

Service of the Word

14th February 2021



Opening Prayer

Reshape us, good Lord, until in generosity, in faith, and in the expectation that the best is yet to come, we are truly Christ-like.

Make us passionate followers of Jesus, rather than passive supporters. Make our churches places of radical discipleship and signposts to heaven, then, in us, through us, and - if need be - despite us, let your kingdom come. Amen.

The Iona Community

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of our land as your love would make it:
a land where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a land where the benefits of civilised life are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;
a land where different races and cultures
live in tolerance and mutual respect;
a land where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
And give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession:

Generous God you have transformed our lives, but we fail to be thankful
Forgive us Lord, and give us generous hearts.

Lord you give us an abundance of love but we do not share your love
Forgive us Lord, and give us generous hearts.

Eternal God, selfishness gets in the way of our faith and future
Forgive us Lord, and give us generous hearts.

Absolution

The God who loves you, knows you by name and calls you his own,
Forgives your sin, and has faith in you to resist temptation to sin,
God's mercy is generous towards you, be freed from your sin
In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our
crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading Mark 9.2-9

²Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,
³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50.1-6

- 1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken ◆
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; ◆
our God comes and will not keep silence.**
- 3 Consuming fire goes out before him ◆
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
- 4 **He calls the heaven above, ◆
and the earth, that he may judge his people:**
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful, ◆
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
- 6 **Let the heavens declare his righteousness, ◆
for God himself is judge.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Peace

1. Give me peace, O Lord I pray
In my work and in my play
And inside my heart and mind
Lord, give me peace.

2. Give us peace, O Lord I pray
Let all quarrels cease today
And inside my heart and mind
Lord, give me peace.

Prayers. *We respond to the bidding:*

Lord in your mercy

saying together **Hear our prayer**

concluding with the prayer that Jesus asks us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

Eternal Giver of love and life, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen

Go in peace, spend your time with Christ.

We go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.