

# Morning Worship from the Iona Community

## Easter to Pentecost

### Opening responses

O God you summon the day to dawn; you teach the morning to waken the earth

**Great is your name, great is your love**

For you the valley will sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands

**Great is your name, great is your love**

To you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy

**Great is your name, great is your love**

Your love and justice shall last for ever: fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise

**Great is your name, great is your love**

### Prayer

Let us pray

From before the world began and after the end of eternity, you are God

From the sea bursting from its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God

In the vastness of the universe and in the forgotten corners of our hearts, you are God

**You are our God and we bless you**

Because the world is beautiful and beauty is a tender thing

We need you, God

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Because human knowledge seems endless, the world is our oyster and we do not know what we do not know, we need you, God

**We need you, God**

Because we can live with you and are free to go against you and could worship our wisdom alone, we need you, God

**We need you, God**

Because you came among us and sat beside us and heard us speak and saw us ignore you and healed our pain and let us wound you and loved us to the end and triumphed over all our hatred, we need you, God

**We need you, God**

Because you, not we, are God, we need you, God

**We need you, God**

Listen, for the God who created us says:

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

You are precious to me. I love you. I honour you. I am with you.

So we respond:

**Maker of all, we are your children,  
the creatures of your kindness, the bearers of your  
image.**

**This day, we will walk by your light, follow your Son and  
live by your Spirit.**

**This day, we will not offer to you offerings that cost us  
nothing.**

**For this is the day that the Lord has made. We will  
rejoice and be glad in it. Amen**

## **The Word of God**

**Listen to the word which God has spoken.**

**Listen to the One who is close at hand.**

**Listen to the voice behind creation.**

**Listen even if you don't understand.**

**Psalm**

**First reading**

**Second reading**

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God  
among us, for the Word of God within us

**Thanks be to God**

### **Prayers of concern**

Let us pray. The response to *God of justice* is **Show yourself**

We cannot escape you, nor will we resist you;  
For though your ways are not our ways nor are your  
thoughts our thoughts,  
It is on your Word and will that our life depends.

You convert wrong into right; therefore we trust you, and  
so we pray:

God of justice, **show yourself**

Where the hungry go unfed, while the privileged gorge  
themselves;

Where the poor go begging while the rich amass greater  
fortunes;

Where tyrants have bitten the dust but their successors  
prove no better

God of justice, **show yourself**

Where the prisoner is not prepared for freedom and the  
refugee is not accorded dignity;

Where those who are disadvantaged are excluded and  
those who are disabled are left on the margins;  
Where gender, race or religion are grounds for suspicion,  
or confer unmerited privilege;  
God of justice, **show yourself**

To those who speak for the voiceless and defend the  
persecuted,  
To those who protest for a fairer world and practice  
simpler living,  
To those who share their faith in Jesus in places where  
faith is suspected;  
God of justice, **show yourself**

And to us, that we might serve and love you with mind,  
body and soul,  
with contemplation, compassion and courage;  
God of justice, **show yourself**

God, hear our prayer  
**and make us willing agents of your gracious purposes, in  
Jesus' name. Amen**

### **Closing responses**

From where we are to where you need us  
**Jesus, now lead on**

From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of  
what you will reveal

**Jesus, now lead on**

To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the  
shape of your kingdom

**Jesus, now lead on**

Because good things have been prepared for those who  
love God

**Jesus, now lead on**

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