past. *(pause)*

Leader: Grateful for our lives, we pray for those whose lives are diminished by ill health, depression, grief or rejection, asking for the healing, the affirming, and the listening which will encourage and restore them. *(pause)*

Leader: Conscious of the relative peace in which we live, we pray for those who have no peace because of war or the fear of war, or the threat of violence, or the grip of hunger, or the loss of hope. May the voice of the victims be heard and the work of the peacemakers be blessed. *(pause)*

Leader: Surrounded as we are by rugged and unfathomable beauty, we pray for the earth, especially where it is damaged by human carelessness and threatened by human greed; and ask that we may learn to care for the earth. *(pause)*

(Our own individual prayers are offered within the group).

Leader: God in your mercy, hear our prayers, offered in faith and trust. **Amen.**

Our worship concludes:

Leader: May the everlasting God shield us wherever we go, and God's blessing be upon us,

All: The blessing of the Giver of life.

Leader: The blessing of God be upon us,

All: The blessing of the Christ of love.

Leader: The blessing of God be upon us,

All: The blessing of the Spirit of peace.

Leader: The blessing of the Trinity be upon us, now and evermore.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**