



**Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King  
Proper 29; Iona Community Liturgy #3  
November 23, 2025, 10:00 AM  
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# HOLY EUCHARIST: Iona Community Liturgy #3

## WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

Prelude by W. A. Mozart

**Michael Mulder**

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn**

A mighty fortress is our God

**Hymnal # 688**

**Opening Responses**

Celebrant: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,  
as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike

**People: refresh us with your mercy, who knows our own injustice.**

Celebrant: As the stream flows steadily on,  
defying all the odds of stone and water

**People: flow over every boundary and border  
that separates us from each other.**

Celebrant: As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us

**People: renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.**

Celebrant: As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb

**People: hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.**

**Call to Prayer**

Celebrant: We gather in God's name.

**People: We claim Christ's promised presence.**

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

*Please sit, kneel or stand in silence.*

**Prayer of Confession and Restoration**

Celebrant:

Eternal God, maker of the skies above; lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth; Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters; in earth, sea and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

**All:**

**O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.**

**Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory,  
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:**

**around us in the earth, sea and sky the abuse of matter;  
beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,  
the betrayal of one another;**

**and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.**

**O Trinity of love,**

**forgive us that we may forgive one another,**

**heal us that we may be people of healing,**

**and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.**

Celebrant: Holy God,

**People: Holy and mighty,  
Holy and immortal,  
Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: *Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.*

*Please stand.*

**All:  
Lead us now, O God,  
to acknowledge your costly generosity  
by living as forgiven people,  
until heaven and earth rejoice  
and the whole earth cries, "Glory!"  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God** *Gloria in excelsis*

**LEVAS #243**

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we  
wor-ship you, — we give you thanks, — we praise you for — your glo-ry.

*Unison*

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,  
Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are  
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive\_ our\_ prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone\_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are\_ the Lord,  
*Unison*  
 7. You a - lone\_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we  
 praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we  
*Women*  
 Praise your Ho - ly name.  
*Men*  
 Praise your Ho - ly name.

### Salutation and Collects of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the **King of kings and Lord of lords**: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

### Old Testament Reading

Lector: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading from the Book of Jeremiah [23:1-6].

**People: Our hearts and minds are open.**

Lector: Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! **says the Lord**. Therefore thus **says the Lord**, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, **says the Lord**.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, **says the Lord**. The days are surely coming, **says the Lord**, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and **he shall reign as king** and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "**The Lord is our righteousness.**"

Lector: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

**BCP 92**

*Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear, \*

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called **the prophet of the Most High**, \*

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **New Testament Reading**

Lay Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians [1:11-20].

**People: Our hearts and minds are open.**

Lay Reader: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from **his glorious power**, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. **He has rescued us** from the power of darkness **and transferred us** into **the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption**, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the

invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; **for in him** all things in heaven and on earth were created, **things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers**—all things have been created **through him and for him**. He himself is before all things, and **in him all things hold together**. He is the head of the body, **the church**; he is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **For in him** all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **and through him** God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, **whether on earth or in heaven**, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lay Reader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

Praise Him

**LEVAS # 98**

**Gospel Reading**

Celebrant: Let us greet the Gospel of Christ by listening to Luke [23:33-43].

**People: Glory to Christ our Lord.**

Celebrant: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, **watching Jesus on the cross**; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself **if he is the Messiah of God**, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "**If you are the King of the Jews**, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "**This is the King of the Jews.**" One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "**Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!**" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, **but this man has done nothing wrong.**" Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**"

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to Christ our Lord.**

*Please sit.*

**Sermon**

**Ms. Katherine Daniels**

*Please stand.*

**An Affirmation of Faith**

Celebrant: We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life, and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.

**People: We believe that God's strategy for a new world is to put the poorest first, and that nothing is more important for God's people than to bring the poor good news.**

Celebrant: We believe that rich and poor alike can be generous, wise and creative because all are made in God's image, and that all are made poorer when they are left out.

**People:** We confess that we use our strength to protect ourselves and order the world to benefit the rich and not the poor, and that none of us can be trusted with too much power over others.

Celebrant: We believe that loving our neighbors means working for justice, so that all have a say in what happens to them.

**People:** We believe that God made the good earth to sustain and delight us, and that we are called to take care of it and enjoy it.

Celebrant: We believe that the God of all the earth is at work beyond the churches as well as within them, making common cause with all who want the poor to be included.

**People:** We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied,

Celebrant: and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference.

### Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant:

Let us offer our own intercessions, both spoken and unspoken,

*Silence*

### Prayers of the People Form III

BCP 387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishops: Matthew and Allen; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress;

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: Spirit of integrity, you drive us into the desert to search out our truth.

