



**April 23 2017**  
**Earth Day Service**

**IONA ABBEY CREATION LITURGY (adapted) 2017**  
**WITH EUCHARIST**

8 am and 9:15 am

**Opening Responses:**

**L:** Let the light fall warm on the rock  
let the birds sing their song,  
And let God's people say Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**L:** Let the tools be taken out  
Let the work begin,  
And let God's people say Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**L:** Let the flowers open and the sun appear,  
let hearts be glad and minds be calm  
And let God's people say Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (insert)

**Confession:**

**L:** Eternal God, maker of the skies above,  
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,  
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

**All: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,  
soul behind all souls, in everything we touch,  
in everyone we touch, in everyone we meet,  
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.**

**L:** But when we have not touched but trample you in creation,  
when we have not met but missed you in one another,  
when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,  
forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

**All: Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.**

**L:** Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives:  
Your sins are forgiven, go in peace.

Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries Glory! through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus (Sirach): 42:15-22

**Second Reading:** Psalm 8 (adapted)

**GRADUAL:** *All Praise to You* (insert)

**Gospel:** **John 20:19-31**

**Reflection:**

### Affirmation

**C:** With the whole church

**All: We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

**C:** With people everywhere

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

**C:** 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.**

### Prayer of Gratitude and Concern:

**L:** Lord, there is no pain in our hearts or in this planet that you do not know, for you have touched the lowest places of the earth. There is no place in the heavens that cannot

be touched by your resurrection presence, for you fill all things.

**All: Give us strength in your victory over death to grow  
into your way of love, which does not despair but keeps  
sowing seeds of hope and making signs of wholeness.**

**L:** It is in the mystery of communion with Christ that we pray for the church throughout the world, praying in particular for...

We pray for the people of this diocese,  
praying especially for John our bishop and ...

We pray for the people of this parish, praying particularly for ...

We pray for the people of Mississippi Mills and the surrounding communities, praying particularly for...

We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and the homeless, praying in particular for...

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for our healing. Teach us to know our interconnectedness with all things. Teach us to grow with each other and all living things through love.

And so we pray, in the words you have taught us...

### The Lord'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.  
For give us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### The Invitation

**C:** The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.  
It is the table of communion with the earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate  
So come to this table, you who have much faith and  
you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus;  
and you who have failed; Come.  
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here,

**Offertory Hymn:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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**Prayer Over the Gifts:**

C: Blessed is our brother Jesus  
who walks with us on the road of our world's suffering,  
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.  
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread  
and having blessed it, he broke the bread,  
and gave it to his disciples saying  
This is my body, given for you.  
In the same way he took wine and  
having given thanks for it - he poured it out  
and gave the cup to his disciples saying,  
This cup is the new relationship with God,  
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.  
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming  
kingdom of God.

Let us pray

**All** **Loving God, though your goodness  
we have this bread and wine to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have  
made. May we know your presence in the  
sharing of this bread so that we may know your  
touch in all bread, all matter.**

**We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among  
his community through the centuries,  
and shares with us now.  
Made one in Christ and one with each other,**

**we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

C: The Lord be with you **All: And also with you.**

C: Lift up your hearts  
**All: We lift them up to the God.**

C: Let us give thanks to God  
**All: It is right to give both thanks and praise**

C: We offer you praise dear God with hearts lifted  
high, for the communion of your love Christ  
comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around  
us; with earth sea and sky, we sing to you.  
With the angels of light who envelop us,  
with Michael and the host of heaven,  
with all the saints before and beside us,  
with Columba, and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret  
and Paul with brothers and sisters, east and west,  
we sing to you.

And with our loved one, separate from us now,  
who yet in this mystery are close to us,  
we join in the song of your unending greatness.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is her who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Prayer of Consecration**

C: Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and wine.  
May they become for us your body,  
vibrant with your life,  
healing, renewing and making us whole.  
And as the bread and wine which we now eat  
and drink are changed into us,  
may we be changed again into you,  
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,  
loving and caring in the world.

**Lamb of God you take way the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God you take way the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God you take way the sin of the world,  
Grant us your peace.**

C: Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.  
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God**

**Communion & Anointing:**

Hymn: *All Beautiful the March of Days* #427

**The Peace:**

C: Many grains were gathered to make this bread,  
many grapes were mixed to make this wine.  
So we who are many, and come from many places,  
are one in Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

C; Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

**Closing Responses**

L: This we know, the earth does not belong to us,  
**All: We belong to the earth.**

L: This we know, all things are connected,  
**All: Like the blood that unites one family.**

L: This we know, we do not weave the web of life,  
**All: We are merely a strand in it.**

L: This we know, whatever we do to the web,  
**All: We do to ourselves.**

L: Let us give thanks for the gift of creation,  
**All: Let us give thanks that all things are held together in Christ.**

**Blessing:**

L: Bless to us, O God,  
the moon that is above us,  
the earth that is beneath us,  
the friends who are around us,  
your image deep within us.  
**All: Amen**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful* #425

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**8:00am HOLY COMMUNION - BCP pg. 67**

**Greeters:** Lynda Bennett  
**Reader:** Irene Emig

**9:15am CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**Greeters:** Richard Evans and Jim Blair  
**Server:** Katrina Ayling  
**Liturgical Assistant:** Ellen Hughes/David Moat  
**Readers:** Bob Mosher and Irene Emig  
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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**The Church in the World:** Psalm: 110:1-4 Heb. 2:10-13  
Muranga South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru

**Diocese of Ottawa:** Pray for John our Bishop and Pat our Priest and Trinity, Ottawa, The Reverend Arran Thorpe; Christ Church, Seaway The Reverend Patrick Stephens Jr. Youth Retreat (April 22-23); for the Chaplain of the Ottawa Police, The Reverend Canon Robert Heard; Mount Calvary, and the Lutheran Church, Pastor JoAnne Lam. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Salt.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for Casita Copan – a home away from home for at risk children in Honduras.

**Our Local Community:** We pray for the nonprofit organization, the Hub, and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its wellbeing.

**In Our Parish:** We pray for Lucy Poaps, Robbie Anderson, Anne Wheatley, Jayne & Chuck Richeson, Kathy Aird and our sponsorship family: Asaad Gerges (father) Alset Jarous (mother), Lena Gerges (daughter 8), Elias Gerges (son 6). We give thanks for the life of Beverley Smithson and pray for her family and friends.

**In our Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Jessica, Chloe, Charlotte and Canton Kennedy, Pat Kennedy, Pamela Kirkpatrick and Martin Firth, Karen Luyendyk, Ann Ladouceur, Judy Lawton, and Carol-Ann Leishman.

**For the Whole Human Family** that we may learn to live together in justice and peace. We pray for refugees and displaced persons, thinking especially of the people seeking refuge from Syria. We remember the victims of terrorism at home and around the world and pray for all those whose lives are impacted by violence and social unrest.

**Prayer for St. Paul's:** Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself. Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them into your name. Give us generous hearts, that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.