

**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.

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 and upon this bread and wine. ...

... bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

**ALL:** Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**ALL:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
...now and for ever. Amen.

#### THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

**COMMUNION SONG:** *There is a Longing in our Hearts*

#### 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

**CLOSING SONG:** *Lord Reign in Me*

#### DISMISSAL

## Lent 1 March 1 2020

**GATHERING SONG:** *Wonderful Merciful Savior*

#### Opening Responses - Lent

*Celebrant:* From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus.

*Celebrant:* To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus.

*Celebrant:* Today in this place, as we gather for worship, as we bring our joys and our sorrows, as we offer ourselves,

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**OPENING SONG:** *Lord, Bring the Day to Pass*  
(tune: CP 184)

#### TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### 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:** *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7* **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 32 (Nan C. Merrill version)

Blessed are you whose wrongdoings have been forgiven, \* **whose shame has been forgotten.**

Blessed are you in whom Love Divine finds a home, \* **and whose spirit radiates truth.**

When I acknowledged not my shortcomings, \* **I became ill through all my defenses.**

And day and night, guilt weighed heavy constricting my heart; \* **my spirit became dry as desert bones.**

I admitted my faults to the Most High, \* **and I made known my regret.**

I cried out, "Forgive me, O Comforter, for those times I have sinned in my thoughts, my words, and my deeds;" \* **And the Lord created within me a clean and open heart.**

Therefore, let everyone who is sincere give thanks to the Lord \* **For whenever we feel paralyzed by fear, we shall be embraced by Love.**

Dwelling in the Heart of the Lord, we are free from distress, \* **Free to live more creatively.**

O Lord You are my guide, You teach me to walk in the Light. \* **Be watchful of me, counsel me as I listen to You in the Silence.**

I pray for the gifts of inner peace and wisdom, \* **For the grace to reverence all of Creation.**

Many are the heartaches of those separated from Love; \* **Steadfast love abides with those who surrender their lives into the hands of the Lord.**

Be glad and rejoice! Let your life give witness to Love's Way; \* **And shout for joy, all you upright of heart.**

#### **PSALM 32 - PRAYER**

**ALL:** Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. Amen.

**SECOND READING** *Romans 5:12-19*

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**SONG TO GREET THE GOSPEL:**

*Lead Us Heavenly Father* CP 564

#### **GOSPEL**

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

**PEOPLE:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 4:1-11*

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...

... Come for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

#### **HEALING SONG:**

*Here I Am, Lord*

#### **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.

#### **OFFERING SONG:**

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad* CP 628

#### **INVITATION - COMUNION 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...

... 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 the road of our world's suffering, ...

... I shall drink wine with you next in the coming kingdom of God." Let us pray: