

MORNING LITURGY E

(loosely based on the order for morning prayer in Iona Abbey)

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Opening Responses:

Leader: The world belongs to the Lord,

All: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good and how lovely it is

All: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

All: justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If the Lord's disciples keep silent,

All: these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

All: have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of Mary

All: have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life,

All: have mercy on us.

Leader: Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings. (*Silence*)

In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people, I confess to God that I have sinned in thought, word and deed. I have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as I should. I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

All: May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Spirit renew and change your life.

Leader: Amen.

All: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people, we confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ befriend you, and the Spirit renew and change you life.

All: Amen.

Leader: Turn again, O Lord, and give us life,

All: that your people may rejoice in you.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Give us again the joy of your help;

All: with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

Leader: And now, as Jesus taught us, we say,

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 forever. Amen.

Word of God

Reader: Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

All: Our ears are open.

Reader: A reading from *(the Scripture is read)*

Reader: For the word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

[Silence for Reflection]

Prayer

Leader: Eternal God, conceiver and shaper, ruler and Saviour of the world, we bless you that, awake and aware, we are free to praise you. Bound in the family of Christ to worshipers in every land, we worship you in our mother tongue as others do in theirs, glad to be part of your pattern and purpose.

All: Amen.

Leader: Liberate all who follow Christ from narrowness of vision and limited discipleship. Make your people keen to serve you in the public worlds of business, politics, education, law, industry and wherever the welfare of humanity may be improved or threatened. Thus may compassion and justice inform our national life and institutions as keenly as they address our consciences.

All: **Amen.**

[Additional prayers or concerns may be offered]

Leader: Throughout this day, enliven our minds, inspire our conversation, inform our decisions, and protect those we love. And should today bring what we neither anticipate nor desire, increase our faith and decrease our pride until we know that, when we face the unexpected, we do not stand alone. Hear these prayers made in the presence and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Closing Responses

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: We will not offer to God

All: **Offerings that cost us nothing.**

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: **We will seek peace and pursue it.**

Leader: Glory be to God who made us, and to Christ who saved us, and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith.

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**