

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: Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **ALL:** Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*spoken*)

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.
Forgive 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 for ever.
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

*Here I Am to Worship
Emmanuel*

THE BLESSING -- Iona

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

Birthday Song

Happy Birthday to you. to Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings fall fresh upon you ...

CLOSING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine CP 460

There is no dismissal at the end of an Iona service....

Epiphany January 5 2020

GATHERING SONG

Wonderful Merciful Savior

OPENING SONG

Angels from the Realms of Glory CP

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TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OPENING RESPONSES -- Iona Worship

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,

READINGS INTRODUCTION -- Iona

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 60: 1-6*

ALL: ...Thanks be to God

PSALM 72

1 Give the king your justice, O God, * **and your righteousness to the king's son;**

2 That he may rule your people righteously * **and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * **and the little hills bring righteousness.**

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * **he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * **from one generation to another.**

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * **like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * **there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * **and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall bow down before him, * **and all the nations do him service.**

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * **and the oppressed who has no helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * **he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * **and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

PSALM 72 - PRAYER

ALL: O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 3: 1-12*

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG TO GREET THE GOSPEL

Come Down O Love Divine CP 645

GOSPEL

C: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 2: 1-12

C: The Gospel of Christ... **PEOPLE:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION -- IONA

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 *As directed by the intercessor*

INVITATION -- LAYING ON OF HANDS

Celebrant: At the end of the next song, if you wish to seek prayer, for yourself, ...
... Come for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

HEALING SONG

Take, O Take Me as I Am

LAYING ON OF HANDS -- IONA

Prayer Before Laying on of Hands:

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 PEACE -- IONA

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.

OFFERING SONG:

Good Christians All, Rejoice CP 153

INVITATION - COMMUNION IONA

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready...

...-- Come! It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

COMMUNION -- IONA

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...

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

ALL (spoken): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus who walks with us ...

...Let us pray:

ALL: Loving God, through 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...