



A Simple service of Daily Prayer for Victoria Pride!

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

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15.7,8,10,11

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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