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Friday 9 July 2021
Opening Worship

Based on a service from the Iona Community

The Gathering

Leader The world belongs to God,
All the earth and all its people.

Leader How good it is, how wonderful
All to live together in unity.

Leader Love and faith come together;
All justice and peace join hands.

Leader If Christ’s disciples keep silent,
All the stones would shout aloud.

Leader Open our lips, O God,
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Prayer of Confession

Leader Trusting in God’s forgiveness,
let us in silence confess our failings
and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence

Leader Before God,
with the people of God,
I confess to turning away from God
in the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.

All May God forgive you;
Christ renew you;
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader Amen.
All Before God, with the people of God, we confess to turning away from God in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

Leader May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All Amen.

Response of Faith

Leader With the whole church

All we affirm

that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

Leader With people everywhere

All we affirm

God’s goodness at the heart of humanity planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Leader With all creation

All we celebrate

the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, for ever at work in ourselves and the world.
The Word of God

Leader  Listen now in the reading of scripture for the word and wisdom of God.

Jesus said, ‘Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.’

Luke 6.27b.2

Silence

Leader  For the Word of God is scripture, or the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

All  thanks be to God.

Prayer

Intercessions are offered and between each petition this response is used.

Intercessor  God in your mercy,  
All  hear our prayer.

Leader  God in whose heart is love and justice, show us this day whom we must love, and what we should challenge or change, in order that your will for the earth might be done.

All  Increase our hope, dispel our apathy; inspire our imagination, and deepen our commitment until we become the signs of your kingdom for which we and others pray.

Amen.
This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.

Go in peace to love and serve;
we will seek peace and pursue it.

In the name of the Trinity of Love,
God in community, holy and one.
Friday 9 July 2021
Evening Prayer

Preparation

Leader In the beginning when it was very dark
God said, “let there be light;”
All and there was light.

Leader In the beginning when it was very quiet
the Word was with God;
All and what God was, the Word was.

Leader When the time was right
God sent the Son;
All He came among us.
He was one of us.

Leader Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
All Blessed be God for ever.

Leader That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.
All Amen.
The Word of God

Psalm

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; ♦
   Lord, hear my voice;
   let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦
   O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦
   so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦
   in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
   more than the night watch for the morning, ♦
   more than the night watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦
   for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦
   and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. So they asked him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, ‘Show me a denarius. Whose head and
whose title does it bear?’ They said, ‘The emperor’s.’ He said to them, ‘Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.

Luke 20.20–26

Silence may be kept.

Gospel Canticle

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
    my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
    he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
    the Almighty has done great things for me  
    and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him,  
    from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm  
    and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
    and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things  
    and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
    to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors,  
    to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46–55

All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.
Prayers

Leader Christ is the Word that brings life for all people, so we offer you our prayers for the mission of the church.

Let us pray.

Intercessions are offered.

This response is used

Your kingdom come,

All your will be done.

The Collect

Leader Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All 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 Conclusion

All  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.

Leader  Let us bless the Lord.
All  Thanks be to God.
Saturday 10 July 2021
Morning Prayer

Preparation

Leader O Lord, open our lips,
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Leader The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; ♦
   from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, ♦
   the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; ♦
   he who watches over you will not sleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ♦
   shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself watches over you; ♦
   the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ♦
   neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; ♦
   it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, ♦
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 121

All

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off[a] we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5.1–10

Gospel Canticle

All

Shine on us, O God, who dwell in darkness,
and guide us into the way of peace.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
    from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
    all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called
    the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
    and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*All*

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Shine on us, O God, who dwell in darkness,
and guide us into the way of peace.
Intercessions are offered followed by this collect

Leader  Grant, Lord,
        that we who are baptized into the death
        of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
        may continually put to death our evil desires
        and be buried with him;
        and that through the grave and gate of death
        we may pass to our joyful resurrection;
        through his merits,
        who died and was buried and rose again for us,
        your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
All  Amen.

Leader  Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
All  Our Father, who art in heaven,
        hallowed be thy name;
        thy kingdom come;
        thy will be done;
        on earth as it is in heaven.
        Give us this day our daily bread.
        And forgive us our trespasses,
        as we forgive those who trespass against us.
        And lead us not into temptation;
        but deliver us from evil.
        For thine is the kingdom,
        the power and the glory,
        for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

Leader  The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil,
        and keep us in eternal life.
All  Amen.
Leader  Let us bless the Lord,
All  Thanks be to God.
Saturday 10 July 2021
An Order for Evening Prayer
according to the Book of Common Prayer

Preparation

Leader O Lord, open thou our lips.
All And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Leader O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
All as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader Praise ye the Lord.
All The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm

14 The Lord is my strength, and my song: and is become my salvation.
15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
16 The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
17 I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me: but he hath not given me over unto death.
Open me the gates of righteousness:
that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

*Psalm 118.14-19*

**All**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The Reading

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’

*Matthew 28.1–7 (Additional Weekday Lectionary)*

**Magnificat**

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: 
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: 
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: 
as he promised to our forefathers, 
   Abraham and his seed, for ever.

