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COMMUNITY
SERVICE OF RECOMMITMENT
AND HALLOWING

Saturday 10th June 2023, 17:00
Glasgow University Chapel

The Rule of the Iona Community

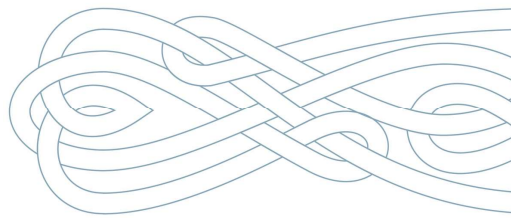
The Iona Community is an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for peace and justice, the rebuilding of Community and the renewal of worship. We long for a just and peaceful world in which all of life can flourish. We are motivated by Christian commitment and seek to work with others who share our vision and purpose.

As Members of the Iona Community we commit ourselves to:

1. Daily prayer, worship with others and regular engagement with the Bible and other material which nourishes us.
2. Working for justice and peace, wholeness and reconciliation in our localities, society and the whole creation.
3. Supporting one another in prayer and by meeting, communicating and accounting with one another for the use of our gifts, money and time, our use of the earth's resources, and our keeping of all aspects of the Rule.
4. Sharing in the corporate life and organisation of the Iona Community.

Members who are Hallowed are held accountable in Family Groups and through the annual renewal ('with us') process for their keeping of the Rule.

Associate Members are invited to keep the Rule.





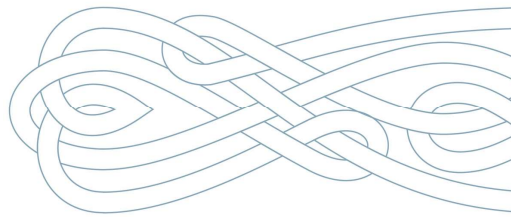
Hallowing New Members

Today we welcome into membership of the Iona Community,
and hallow:

Michael Caldwell
Jimi Calhoun
Julaine Calhoun
Diana Carroll
Iona Finlayson
Darragh Gallagher
Liz Johnson Blythe
Sarah Lamming
Israel Nelson
Dennis Neville

Helen Weavers
will be hallowed at Jesmond Park Uniting Church,
Newcastle, NSW, Australia on Sunday 29th October 2023

This worship service, in community and before God, is also an
invitation to Members, Associate Members and Staff to
rededicate themselves to the work and witness of the Iona
Community.



Call to Worship

Opening responses

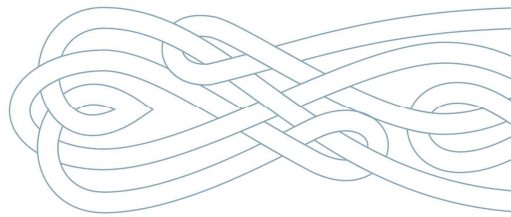
- One: To Pharisees minding their business, and
fisherfolk mending their nets:
Many: 'Follow me!'
- One: To money-handlers, lawyers, intellectuals and
power-brokers:
Many: 'Follow me!'
- One: To carers and cleaners, young and old, single
and partnered, country-folk and city-dwellers:
Many: 'Follow me!'
- One: Then and now, together and apart, willing and
unsure, ready or not, Jesus says:
Many: 'Follow me!'

Song

Heaven shall not wait

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege –
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.



Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now; and then for evermore.

"Heaven shall not wait"
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Gathering Prayer

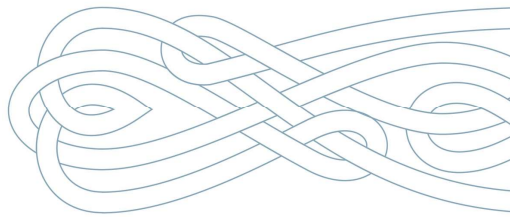
Call to Community

Reading

The sending out of the seventy-two. Luke 10: 1–11

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on



them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’

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An Act of Recommitment

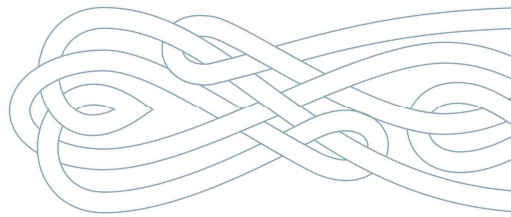
During which symbols of our Rule of Life are placed centrally.

