

Morning Prayer - A Celtic Form

Notices Welcome and Introduction

The God of heaven has made his home on earth. Christ dwells among us and is one with us. The highest of all creation lives among the least. Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary. Come now all who thirst and drink the water of life. Come now all who hunger and be filled with good things. Come now all who seek and be warmed by the fire of love.

(Iona Abbey Worship Book - Service of Welcome)

Come, Lord, come to us. Enter our darkness with your light, Fill our emptiness with your presence, Come refresh, restore, renew us. In our sadness, come as joy, In our troubles, come as peace, In our fearfulness, come as hope, In our darkness, come as light, In our frailty, come as strength, In our loneliness come as love, Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

(David Adam)

Confession and Absolution:

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the

water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Taken from Common Worship).

Reading:

Talk : (which can be followed by a time of extended silence)

A Statement of faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, He was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. He was crucified for us

under Pontius Pilate, He suffered, died and was buried, and on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, He ascended into Heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom shall have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and Who spoke through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Intercessions:

During which the following response can be used

Lord hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for the Day

The Grace: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.