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From Iona Abbey

**A SERVICE OF HEALING
AND COMMUNION**

**12 September 2010
10.30 am**

**at SS Peter & Paul
Deddington**



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Welcome & Notices

**Take O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart,
And live in me.**

3 times

Call to worship *(standing)*

Leader: Gather us in,
the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking,
the tired and the aching
who long for the nourishment
found at your feast

ALL: GATHER US IN!

Leader: the done and the doubting,
the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering
who long for the company
found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN!

Leader: the proud and pretentious,
the sure and superior,
the never inferior,
who long for the levelling
found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN!

Leader: the bright and the bustling,
the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers
who long for the deeper joys
found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN!

Leader: from corner or limelight,
from mansion or campsite,
from fears and obsession,
from tears and depression,
from untold excesses,
from treasured successes,

ALL: GATHER US IN!

Leader: to meet, to eat,
 be given a seat,
 be joined to the vine,
 be offered new wine,
 become like the least,
 be found at the feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN!

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning.
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Tune: Bunessan [on Mull]

CONFESSION

... "Conscious of sin, which longs to be pure but fears to begin" - a pause for reflection

Men We confess to God and in the company of all God's people that our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world are broken by our sin.

Women May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Men: **Amen**

Women We confess to God and in the company of all God's people that our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world are broken by our sin.

Men May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Women: **Amen**

Leader
All
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Move among us, O God; give us life.
Let your people rejoice in you
Make our hearts clean within us:
Renew us in mind and in spirit.
Give us again the joy of your help.
With your spirit of freedom sustain us

COLLECT

O God, you gave to your servant Columba
the gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness,
and sent people forth from Iona
to carry the word of your gospel to every creature:
grant, we pray, a like spirit to your church,
even at this present time.
Further in all things the purpose of our community,
that hidden things may be revealed to us,
and new ways found to touch the hearts of all.
May we preserve with each other
sincere charity and peace,
and, if it be your holy will,
grant that this place of your abiding be continued still
to be a sanctuary and a light, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

EPISTLE - Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16, 32-39; 12,1-2.

This is the word of the Lord

ALL **Thanks be to God**



3 times

GOSPEL - Luke 15:1-10

This is the Gospel of Christ

ALL **Praise to Christ our Lord**

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria - in excelsis Deo

3 times

ONLY GOD CAN SEE

In the bulb there is a flower,
In the seed, an apple tree
In cocoons, a hidden promise,
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter,
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody,
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
What it holds a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,
In our time, infinity,
In our doubt, there is believing,
In our Life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection,
At the last a victory,
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see.

Natalie Sleeth

ADDRESS

AFFIRMATION

Leader With the whole church

All **We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit**

Leader With people everywhere

All **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Leader With all creation

All **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

The healing of divided communities and nations, and the healing of the earth itself, all have their place alongside the healing of broken bodies, hurt minds and wounded hearts, as well as the hurts and divisions within ourselves. Everyone brings to this service particular people, places and situations as a focus for God's acceptance and love. So we all gather around to stand or kneel in a circle and give and receive the laying on of hands for the need which is on our hearts and minds - with these words

**Spirit of the Living God, present with us now,
Enter you, body, mind and spirit,
And heal you of all that harms you
In Jesus' name. Amen**

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

John Bell & Graham Maule

INVITATION

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became flesh.
So come to this table,
you who have much faith and would like to have more;
you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord is here
All: **His spirit is with us**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts
All: **We lift them up to the Lord**
Celebrant. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise**
Celebrant: It is indeed right,
for you made us,
and before us, you made the world we inhabit,
and before the world, you made the eternal home
in which, through Christ, we have a place.
All that is spectacular,
all that is plain
have their origin in you;
all that is lovely,
all who are loving
point to you as their fulfilment.
And grateful as we are
for the world we know
and the universe beyond our ken,
we particularly praise you,
whom eternity cannot contain,
for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.
For his life which informs our living,
for his compassion which changes our hearts,
for his clear speaking
which contradicts our harmless generalities,
for his disturbing presence,
his innocent suffering,
his fearless dying,
his rising to life breathing forgiveness,
we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit,
who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims
and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church
on earth and in heaven:

