

(Taking and breaking the bread) Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, "This is my body; it is broken for you."

(Taking the cup of wine) And later, he took the cup of wine and said, "This is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death. Take this - all of you - to remember me."

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace

Look, here is the Lord coming to us in bread and wine. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

(Communion is distributed)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with us now let us share it with each other.

Concluding Prayer and Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.

Take us, renew and remake us.

What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen

Closing Hymn 565- Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

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**11am, Iona Communion 5th December
Celebrating the 2nd Sunday in Advent.**

**Presided by Rev'd Bill Boyce
Next week Sunday 12th December,
said Eucharist @ 11am**

Welcome

Hymn 128 – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Sentences

As if this were the only time, and this the only place, and we the only people,

Jesus Christ will meet us.

As if this were the only time, and this the only place, and we the only people,

Let us worship God.

Prayer

You found out what we were doing and you intervened. "Come and do it together, come and do it with me," you said.

So, thank you, Lord, for intervening in our private lives.

You promised us nothing by way of success, recognition, possessions or reward. "These things will come at the right time when you walk with me," you said.

So, thank you, Lord, for promising us nothing.

You gave us no resources apart from ourselves - hands meant for caring, lips meant for praising. Hearts meant for loving and the Holy Spirit to make us restless until we change.

So, thank you Lord, for the essential gifts.

Then just when we think we've got it right as to where we should go and what we should do; just when we're ready to take on the world, you come, humbly to us, saying, "This is the way. I am the way." And offering us bread and wine.

So, thank you, lord, for coming again and keeping your word, and showing you care for us and for all people. Amen

A reading from Philippians 1: 3-11

See separate sheet

Hymn—67 Be Still

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (remain standing)

Hear the gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you o Lord**

Sermon

Hymn – 527 On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s cry Celtic Creed

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen

Intercessions and The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is our Lord. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here

So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world, which Christ will make special.

And as he said a prayer before sharing, let us do so too. Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry. Your world is one world and we are

stewards of its nourishment.

Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty. The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war or, if not at war, then preparing for it.

Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn weapons into welcome signs, and the lust for power into a desire for peace.

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions. We are one in spirit, but not in fact. History and hurt still dismember us.

Lord, heal your Church in every brokenness.

Confession

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world

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

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:

To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love. **Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way to heaven; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again. Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty; our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power to change us.

So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Amen