

MORNING PRAYER

Opening

The world belongs to God, the earth & all its people. How good it is to live together in unity where love & faith come together; justice & peace join hands.

Open our lips, O God, & our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Confession

Lord God, as we take this Lenten journey towards Calvary, make our hearts clean. Renew us in body, mind, & spirit.

Almighty & merciful God, my sin is inescapable, & I confess to turning away from you in ways that wound my life, the lives of others, & the life of the world.

silence for confession

Hear what scripture affirms (1 John 1:9), "If we confess our sins, God who is faithful & just will forgive us our sins & cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Amen.

Awakening

As we greet the coming of this day with both wonder and uncertainty...

As we find holiness in ordinary places where people work and play, laugh, & cry, where life is cherished & sustained...

As we oppose all that denies life in our lives, our communities, our world...

As we weep over injustice, rejoice in goodness, & love outrageously...

As we affirm our hope for this day & our faith in Christ Jesus to abide with us...

How can we keep from singing? — *a prayer from the Iona Community, edited*

Scripture / Reflection / Prayer

Turn to the scripture reading, reflection, & prayer for this day

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Mighty God of mercy, thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. This day we especially want to thank you for...

Give voice to your prayers of thanksgiving

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, & bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus. This day we especially pray for ...

Give voice to your petitions

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

See that you are at peace among yourselves, my children, & love one another. Take the example of peacemakers in every age, knowing that God will comfort & aid you, both in this world & in the world to come. (*from St. Columba's blessing*)

And the blessing of God almighty, + Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be among you & remain in you, now & forevermore. Amen.