
BRIEF LEAVING WORSHIP

- l.* = *leader*
r. = *reader*
s. = *(in parting blessing) those who are staying*
g. = *(in parting blessing) those who are going*
a. = *all*
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Opening responses

- l.* The world belongs to God, *[Psalm 24:1]*
a. THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.
- l.* How good it is, how wonderful *[Psalm 133:1]*
a. TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY.
- l.* Love and faith come together, *[Psalm 85:10]*
a. JUSTICE AND PEACE JOIN HANDS.
- l.* If Christ's disciples keep silent, *[Luke 19:40]*
a. THESE STONES WOULD SHOUT ALOUD.
- l.* Open our lips, O God, *[Psalm 51:15]*
a. AND OUR MOUTHS SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.

Morning song of praise *[optional]*

Affirmation

- l.* Let us affirm God's presence in our world.
- l.* Among all of God's creatures
we affirm that God creates reality,
a. SENSE AND PURPOSE OVER CHAOS,
LOVE AND GOODNESS OVER EVIL,
A SAFE SPACE TO LIVE ON EARTH.
- l.* Among all believers, with or without a church,
we affirm that we are called
a. TO BE GOD'S CHILDREN IN CREATIVITY,
TO BE GOD'S STUDENTS IN HUMANITY,
TO BE GOD'S PARTNERS IN COMPASSION.
- l.* Among God's people all around
we affirm that we are granted
a. THE MIRACLE AND WONDER OF LIFE,
THE HOPE OF JUSTICE FOR ALL,
THE DREAM OF PEACE FOREVER.

Morning prayer

- I. God of life,
on this day we call out your Name –
to make us a blessing
for those who are in need of healing;
to make us willing to learn
with those we meet today;
to urge us to be just
where injustice is all around;
to use words of truth and peace
when lies and hatred are spread.
God, in your mercy
- a. HEAR OUR PRAYER.

God of love,
we call on your Name –
to be with us this day.
Be present
through words spoken and deeds done;
be present
as the one who shows us the way;
be present
in the holiness of all life on earth.
God, in your mercy

- a. HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- I. As Columba laid down his books
and the security of the monastery,
a. SO WE LAY DOWN WHAT IS PAST
AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

- I. As Brigid, with a cross of rushes,
comforted a stranger,
a. SO WE TAKE INTO DAILY LIFE
SIGNS OF HOPE AND HEALING.

- I. As Patrick travelled ever on,
as Margaret built community,
a. SO WE REACH BEYOND OURSELVES,
TO SHARE THE LIVES OF OTHERS
AND TOUCH A WIDER WORLD.

The Lord's Prayer

- I. Lord, teach us to pray:
a. OUR FATHER,
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.
YOUR KINGDOM COME.
THE DAILY BREAD WE NEED
GIVE IT TO US EACH DAY.
RELEASE US FROM OUR WRONGDOING,
AS WE ALSO RELEASE THOSE WHO WRONG US.
AND DO NOT BRING US INTO A TRIAL.

[Luke 11:2-4]

AMEN.

Psalm

- r. We will read our Psalm for the leaving responsively.
[see Lectionary, Friday Psalms]

Reading

- r. Listen now for the Word of God.
[see Lectionary]

- r. For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
a. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Prayer for this time and place

- l. Let us be still before God
when our minds turn to this day and this world.
(silence)
God, in your mercy
a. HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- l. Today we hold in prayer: ...
[see Names List]
Living God,
may they not fail their neighbour,
a. NOR WE FAIL OURS.

[Or, on the 31st of a month:]

- l. Today we hold in prayer those who have died: ...
[see Names List]
Living God,
keep them in the palm of your hand,
a. AS WE REMEMBER THEIR NAMES.

- l. O God,
through Christ you are within each of us.
It is not just the interior of these walls:
it is our own inner being you have renewed.
We are your temple not made with hands,
we are your body.
If every wall should crumble and every church decay,
we are your habitation.
Nearer are you than breathing,
closer than hands and feet.
Ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery,
look out with compassion on the world.
Yet we bless you for this place,
for your directing of us, your redeeming of us,
and your indwelling.
Take us outside, o God, outside the sanctuary,

[Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted]

out to where soldiers curse and nations clash
at the crossroads of the world.
So shall this building continue to be justified.
We ask it for your own Name's sake.

a. AMEN.

Parting blessing

- s. The Maker's blessing be yours
on your road, on your journey,
guiding you, cherishing you.
- g. The Son's blessing be yours,
wine and water, bread and stories,
feeding you, challenging you.
- s. The Spirit's blessing be yours,
wind and fire, joy and wisdom,
comforting you, disturbing you.
- g. The angels' blessing be yours,
on your home, on your living,
guarding you, encouraging you.
- a. GOD'S BLESSING BE OURS,
THE BLESSING OF PILGRIMS,
ALL THE NIGHTS AND DAYS
OF OUR JOURNEY HOME.
AMEN.