One: We bring this candle...
a sign of our commitment to pray and reflect,
to hold faith and doubt, as we consider God's
word.

A candle is lit.

Many: God beyond all names, never fully known,
mystery of mysteries, calling us your own

One We bring this banner...
as a sign of our commitment



to the work for justice and peace,
wholeness and reconciliation,
whether through marching on our streets
or through campaigning in prayer and
stillness.

A banner is brought forward

Many: **God beyond all names...**

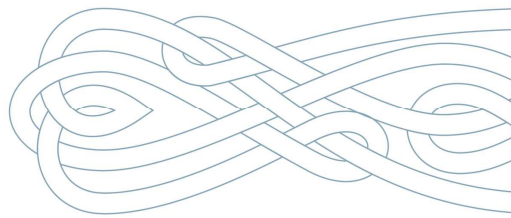
One We bring this hour-glass...
as a sign of our commitment to talking
honestly and openly about the stuff of life:
time, money, gifts and the shrinking
resources of earth.

An hour glass is brought forward

Many: **God beyond all names...**

One We bring this bread...
as a sign of our commitment to
sharing in the corporate life,
the very common life, of our Community.

A loaf of bread is brought forward



Many: God beyond all names...

Associate Members of the Iona Community say together:

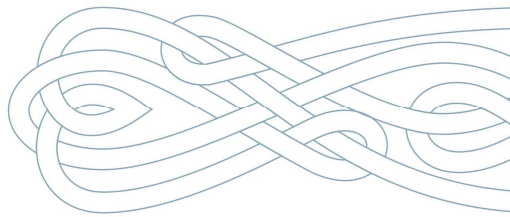
In the presence of our beloved friends,
in the company of Associate Members near and far,
and in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
we commit ourselves to the purpose
and vision of the Iona Community.
We join with others in living
the reconciling love of Christ, in community.
So God help us now and always. Amen

Members of the Iona Community say together:

In the presence of our beloved friends,
in the company of Members near and far,
and in the name of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
we commit ourselves to the purpose
and to the Rule of the Iona Community.

We, being many, are one in Christ.
We will celebrate the wholeness of our life together.
Where it is fractured, we will work for reconciliation.
Where it is diminished, we will strive for its fullness.
So God help us now and always. Amen.

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Prayers

during which the following responses are shared

One: For all the saints who live beyond us,
who challenge us to change the world with
them

Many: We give thanks.

One: Walk with them today O God,

Many: And keep us on your way.

One: For all the saints who live beside us,
whose weaknesses and strengths
are woven with our own

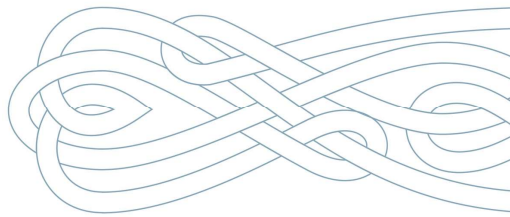
Many: We give thanks.

One: Walk with them today O God,

Many: And keep us on your way.

One: For all the saints who went before us,
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire

Many: We give thanks.



The Lord's Prayer

God in heaven,
your name be honoured.
May your new community of hope
be realised on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the essentials of life.
Release us from our wrongdoing
as we release those who wrong us.
Do not test us beyond our enduring;
save us from all that is evil.
For you embrace justice, love and peace,
now and to the end of time. Amen.