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: 
and to the Holy Ghost; 
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All I believe in God the Father Almighty, 
maker of heaven and earth: 
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, 
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 
born of the Virgin Mary, 
suffered under Pontius Pilate, 
was crucified, dead, and buried: 
he descended into hell; 
the third day he rose again from the dead; 
he ascended into heaven, 
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; 
from thence he shall come to judge 
   the quick and the dead. 
I believe in the Holy Ghost; 
the holy Catholick Church; 
the Communion of Saints; 
the Forgiveness of sins; 
the resurrection of the body, 
and the life everlasting. 
Amen.
The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.
All and with thy spirit.
Leader Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
All Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister and people say the Lord's Prayer.

All Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Leader O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
All And grant us thy salvation.
Leader O Lord, save the Queen.
All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Leader Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
All And make thy chosen people joyful.
Leader O Lord, save thy people.
All And bless thine inheritance.
Leader Give peace in our time, O Lord.
All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
Leader O God, make clean our hearts within us.
All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.
The First Collect

Leader Grant O Lord, we beseech thee,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance,
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Second Collect

Leader O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended
from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Third Collect

Leader Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils
and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Grace

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.
Sunday 11 July 2021
Prayer during the Day

Preparation

Leader O God make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.
Leader My heart tells of your word, ‘Seek my face.’
All Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Psalm 27.10

Praise

All We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

from Te Deum Laudamus

The Word of God

Psalm

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

2 One day pours out its song to another ♦
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

3 They have neither speech nor language ♦
and their voices are not heard,

4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦
and their words to the ends of the world.

5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, ♦
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalm 19.1–6

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Short Reading

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1.1–5

Response

Leader Jesus said, I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

All Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

John 6.51a

Prayers

Leader 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.

All Amen.

from St Patrick’s Breastplate
Collect

Leader  Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.  

All  Amen.  

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All  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 Conclusion

Leader  May God who made both heaven and earth bless us.  
All  Amen.
Sunday 11 July 2021
Evening Prayer

Preparation

Leader We meet in the presence of God
All and we do not meet alone.
Leader With the angels in highest heaven;
All we gather to worship the Lord.
Leader With the saints in every age;
All we gather to worship the Lord.
Leader With the Church throughout the world;
All we gather to worship the Lord.
Leader By children and babes at the breast;
All God’s holy name be praised.
Leader With drums, sitars and trumpets;
All God’s holy name be praised.
Leader In barrios and basilicas;
All God’s holy name be praised.
Leader And here with our hearts and our voices;
All God’s holy name be praised.

Psalm

1 Be joyful in God, all the earth; ♦
sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.
2 Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds! ♦
Because of your great strength
your enemies shall bow before you.
3 ‘All the earth shall worship you, ♦
sing to you, sing praise to your name.’
4 Come now and behold the works of God, ♦
how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.
5 He turned the sea into dry land;  
   the river they passed through on foot; ♦  
   there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;  
   his eyes keep watch over the nations; ♦  
   let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, O you peoples; ♦  
   make the voice of his praise to be heard,

8 Who holds our souls in life ♦  
   and suffers not our feet to slip.

Psalm 66.1–8

Scripture Reading

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 travelling 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.’

Luke 10.25–37
Let us say a prayer for those
  who need to be remembered tonight:

Those who have made the new headlines today
because of what they have done or said.

Those who have been brought to our attention
through a meeting or conversation.

Those who are in hospital, in care,
or in a place which is strange to them.

Those in whose family, marriage or close relationship
there is stress or a break-up.

Those who need to forget the God they do not believe in
and meet the God who believes in them.

Those whose pain or potential
we should not forget to share with God tonight.

Lord, we believe that you hear our prayer
and will be faithful to your promise to answer us.

The Lord’s Prayer

Leader  As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All      Our Father in heaven,
ahallowed 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 Conclusion

Leader From where we are
to where you need us.

All Christ be beside us.

Leader From what we are
to what you can make of us,

All Christ be before us.

