

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
Among his community through the centuries,
And shares with us now.
Made one with Christ
And one with each other,
We offer these gifts and with them, ourselves
As a single, holy and living sacrifice
Amen

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to God
Let us give thanks to God
It is right to give both thanks and praise

COMMUNION

BLESSING

May the everlasting God shield you
East and west, wherever you go
And the blessing of God be upon you
The blessing of the God of all life
The blessing of Christ be upon you
The blessing of the Christ of all love
The blessing of the Spirit be upon you
The blessing of the Spirit of all grace

Let us go into the world rejoicing
It is Christ who goes before us.
Thanks be to God, Amen.

Imago Dei

IONA COMMUNION LITURGY



CELEBRANT: We are gathered in communion
as God's church

PEOPLE: **A house of prayer for all who seek God
A home to all who come to Christ**

Welcome to this place of unity
**Friend and stranger, saint and sinner
All who gather here**

Come with hope or hesitation
Come with joy or yearning
All who hunger, all who thirst
For life in all its fullness

**Generous God and generous Saviour
Touch us through your Spirit**

CALL TO PRAYER

We gather in God's name

We claim Christ's promised presence

Not out of dread or fear

But believing that God is faithful to forgive

Let us lay at his altar the sin

that we no longer need to carry

(silence)

Let us pray, Holy God

Holy and mighty

Holy and immortal

Have mercy on us

Hear now the words of Jesus,

That all who confess their sins

And who seek to renew their lives in Christ

Are forgiven and invited into the life of the Spirit

Lead us now O God

As we acknowledge your gift of grace

And live our lives as forgiven people

Heaven and earth rejoice

And the whole earth cries Glory

Through Christ our Lord

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us proclaim our faith.

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, a servant of the poor,

Nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended to the place of death and,

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven, to be present everywhere

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.

We who live by sound and symbol, let us offer our gifts

Loving God, through your goodness

We have this bread and wine to offer

Which earth has given, and human hands have made.

May we know your Presence

In the sharing of this bread

So that we may know your same touch

In all of our lives