

April 7 2019 Iona Healing Serve with Eucharist

Gathering Song: *To the River*

Opening Responses

Celebrant: We gather here in your presence God...

All: ... in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world

Celebrant: We come to you, for you came to us in Jesus,

All: And you know by experience what human life is like

Celebrant: We come with our faith and with our doubts

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears

Celebrant: We come as we are because you invite us to come

All: And you have promised never to turn us away

Opening Song: *God, My Hope on You is Founded CP 529*

Trisagion

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

AMEN

Proclamation of the Word

Celebrant: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 ...Hear the Spirit speak to the church today

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 126 (Nan C. Merrill modern paraphrase)

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 ...Hear the Spirit speak to the church today

All: Thanks be to God.

Song Before the Gospel: *Ancient Words*

Gospel: John 12:1-8 ...this is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

REFLECTION

Reflection song: *Lord Have Mercy*

Affirmation

Celebrant: With the whole church...

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

Celebrant: With people everywhere...

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

Celebrant: 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.

Prayers of the People

Laying On of Hands

Healing song: *Spirit Song*

Celebrant: Living God, breathe your Spirit upon us and surround us with your love. Giving Jesus, grant us your compassion. Healing Spirit, come and bring us peace.

Prayer for Laying on of hands: *(repeated with each person)*

All: Spirit of the living God, present with us now, enter you, body, mind and spirit, and heal you of all that harms you, in Jesus name. Amen.

After Laying on of Hands

Celebrant: O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who fashioned the earth and all who live there

All: We praise you.

Celebrant: That the eyes of the blind be opened, the broken hearted healed, the poor hear good news and the captives be brought out of darkness,

All: Your Kingdom come O Lord, Your will be done. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: 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, ... Come! It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Offering song: *Take My Life and Let It Be CP 435*

Communion

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, ... 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.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

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

Celebrant: We offer You praise dear God with hearts lifted high,
... we join in the song of Your unending greatness....

Sanctus/ Benedictus (*Holy, Holy... Blessed is He*)

Celebrant: Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. ... bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

This is the Body of Christ

Communion songs:

*Hungry
Holy Holy Holy Is the Lord*

The Peace

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go. And the blessing of God be upon you.

All: The blessing of the God of life.

Celebrant: The blessing of Christ be upon you.

All: The blessing of the Christ of love

Celebrant: The blessing of the Spirit be upon you.

All: The blessing of the spirit of grace

Celebrant: The blessing of the Trinity be upon you. Now and forevermore

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Song: *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (CP 601)

Dismissal

Celebrant: As we leave this place, may our worship continue.

People: May we go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

Celebrant: May we have ears to hear the mountains and hills bursting into song around us.

People: May we have eyes to see the trees of the field clapping their hands. And may we join with them in joyful gratitude and praise to God our creator.