

THE NOON SERVICE

Sunday, July 17th, 2022

Proper 11, Year C RCL

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WELCOME

Community responses are in bold.

GATHERING SONG *(Please stand.)*

“Open my Heart” by Ana Hernandez

Open my heart (x4)

OPENING PRAYER

THE LESSONS *(Please be seated.)*

You can find the readings insert of your bulletin)

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Please be seated after the reading. Now, a brief reflection is offered and all are welcome to share. Seek to listen without judgment. Seek to speak with compassionate integrity. Seek to respond (rather than react) to the ideas others have shared and make connections. Seek to be curious and find common threads. Seek to befriend the silence between spoken words. If we disagree: may we disagree gracefully; may we be challenged and yet inspired; may we be uncomfortable and yet awakened; and may the Spirit guide us.

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

We conclude our conversation with a reminder of who we are together as the body of Christ. With this affirmation of faith written years ago by sisters connected to the Iona Community in protest of nuclear weapons.

All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put us on the line;
to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God’s new community of hope. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Officiant: Let us pray for the church and for the world:

For the hungry and the over overfed

May we have enough.

For the mourners and the mockers

May we laugh together.

For the victims and the oppressors

May we share power wisely.

For the peacemakers and the warmongers



May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony.

For the silenced and the propagandists

May we speak our own words in truth.

For the unemployed and the overworked

May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.

For the troubled and the sleek

May we live together as wounded healers.

For the homeless and the cosseted

May our homes be simple, warm and welcoming.

For the vibrant and the dying

May we all die to live.

Officiant: We pray specifically for those in our community who have requested prayer. We pray for [...]. We also invite this community to name anyone they are holding in prayer this week... (silently or aloud).

Officiant: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Creator, we disfigure your world.

Lord, have mercy.

Redeemer, we reject your redemption and crucify you daily.

Christ, have mercy.

Giver of life, we too often choose death.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Through the death and resurrection of Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit washed over us in baptism, we have been freed from sin and death. Hear again this good news: God forgives all our sins. We are free to live the new life that is ours in Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

In the tradition of our ancient faith, we prepare ourselves for Holy Eucharist by offering peace and reconciliation to our neighbor. You can say "Peace be with you" or something similar.

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the COMMUNITY

TIME of OFFERING and SONG

You have so many gifts. As the children parade gifts to the altar, this time is set aside as an opportunity to give yourself, your gifts, your finances, your time, etc. over again to God and to neighbor.

Lay Me Low (Shaker Traditional)

Lay me low where the Lord can find me

Lay me low where the Lord can hold me

Lay me low where the Lord can bless me

Lay me low, Oh lay me low

THE DOXOLOGY *(Please stand to sing the Doxology)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise (Father/Mother), Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant guides the community in prayer over the Holy Supper...

... we praise you, singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory (x2)
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Celebrant's prayer continues...

All respond: Come now, spirit of integrity, of tenderness, judgement, and dance; touch our speechlessness, kindle our longing, reach into our silence, and fire our words with your truth; that each may hear in her own language the mighty works of God. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we now 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God 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 or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

BREAKING of the BREAD

The body and blood of Christ. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

Amen. Thanks be to God. *(Please be seated)*

COMMUNION and SONG

All are welcome to this table, for real, we mean everyone. The gifts of God are free and for you. If you wish to receive the bread and wine, please come forward and you will be served. If you do not wish to receive, no problem. Feel free to use this time as you choose in your seat. Gluten free wafers are available-just ask.

“Be Thou my Vision” - 6th-8th century Irish hymn

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
All else be naught to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one**

**High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

All: God, Creator of time and space, may the love and faith which makes this bread the body of Christ and this wine his blood, enfold us now. Make us one with one another and with the whole Body of Christ. May Christ's Holy Spirit bring to us in this sacrament the strength we need and an abiding trust in your gift of abundant life. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *(Please stand.)*

“Brother Sister Let me Serve You” by Richard Gillard, Arr Betty Jane Pulkingham

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony**

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace to love and serve the God and your neighbor!
Amen!

Please join us for lunch directly following the service!

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