

Morning Prayer



Time of Silence and Centering

Calling to Prayer

One: When the people were displaced, the Prophet Jeremiah told them:

Two: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. (29:5)

One: When hope was waning and the people were struggling, the Prophet Isaiah spoke:

Two: You will build up the ancient ruins; you will raise up the former devastations. (61:4)

One: In all times and in our times, Jesus calls us to love him and keep his word.

Two: When we do Jesus continued, God's love will be found "and we will come to you and make our home with you." (John 14:23)

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come

Two: And God has promised to never turn us away.

Centering Music

Matthew 11:28

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Letting Go (*Contemplation and Naming one Word*)

Welcoming In (*Contemplation and Naming one Blessing*)

Music

Turning Outward - Prayers of Intercession

Music: O Lord Hear My Prayer

Turning Toward Gratitude

Music: O Lord Hear My Prayer

Turning Inward

Time for Silent Listening and Openness

In this time, you are called to open yourself to God's whisper of love to be shared whether with a single person or a group of people. Keep them in your prayers for this day and/or reach out to them.

Closing Music

Scripture: John 14: 27

Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Sharing of the Peace

Closing Responses (*From the Iona Community*)

One: On our heads and our houses,

ALL: The Blessing of God.

One: In our coming and going,

ALL: The peace of God

One: In our life and believing,

ALL: The love of God.

One: At our end and new beginning,

ALL: The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.