**People:** Give us clarity to know what is right, that we may abandon the false innocence of failing to choose at all, but may follow the purposes of Jesus Christ.

Reader: God of history, you share our joys and crushing sorrows,

**People:** you hear the cries of the afflicted, you fill the hungry, and you set free the oppressed.

Reader: We pray for the end to all injustice. Inspire us with the all-embracing love of God, challenge us with the sacrificial love of Jesus,

**People:** empower us with the transforming love of the Spirit, that we and all God's children may live and be free!

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, especially Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, and Margaret of Antioch, *Martyrs* (c. 305); James Otis Sargent Huntington, *Monastic and Priest* (1935); and Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, *King and Queen* (1864, 1885).

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, praying for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and the homeless.

*[People add their prayers or thanksgivings]*

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Bennett, Jean H., Sheryl and family, Ginny and Maar family, Wendy G., Dylan and Ann Marie, Jeffrey, Marian H., Michelle B., Maureen, Rob K., Liv C., Rich W., Anne H., Nina T., Carmine S., Mary H., Charlie, Janet, Peg T., Dottie, Kate, Annie, Mackenzie, Bill, Jennifer C., Charlotte H., Carolyn, Family and friends of Joan Morgan, Family and friends of Alan Guthrie, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ketty, Ben, and Ali;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the **resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

Reader: Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them.

**People: Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name;**

Reader: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** (from the Maori)

Celebrant: And because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray, in the words you have taught us:

**All:**

**Eternal spirit,**

**Earth Maker, pain-bearer, life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God in whom in heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created things!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth!**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. AMEN.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

Celebrant: Let us greet one another

**People: with the sign of peace.**

Celebrant: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

### **Announcements**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Invitation**

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

**People: It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.**

Celebrant: It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.

**People: It is the table of communion with earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate.**

Celebrant: So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

### **Offertory Hymn**

Moving On by

**The St. James Choir**

*Please stand.*

### **Story of the Last Supper**

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, *This is my body, given to you.*

In the same way, Jesus took wine, and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, *This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed by my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.*

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**All: 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 touch  
in all bread, all matter.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared  
among his community through the centuries,  
and shares with us now.

**Made one in Christ  
and one with each other,  
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,

**People: We lift them high to God.**

Celebrant: For in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Let us give thanks to God,

**People: It is right to give God both thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**People: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.**

Celebrant: Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you.

**People: With the angels of light who envelop us,  
with Michael and the host of heaven,  
with all the saints before and beside us,  
with Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret,  
with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.**

Celebrant: And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

**Sanctus** *Holy, holy, holy*

**LEVAS II # 254**





### Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Hear us, O Christ,  
and breathe your Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and wine.

**People: May they become for us your body,  
vibrant with your life,  
healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Celebrant: And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink  
are changed into us,  
may we be changed again into you,

**People: bone of your bone,  
flesh of your flesh,  
loving and caring in the world.**

### Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**People: Have mercy on us.**

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**People: Have mercy on us.**

### Breaking and Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Celebrant: Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

**People: Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion Music

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

**Hymnal # 544**

### Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

**People: To humble the powerful and to lift up the lowly.**

Celebrant: Christ has come to turn the tables:

**People: To topple vain idols and to stand with the poor.**

Celebrant: Christ has come to proclaim God's kingdom:

**Men: To feed the hungry,**

**Women: To give sight to the blind,**

**Men: To strengthen the weary,**

**Women: To set the prisoners free.**

Celebrant: Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

**People: To overthrow the present order with a revolution of love.**

### Blessing

Celebrant: May God write a message upon your heart, bless and direct you,  
then send you out living letters of the Word.

**People: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

**Hymnal # 477**

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: It is Christ who goes before us. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

Postlude by J.S. Bach

**Michael Mulder**



**Continuing Prayer List**

*Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Zhane, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W., Rachel D., Matilda, Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Mazza family, Robert, Celia, Felix, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu*



## Upcoming Services & Events

- November 30:** Advent 1; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am  
**December 7:** Advent 2; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am;  
**Stewardship/Pledge card Sunday and Celebratory Lunch**  
**December 14:** Advent 3; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am  
**December 20:** **Annual Christmas Concert** at 4 pm in the church  
**December 21:** Advent 4; Holy Eucharist service at 10 am  
**December 24:** Christmas Eve; Holy Eucharist service at 4 pm  
**December 28:** Christmas 1: Morning Prayer II service at 10 am

***There will be a Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Alan Guthrie on Monday, November 24 at 1 pm in church with a reception to follow in the Village Hall.***



## Tell Out **My Soul**

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many **THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD.**

**ST. JAMES STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**  
December 7 ♣ 10 am Service ♣ Luncheon to follow

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