



## A Service of Prayers for Healing Iona Abbey 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Opening prayers

Warm, welcoming God  
you shape us and name us  
and fill us with wonder  
**And you hold us in love**

Bright, beckoning God  
you comfort us and question us  
and fill us with courage  
**And you hold us in love**

Strong revealing God  
you comfort us and question us  
and fill us with courage  
**And you hold us in love**

**Gracious God,  
you gather us from different places,  
from different traditions  
and with different needs.**

**Of ourselves we cannot come with undivided hearts;  
unfinished business,  
un-mended brokenness,  
the hurts of the past, the fears of the present,  
our torn and weary world itself  
all weigh us down.**

**But you can lighten our hearts,  
revive our spirits  
and unite us in glad and hopeful praise,  
and so we bless you.**

**For your forgiveness of the harm that we have done,  
for your healing of our deepest hurts  
for your love drawing us together  
we bless you.**

**For your inspiring of our reconciliation  
for your power to rebuild our lives and our communities  
for your call to journey on together in faith  
we bless you.**

**And in wholehearted praise, we join to worship you  
in the name of Christ our Lord.**

### **Scripture reading: Luke 10.25-37 NRSV** **The Good Samaritan**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**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**

### **Prayers for others**

**The names of places, people and situations  
for which prayer has been requested in the past week  
are placed before us.**

From deep within our being we call upon you, God,  
for through you, all can be made whole.

Hear us as we raise to heaven  
our concerns for the people of earth.

**We pray for those who cry out in physical pain  
or who suffer silently  
and who long for the healing that human hands alone cannot offer.**

We pray for those who suffer mental anguish,  
who worry, feel anxiety and fear the future.

**We pray for those who mourn,  
who grieve the loss of a loved one.**

We pray for those who are near death, or fear death,  
and for those who have made the last journey  
from life to greater life.

**We pray for communities in which people  
deal with disaster, terror or pandemic,  
hunger or poverty,  
not knowing how or when their misery will end.**

We remember those who are victimised  
because of their race, background or history,  
because of their gender or sexuality,  
because they are different;  
and for all who are abused, abandoned or degraded.

**And remembering others in our minds,  
whose deepest needs may be known to God alone,  
we commend them to the affirming and restoring  
grace of God.**

Loving Jesus,  
your hands are strong  
to hold and heal,  
to wipe away tears and protect in danger.  
So, hear our prayers.

**God our Maker,  
You call us to be your presence in the world.  
Here, through our prayers,  
bring healing, hope and peace.**  
Amen

Spirit of the living God  
present with us now,  
enfold us, body, mind and spirit,  
and heal us of all that harms us,  
in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### **Closing prayers**

With the love of God  
**May we be warmed and welcomed**

With the justice of Jesus  
**May we be challenged and made whole**

With the breath of the Spirit  
**May we be filled with courage and life**

**Peace between nations,  
Peace between neighbours,  
Peace between lovers,  
In love of the God of life.**

Peace between person and person,  
Peace between wife and husband,  
Peace between parent and child,  
The peace of Christ above all peace.

**Bless O Christ our faces,  
Let our faces bless everything,  
Bless O Christ our eyes,  
Let our eyes bless all they see.**

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