Leader From the mouthing of generalities
to making us signs of your kingdom,

All Christ be beneath us.

Leader Through the streets of this world
to the gates of heaven,

All Christ be above us.

Leader Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.

All Amen.

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Morning Prayer on Monday  
Monday 12 July 2021

Preparation

Leader   O Lord, open our lips  
All     and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout,  
That the God of my heart is great.  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn.  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn?

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring**  
**Let the fires of your justice burn.**  
**Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near**  
**And the world is about to turn!**

Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the Depths  
Of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn.  
You will show your might,  
Put the strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
Not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your  
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne,
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never earn.
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God
Who is turning the world around.

The Song of Mary, Luke 1.46-55
Words: Rory Cooney, 1990
Tune: Star of the County

This opening prayer may be said

Leader The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Leader As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalms

1 To you I lift up my eyes, ♦
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, ♦
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, ♦
until he have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, ♦ for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, ♦ and of the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 123

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, ♦ which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

As the hills stand about Jerusalem, ♦ so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the righteous, ♦ lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, ♦ and to those who are true of heart.

Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; ♦ but let there be peace upon Israel.

Psalm 125

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,
genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship is there between light and darkness? What agreement does Christ have with Beliar? Or what does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

‘I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.’

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 6.1—7.1
Responsory

**Leader**  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.

**All**  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.

**Leader**  
In all your ways acknowledge him  
and he will make straight your paths.

**All**  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

**Leader**  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**All**  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.

*from Proverbs 3*

**Gospel Canticle**

Bless the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who has come to set us free.  
He has raised for us a Saviour  
sprung from royal David's tree.

Through his prophets God had spoken  
of the hope the Christ would bring;  
of his faithfulness and mercy  
let each generation sing.

Long ago God made a promise  
he would set his people free,  
that in all our life and worship  
we might know true liberty.

To be holy, to be righteous  
in his sight throughout our days;  
now this child will be a herald  
making ready all God's ways.

Let all people know salvation  
through forgiveness of their sin,  
as our God in his compassion  
bids a shining dawn begin.
So may all who dwell in darkness see the shadows disappear while he guides our feet in pathways where his peace is ever near.

To the Father be all glory with the Spirit and the Son, as it was, is now and shall be while eternal ages run.

_The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1.67–79_
_Words: Anne Harrison_
_Tune: Cross of Jesus_

**Prayers**

**Intercessions are offered.**

**Silence may be kept.**

**The Collect of the day is said**

**Leader**    Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All**    Amen.
The Lord's Prayer is said

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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 Conclusion

Leader The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.
Monday 12 July 2021
Closing Worship

Preparation

*Archbishop* We come from scattered lives, now to meet with God.

*All* Let us recognise his presence with us.

*Archbishop* As God’s people we are gathered.

*All* let us worship him together.

*Archbishop* My brothers and sisters in Christ, we are gathered together as a part of the body of Christ in these lands to give thanks to Almighty God for the work of this Synod.

For our work, with others, In synodically governing the Church of England through this quinquennium; seeking to create sustainable structures for ministry, outreach and service through the church: and in sustaining a people in mission.

Confession

But first, let us acknowledge together, that in our ministry and mission we need the grace of God and forgiveness for our failures.

*Archbishop* We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

*All* Lord hear us and help us.

*Archbishop* We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

*All* Lord hear us and help us.

*Archbishop* We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

*All* Lord hear us and help us.
Absolution

Archbishop May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Praise

Chaplain The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All We dwell in him and he in us.

Chaplain Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

All make known his deeds among the peoples.

Chaplain Sing to him, sing praises to him,

All and speak of all his marvellous works.

Chaplain Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.

All who was and is and is to come.

The Word of God

Scripture Reading

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern
what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of
yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober
judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has
assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the
members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts
that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to
faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in
exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the
compassionate, in cheerfulness.
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.1–21

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A time of silence is kept.

Prayers

Thanksgivings are offered for the work of Synod over the past years.
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

For all that has been for all that will be.

Thanks be to God.

For all that we have shared together, for all we can now share with others.

Thanks be to God.

For the path that lies before us, and our future in God’s hands.

Thanks be to God.

As this Synod comes to be prorogued. draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.

Amen.
Blessing

Archbishop The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself;
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service;
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Proration

Archbishop In the name of God, Amen.

We Stephen Geoffrey,
by Divine Providence, Archbishop of York,
do now prorogue and dissolve this Synod.

Dismissal

Archbishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.