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Lent 1 Evening Worship with Communion
Liturgy from the Celtic tradition of the Iona Community, Scotland

February 21, 2024

7:00 PM

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us in,
the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking,
the tired and the aching
who long for the nourishment
found at your feast.

Gather us in,
the done and the doubting,
the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering
who long for the company
found at your feast.

Gather us in,
the proud and pretentious,
the sure and superior,
the never inferior,
who long for the leveling
found at your feast.

Gather us in,
the bright and the bustling
the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers
who long for the deeper joys
found at your feast.

Gather us in,
from corner or limelight,
from mansion or campsite,
from fears and obsession,
from tears and depression,

from untold excesses,
from treasured successes,
to meet, to eat,
be given a seat,
be joined to the vine,
be offered new wine,
become like the least,
be found at the feast.
Gather us in!

+ OPENING HYMN

O God, You Are My God Alone (Psalm 63)

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PRAYER

Let us pray.

In you, gracious God,
the widowed find a carer,
the orphaned find a parent,
the fearful find a friend.

In you,
the wounded find a healer,
the penitent find a pardoner,
the burdened find a counselor.

In you
the miserly find a beggar,
the despondent find a laughter-maker,
the legalists find a rule-breaker.

In you, Jesus Christ,
we meet our Maker,
and our match.

And if some need to say, 'Help me'
and if some need to say, 'Save me'
and if some need to say, 'Hold me'
and if some need to say, 'Forgive me'
then let these be said now
in confidence
by us.

(Silence)

O Christ,
in whose heart is both welcome and warning,
say to us,
do to us,
reveal within us
the things that will make us whole.
And we will wait;
and we will praise you.
Amen.

TEACHING OF THE SONG *Wait for the Lord (Refrain Only)* 90

SCRIPTURE AND SONG *Psalm 27 - Wait for the Lord* 90

SILENT MEDITATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you in your row.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Eat This Bread

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.

Take us,
renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you,
Still awaits us.

Lead us on.
Take us with you.
Amen.

+ CLOSING SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

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+ DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

The cross,
 we will take it.
The bread,
 we will break it.
The pain,
 we will bear it.
The joy,
 we will share it.
The Gospel,
 we will live it.
The love,
 we will give it.
The light,
 we will cherish it.
The darkness,
 God shall perish it!

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you:
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Amen.

Please leave prayerfully and in silence.

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*



February 21,28, March 6,13,20
Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner 6:00 PM
Lenten Worship with Communion 7:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

March 24, 2024 Palm-Passion Sunday
One Worship Service - Easter Cantata 10:00 AM
Adult/Youth Bible Study 9:00 AM
252 Kids Children's Ministry 10:15 AM

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM
March 29, 2024 Good Friday - Prayer Vigil 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday Worship
Traditional Worship Service with Communion 8:30 AM
252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45 AM
Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM
Contemporary Worship Service with Communion 11:00 AM
252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:15 AM
Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 AM Worship Service

Tonight's worship liturgy is from the Celtic tradition of the Iona Community, Scotland.

Founding of the Iona Community

The Iona Community was founded in Glasgow and Iona in 1938 by George MacLeod, minister, visionary and prophetic witness for peace, in the context of the poverty and despair of the Depression. From a dockland parish in Govan, Glasgow, he took unemployed skilled craftsmen and young trainee clergy to Iona to rebuild both the monastic quarters of the medieval abbey and the common life by working and living together, sharing skills and effort as well as joys and achievement. That original task became a sign of hopeful rebuilding of community in Scotland and beyond. The experience shaped - and continues to shape - the practice and principles of the Iona Community.

