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WELCOME

Welcome to Iona Community! This bulletin is your guide through our service and includes all the things in the service that do not change from week to week.

THINGS TO LISTEN FOR DURING THE SERVICE

You will hear the Bible presented and reflected throughout the service; the Trinity proclaimed, God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and the Gospel, the Good News of the saving act of God in Jesus Christ, presented in word and deed.

We will pray throughout the service, sometimes observing silence, providing space for God's presence and respite from the noise and activity of the world.

We will all participate! Your parts are set off in bold.

CHILDREN

We love our children here at Iona Community. Most weeks, we provide childcare for young children during a portion of the service. For the remainder of the service, younger children may get restless or emit "joyful noises". Do not fear, and do not be embarrassed, but remember the words of our Lord: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16, ESV).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. At the appropriate time, come forward when you are ready to receive the elements. You may drink the wine from the cup, or you may dip the bread into the cup.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. Signify this by crossing your arms over your chest.

THE ACCLAMATION

[Welcome and preparation for worship.]

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

WORSHIP IN SONG

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (*Matthew 22:37-40*)

KYRIE

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest

And peace to His people on earth

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,

We worship You, we give You thanks,

We praise You for Your glory! Glory to God!

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High.

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father,

In the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

FIRST READING [*See Scripture sheet.*]

PSALM APPOINTED [*See Scripture sheet.*]

SECOND READING [*See Scripture sheet.*]

SEQUENCE HYMN [*All stand.*]

Alleluia

GOSPEL READING [*See Scripture sheet.*]

[Young children are now dismissed to the nursery.]

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Minister: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and

the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit or kneel for the prayers.]

*[The Leader leads the congregation in
prayer. After each, the Leader says:]*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: I invite your thanksgivings and prayers at
this time.

*[After each, the leader will say “Lord in your
mercy” and all respond “**hear our prayer**”.]*

Celebrant: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus
Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of
our sins.

[Silence.]

[The Leader and People kneel as able and pray.]

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left
undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:28*)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:1-2*)

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

[Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]

[Parents, please gather your children from the nursery at this time.]

THE OFFERTORY

[Offertory Sentence]

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[Offertory Music]

THE DOXOLOGY *[All stand.]*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: and of your own have we given you.

(1 Chronicles 29:11, 14)

THE SURSUM CORDA

[The People remain standing.]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is just and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Proper Preface]

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. (x2)

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory, (x2)

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is He who comes

in the name of the Lord. (x2)

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

[The People sit or kneel.]

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He offered himself and made, once for all time, a perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted this remembrance of his passion and death, which he commanded us to continue until he comes again. So now, Father, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine that we may partake of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Lord and heavenly Father, with these holy gifts we celebrate the memorial instituted by your beloved Son, remembering his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion, making us one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And here we offer to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All:

**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, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

[Silence.]

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**All: We do not presume to come to this your
table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much
as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
body, and our souls washed through his most
precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he
in us. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[Come up as you are ready, forming
a single line for the elements.]*

*[The Bread and Cup are given to the
communicants with these words:]*

Minister: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Assistant: The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONGS

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Heavenly Father,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out into the world to do
the work you have given us to do,**

**to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ
our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

[Announcements]

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if you are done with it. Thank you for joining us!*

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