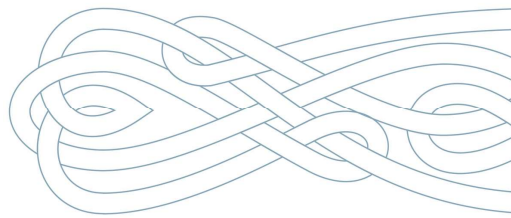
Silence

Call to Commitment

Reading

Love one another. John 15: 5-17

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide



in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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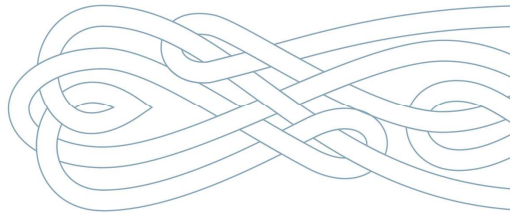
Reflection

Song

I bind unto myself today

I bind unto myself today
the strong Name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

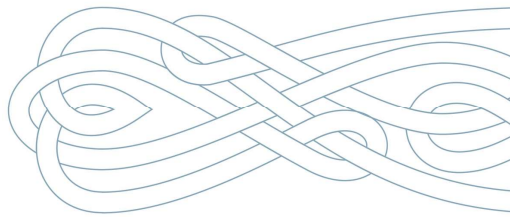
I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
his baptism in the Jordan river;



his death on cross for my salvation;
his bursting from the spiced tomb;
his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom:
I bind unto myself today.
I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



I bind unto myself today
the strong Name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

"I bind unto myself today"

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Hallowing of New Members

those to be hallowed share the words of Commitment

Hallowing Prayers

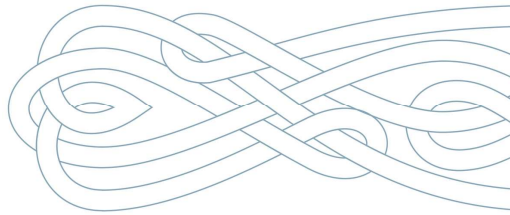
One: Walk with them today, O God,
Many: And keep us on your way

Encompassing Blessing

sung twice, first by a single voice, then repeated by everyone

God's eye be within you, God's foot be before you
God's spirit be round you, to shield and restore you.
God's freedom to choose you, God's justice to fuse you,
God's purpose to liberate and to transform and use you.

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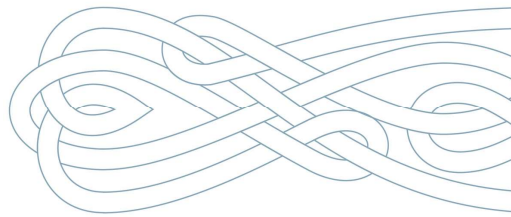
Prayer for the Iona Community

O God, who 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 lives of all.
May we preserve with each other
sincere charity and peace,
and if it be your holy will,
grant that a place of your abiding
be continued still
to be a sanctuary and a light.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen

Song **God in Community**

1. God-in-Community
within your word we see
the way-marks for this path that we are taking:
living without conceal,
caring for common weal,
and forging bonds to hold when all is breaking.



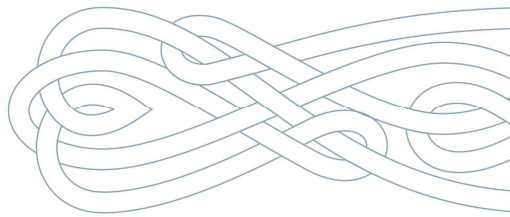
2. Through cords that free and bind,
in common life we find
the tools to do this task that we are sharing:
wisdom to know the right,
courage for facing might,
and words to tell of hope beyond despairing.

3. So we together stand
offering heart and hand,
committed to this journey of relation.
And as we take our place
gift us the holy grace
to love and live set free from calculation.

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Blessing

One:	In life in community
Many:	The Maker's blessing hold, halo and sustain you.
One:	On new journeys and pathways unknown,
Many:	Jesus' blessing accompany and guide you.
One:	In the face of problems and challenges
Many:	The Spirit's blessing steady and inspire you.
One:	The blessing of the Triune God be with you now and forever.
Many:	Amen



Recessional **Murassala**

Murassala nina kulumurassala.
Murassala nina kulumurassala.
Murassala nina kulumurassala.
Nina kulumurassala le Yesu.

Shukuru Alaa nina kulumurassala.
Shukuru Alaa nina kulumurassala.
Shukuru Alaa nina kulumurassala.
Nina kulumurassala le Yesu.

Hallelujah! Nina kulumurassala.
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Nina kulumurassala le Yesu.

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Following the Hallowing Service, and after the Members of the Community have moved out into the quad, all are welcome to follow.

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