



## A Simple service of Daily Prayer for Pride Month!

### Gathering to worship God

*Welcome and introduction*

*Greeting*

Let us worship God: Creator, Word and Holy Spirit

*All* **Amen**

God is with you

*All* **And also with you.**

This is the day that God has made

*All* **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### Opening Prayer

Wondrous God, we praise You for the splendor of the world!

We thank You, that woven throughout the tapestry of earth  
are the varied threads of human diversity.

Created in Your image, we are of many colors and cultures,  
ages and classes, gender and sexual identities.

Different and alike, we are Your beloved people.

Free us, we pray, from fears of difference that divide and wound us.

Move us to dismantle our attitudes and systems of prejudice.

Renew our commitment to make this a community of faith for all people –  
that all who worship and minister in our community  
may know the grace and challenge of faith.

In our life together, grant us minds and hearts eager to learn,  
reluctant to judge, and responsive to the leading of your loving Spirit.

We ask this in Christ's name, Amen

Blessed is the Creator  
*All* **for God has heard the voice of our prayer;**

### **Psalm 133**

- 1 Behold how good and pleasant it is  
to dwell together in unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
running down upon the beard,
- 3 Even on Aaron's beard,  
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon  
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has promised blessing:  
even life for evermore.

*All* **Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
And shall be forever. Amen**

### **Reading**

Jesus said, 'As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.'

*John 17.18-23*

*Affirmation of faith*

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

*All* **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity  
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong**

With all creation

*All* **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
The unfolding purposes of God, forever at work  
In ourselves and the world**

*Iona Abbey Worship Book*

*Prayers of Intercession*

*The prayers include this response*

Lord, in your love

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers end with*

Gracious God,

*All* **accept these prayers**

**In the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**Collect (Prayer for the week)**

God of wisdom strange and surprising, come and move us.

Enliven our faith.

Stir our spirits.

Stretch our minds and the capacity of our hearts.

Let your living Word renew our hope

and lead us on paths of justice and truth. Amen.

*All* **Amen.**

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## The Disciple's Prayer

**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.  
Keep us from the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, are yours  
now and ever. Amen.

## Going out to serve God

Let us go from our prayer to proclaim the good news:

God takes on flesh in the strange and surprising.  
Love liberates from the margins.  
Together, we have what we need to resist evil and oppression.

With a renewed commitment to solidarity with God and all LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit people, may the Spirit lead us from this place with peace.

Let us go in peace to love and serve our loving God.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

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