

Morning Liturgy N – adapted from Iona Worship Book 2017 and The Celtic Resource Book 1998 – reprinted under OneLicense # 735867. For private use only, please do not distribute.

(Welcome and a brief silence for preparation and centering)

Leader I believe, O God of all gods

All that you are the eternal Creator of life.

Leader I believe, O God of all gods,

All that you are the eternal Creator of love.

Leader I believe, O God of all gods,

All that you are the Creator of the high heavens.

Leader I believe, O God of all gods,

All that you created my soul and set its course. *(pause)*

Leader Creator Spirit, come, renew the face of the earth.

All May your Spirit lead us all today.

Leader You led your people by fire at night

All May your Spirit lighten us on our way.

Leader Wind of God, blow us to wild places as You will

All Breeze of God, refresh us as you desire.

Leader Breath of God, blow away all that is unclean

All Rain of God, revive our withered lives.

Leader River of God, flow through us and heal our land

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Leader Listen now for God's word. *(A passage of Scripture is read).*

Leader For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection, and/or another brief reading may follow).

Prayers

Leader We cannot escape you, nor will we resist you; for though your ways are not our ways nor are your thoughts our thoughts, it is on your Word and will that all life depends. You convert wrong into right, therefore we trust you, and so we pray, **God of justice, make your ways known.**

Leader Where the hungry go unfed while the privileged gorge themselves; where the poor go begging while the rich amass greater fortunes, where tyrants have bitten the dust but their successors prove no better, **God of justice, make your ways known.**

Leader Where those who are disadvantaged are excluded and those who are disabled are left on the margins; where gender, race or religion are grounds for suspicion, or confer unmerited privilege, **God of justice, make your ways known.**

Leader To those who speak for the voiceless and defend the persecuted, to those who protest for a fairer world and practice simpler living, to those who share their faith in Jesus in places where faith is suspended, **God of justice, make your ways known.**

Leader And to us, that we might serve and love you with body, soul and mind, **God of justice, make your ways known.**

(Our own individual prayers and concerns are offered within the group).

Leader God hear our prayers and make us willing agents of your gracious purposes.

All Amen.

Our worship concludes:

Leader God who said "let there be light"

**All decorates the universe with sparkling water, brilliant light,
twinkling stars, and astonishing colours.**

Leader We look to Jesus as the light of the world,

All and through him we know that God believes in us and trusts us.

Leader We commit ourselves to God: Source, Son and Spirit;

All to one another as God's family, and to God's business in the world.

Leader Let us walk in confidence as children of the light.

All Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.