

Iona - A Simple Liturgy, April 18th

We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish peoples have walked gently on the territories where we now live, work, worship and play. We seek a new relationship with the Scia'new and other first peoples here, based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Peace on each one who comes in need.

Peace on each one who comes in joy.

Peace on each one who offers prayers.

Peace on each one who offers song.

Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Kid's Time

The Kids & David

After Kids' Time, the kids go to their breakout room.

Hymn CP 209 Walk Softly in Springtime

Allison

Prayer

Wally

O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder the beauty of creation.

We give you thanks.

O God, for your love for us, wild and freeing,

which has awakened us to the energy of creation:

to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

We give you thanks.

For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.

We give you thanks.

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

We give you thanks.

O God, we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence.

The Word of God*Dale*

Written near the end of the first century the book of Acts, written by the same author as the gospel of Luke, tells the story of the expansion of the Church. The narrative that is our first reading comes after the story of the healing of a lame man by Peter at Jerusalem's Temple gate. Addressing those who witness the event gives Peter the opportunity to tell the people of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a call to those listening to change their ways (to repent) and believe in the one who makes lame persons whole. A reading from Acts, chapter 3, verses 12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, Word of Life

PSALM 4*Ruth*

REFRAIN The Lord does wonders for the faithful.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" R

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. R

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. R

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

As last Sunday our second reading on this Third Sunday of Easter is from the first letter of John. It was likely written at the end of the first century by an unknown author. The community appears to have recently experienced some conflict and division, and continues to face a skeptical public. In this short passage the writer encourages the community of believers to live lives that reflect the life of Jesus, that they may 'abide in him' the righteous one. A reading from 1 John, chapter 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sins is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of Life

Gospel

Wally

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Good News of Jesus Christ, according to Luke 24: 36B-48

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of Christ

Sharing of the Day

Wally

Hymn CP 460 Lord the Light of your Love is Shining

Rachel & Russ

Prayer

Ruth

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray.

prayer leader

common response for the week

We bring to God someone who is hurting today and needs our prayer.

prayer leader

common response for the week

We bring to God, silently someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.

prayer leader

period of silence

common response for the week

We bring ourselves to God that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

common response for the week

Announcements

- ✻ *Kids return during Announcements*
- ✻ *Wardens*
- ✻ *others in the congregation*
- ✻ *clergy*

5Hymn CP 546 God Moves in a Mysterious Way
Shirley

Closing responses

O Trinity of Love, you have been with us since the beginning
Be with us till the world's end.

You have been with us at our life's shaping,
Be with us at our life's end.

You have been with us at the sun's rising,
Be with us till the day's end. Amen

{Wally: Iona service ends. Give an Anglican dismissal here}