
BRIEF MORNING WORSHIP

- l.* = *leader*
r. = *reader*
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

[One of the following prayers:]

- l. 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.

[Or:]

[Jewish morning prayer, adapted]

- l. Blessed are you, LORD our God, ruler of the world,
a. WHO HAS TAUGHT THE ROOSTER TO DISCERN BETWEEN DAY AND NIGHT.

- l. Blessed are you, LORD our God, ruler of the world,
a. WHO HAS GIVEN ME FAITH;
WHO DID NOT MAKE ME A SLAVE;
WHO CREATED ME IN YOUR IMAGE.

- l. Blessed are you, LORD our God, ruler of the world,
a. WHO OPENS THE EYES OF THE BLIND;
WHO CLOTHES THE NAKED;
WHO RELEASES THOSE WHO ARE BOUND;
WHO RAISES UP THOSE WHO ARE STOOPED OVER.

- l. Blessed are you, LORD our God, ruler of the world,
a. WHO STRETCHES OUT THE EARTH UPON THE WATERS;
WHO HAS PROVIDED FOR MY EVERY NEED;
WHO PREPARES THE STEPS OF HUMANS.

- l. Blessed are you, LORD our God, ruler of the world,
a. WHO GIRDS YOUR PEOPLE WITH MIGHT;
WHO CROWNS YOUR PEOPLE WITH GLORY;
WHO REMOVES THE BANDS OF SLEEP FROM MY EYES
AND SLUMBER FROM MY EYELIDS.

The Lord's Prayer

- l. Lord, teach us to pray: *[Luke 11:2-4]*
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.
AMEN.

Psalm

- r. We will read today's Psalm responsively.
[see Lectionary]

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.

[Monday:]

- l. O God, *[Iona Abbey Worship Book]*
lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth;
lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

- a. We ask it for your own Name's sake.
AMEN.

[Tuesday:]

[The Glory in the Grey, adapted]

- l. O God of Life,
Sun behind all suns,
Soul behind all souls,
everlasting Healer of our whole being,
show to us in everything we touch
and in everyone we meet
the continued assurance of your presence round us,
lest ever we should think you absent.
In all created things you are there.
In every friend we have
the sunshine of your presence is shown forth.
In every enemy that seems to cross our path,
you are there within the cloud
to challenge us to love.
Show to us the glory in the grey;
awake for us your presence in the very storm
till all our joys are seen as you
and all our trivial tasks emerge as sacraments
in the universal temple of your love.
- a. AMEN.

[Wednesday:]

[Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted]

- l. O God,
who gave to your servant Columba
the gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness,
and sent people forth from Iona
to carry your Word 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 communities,
that hidden things may be revealed to all,
and new ways found to touch the hearts of many.
May we preserve with each other
sincere charity and peace,
and grant that places of your abiding
be continued still to be a sanctuary and a light.
Through Jesus Christ.
- a. AMEN.

[Thursday:]

[Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted]

- l. O God,
you have set before us a great hope
that your kingship will come on earth,
and have taught us to pray for its coming:
make us ready to thank you for the signs of its dawning,
and to work and pray for the perfect day
when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- Through Jesus Christ.
a. AMEN.

[Friday:]

[Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted]

- 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,
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.

[Saturday:]

[Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted]

- l. O God,
you set your blessing on us
as we begin this day together.
Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live;
confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.
We ask not for what we want,
but for what you know we need,
as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Teacher.
a. AMEN.

Closing responses

- l. In work and worship
a. GOD IS WITH US.
- l. Gathered and scattered
a. GOD IS WITH US.
- l. Now and always
a. GOD IS WITH US.
AMEN.