



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

Last Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25 October 2020

10.00 am

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The Greeting

In the beginning
before time, before people,
before the world began.

God was.

Here and now
among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven.

God is.

In the future,
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfilment.

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was,

God is,

God will be.

From the Morning Liturgy A – The Iona Community

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on ev'ry page;
our forebears owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in ev'ry deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.**

**Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, hope restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored:
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the vict'ry shall be won;
and then by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.

Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

cf Titus 2.11

**We need your healing, merciful God;
Give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us,
Some escape us,
Some we cannot face.**

**Forgive us;
Set us free to hear your word to us;
Set us free to serve you.
Amen.**

From St. James' Piccadilly

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant us pardon and forgiveness,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Collect

For The Last Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading from the Bible

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but

also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

A new commandment

I give unto you:

that you love one another

as I have loved you,

that you love one another

as I have loved you.

By this shall all know

that you are my disciples

if you have love one for another.

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Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia.

cf 1 Peter 1.25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22.34-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Prayers of intercession

Written and led by James Black, and ending with...

United with the Church across the world, let us pray with confidence using the words our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

Hymn

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound -
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

Closing Prayer and Responses

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do without us,

Thanks be to God.

For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

Thanks be to God.

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us.

Thanks be to God.

Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship.

Amen.

From the Morning Liturgy A – The Iona Community

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe, thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
sets our hearts at liberty.

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
he Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;

cf Numbers 6.24, 25

and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
rest upon you, your homes and those whom you love
this day and always.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:

thanks be to God.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

“Thy hand, O God, has guided”

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