Sanctus: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest**

Benedictus: **Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest**

Celebrant: And now,
lest we believe
that our praise alone fulfils your purpose,
we fall silent
and remember him who came
because words weren't enough.
Setting our wisdom,
 our will,
 our words aside,
emptying our hearts,
and bringing nothing in our hands,
we yearn for the healing,
 the holding,
 the accepting,
 the forgiving
which Christ alone can offer.

Silence

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.
And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.
Amen.

Celebrant: Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread, and broke it, and said,
'This is my body broken for you.'

Later he took a cup of wine and said,
'This is the new relationship with God
made possible because of my death.
Take it, all of you, to remember me.'

He whom the universe could not contain,
is present to us in this bread.
He who redeemed us and called us by name
now meets us in this cup.

**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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen**

So take this bread and this wine.
In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.
Many grains were gathered together to make this bread,
many grapes were mixed to make this wine.
So we who are many and come from many places
are one in Christ.

ALL **Though we are many, we are one creation,
because we all share in the love of the Creator.**

COMMUNION

*We share the bread and wine by coming forward,
leading out of your row from one end and return to the other end.*

During the Communion, hum or sing softly

**Take O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart,
And live in me.**

O Christ, the Master Carpenter,
who at the last, through wood and nails,
purchased our whole salvation,
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask it for your own name's sake.

ALL **AMEN**

THE DRAMA OF CELEBRATION

Leader In the end as in the beginning, God is God
Women Loved by us, wanted by us,
Men Praised by us, served by us;
Women Filling the folk with the gifts of the Spirit,
Men Making them whole for the good of the earth.
Women For bread and wine, for this place and this time
ALL Thanks be to God
Men For the hands I touch which are not mine
ALL Thanks be to God
Women For the peace I am promised which the world won't destroy
ALL Thanks be to God
Men For the hope of life forever through Christ's death and resurrection's joy
ALL Thanks be to God
Women For all that God has done without me
Men For all that God wants to do with me
Women For all whom Christ loves around me
Men For all that Christ loves within me
ALL Thanks be to God
Women For all the Spirit wants to bring me
Men For where the Spirit wants to send me
Women For all the earth has been despite us
Men For what the earth may yet be through us
ALL Thanks be to God
Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
ALL In the name of Christ AMEN

RECESSIONAL



*Music by Anne Walker, words by Judy Ward with other guests
celebrating St Columba on Iona in June 2010*

Love of Iona be with me
Spirit of Iona be with me
Joy of Iona be with me
Peace of Iona be with me

Safe in a place where all belong
Finding strength in community
We rest in your peace then travel on
Wholeness now found, our hearts set free

The journeys we're on have brought us here
Pilgrim from afar and very near
We seek God's grace and love anew
Children of God we'll share Good News

Love of Iona come with us
Spirit of Iona come with us
Joy of Iona come with us
Peace of Iona come with us

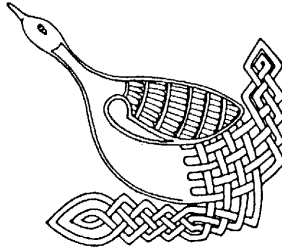
<i>Leader</i>	In work and worship
<i>ALL</i>	God is with us
<i>Leader</i>	Gathered and scattered
<i>ALL</i>	God is with us
<i>Leader</i>	Now and always
<i>ALL</i>	God is with us

THE PEACE

*Before you leave, take an oatcake or apricot from one of the bowls
and share it with someone*

- if possible someone you do not yet know well.

A companion is someone with whom you share bread.



The Wild Goose is a Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit;
we do not know where it comes from or goes to.

Wild geese fly in skeins, sharing the leadership
and thus travel further and faster.

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