

IONA ABBEY CREATION LITURGY (adapted)
WITH BAPTISM AND EUCHARIST

8:30 am April 22 2018

Greeters: Jack and Eloise Caverson

Reader: Jack Caverson

Server: Tony St. Dennis

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.

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: Genesis 9:8-17

Gospel: John 10:11-18

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.**

Holy Baptism (insert)

Callie Lynn McGregor

Parents: Matthew and Victoria McGregor

Sponsors: Shawndra Ward and Joe and Meaghan Zammit

Rayna Sherida Zammit

Parents; Joseph and Meaghan Zammit

Sponsors: Matthew and Victoria McGregor

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, and for the people of this diocese and this parish. We pray for the people of Mississippi Mills and the surrounding communities, for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and the homeless. And 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.

The Offering

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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 the one 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 away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God you take away 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

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