

Kidlington Anglican Churches

IONA SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:



Summer

Opening Responses – Thank You

God of golden fields
and blue skies
Thank you for summer

God of white waves
and wet pebbles
Thank you for summer

God of ripe plums
and meadowsweet
Thank you for summer

Thank you for warmth
and beauty and wonder
Thank you for life

Ruth Burgess

Confession and Absolution

O God,
your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches.
Open our eyes to see.

O God,
your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals.
Open our eyes to see.

O God,
your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants.
Open our eyes to see.

O God,
your creatures are slowly dying
and your people are suffering.
Open our eyes to see.

God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation.
That we may repent and care more deeply.

So move us to grieve the loss of life.
That we learn to cherish and protect your world.

Silence

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Today

O you Sun and daylight long, bless your maker.
O you Moon and Stars in short night-time praise.
O you Planets that circle the Sun bless your Maker.
O you Earth where I belong praise.
O you Continents and Countries bless your Maker.
O you Place where I live praise.

Amen.

Hearing the Word

Scripture reading and brief reflection

Psalm 74:12, 13a, 15a, 16-17

Yet God my King is from of old,
working salvation in the earth.
You divided the sea by your might;
You cut openings for springs and torrents;
you dried up ever-flowing streams.
Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you established the luminaries and the sun.
You have fixed all the bounds of the earth;
you made summer and winter.

For the gift of the Word
We give you thanks.

The Lake

The lake was still, tranquil in the morning light.
I, too, was still, watching and listening.
What would God say to me today?

A dragonfly danced and darted,
then rested beside me,
amber-iridescent in the sun.
Being not doing.

God said I could be like that,
being not doing,
receiving his love.

Hilary Allen

Brief reflection using the image on the cover.

Prayers of Concern

Concluding with:

**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.**

Invitation

He was always the guest.
In the homes of Peter and Jairus,
Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna,
he was always the guest.

At the meal tables of the wealthy
where he pled the case of the poor,
he was always the guest.

Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people,
welcoming the stranger,
he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host.
Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him,
those who want to follow him must first be fed by him,
those who would wash his feet
must first let him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished;
this is the time when Christ can make us new.

So come, you who hunger and thirst
for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.
Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables,
now invites us to be guests at his.

Offertory

Bread and wine are placed on the altar.

Following Jesus' example and command,
we take this bread and this wine;
the ordinary things of the world through which God
will bless us.
And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,
let us also celebrate God's goodness.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God,
for you have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you O God,
for you have created the fruit of the vine.

In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman
might have food and drink.

You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family
on their journey, and wine to make them glad.

You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed
them with food in the wilderness.

You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share.

And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the
journeying to nourish us as sons and daughters.

And so, with all our sisters and brothers,
before us and beside us,
we praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,
as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room,
breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that they may be heaven's food and drink for us,
renewing, sustaining and making us whole,
and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in
the world.

As Jesus took bread, we take this bread and break it,
remembering his words, true for us now:
'This is my body, broken for you.
Do this to remember me.'

As Jesus took wine, we take this wine,
remembering his words, true for us now:
'In this wine is the new relationship with God, made possible
because of my death. Drink this all of you,
to remember me.'

Look,
the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

*As we share communion, we serve one another by passing the
bread and the wine around those gathered.*

Post Communion Prayer

O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in
the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

The peace of our generous God be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Blessing

O you Angels bless your Maker; O you Heavens praise God too,
O you Old and Young, you Proud and Humble-hearted, stand
together.

Give me song to bless my Maker, all my journey this world through.
For at this day's end as at my life's ending I give you my praise.

Amen.

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