

THE GRACE

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us always.

CLOSING RESPONSES

This is the day the God has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it

We will not offer to God
Offerings that cost us nothing.

May the risen Christ give us his peace.
Alleluia. Amen.



Iona Abbey Worship Book, and Apprentices and Eyewitnesses, Chris Thorpe

Prayer during the Day for Eastertide.



OPENING RESPONSES

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its
people

How good it is, how wonderful,
To live together in unity

Love and faith come together
Justice and peace joins hands

If Christ's disciples keep silent
These stones would cry out

Open our lips, O God,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

As a candle is lit:

We light this candle for our neighbours -
those who are alone or vulnerable,
those who are struggling, those who are weeping.

We light this candle for ourselves,
our hopes or fears, our worries and griefs

We light this candle for our
community as we care for each other.

CONFESSION

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

**Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.**

May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. **Amen.**

THE PSALM The Psalm of the Day is read.

SCRIPTURE We listen to the Word of God.

REFLECTION

*A time of quiet reflection follows.
There may be readings, poetry, spoken word or
silence.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

For ourselves

When we are rushing about, frenetic, over-busy,
jumping to conclusions and confusion,
God be our still point.

When we are consumed with sorrow, and overcome
with tears,
hurting and lost, unable to see our way forward,
God be our still point.

When we cannot recognise you, when we have lost our
way, speak our name, help us to hear.
God be our still point.

When we begin to glimpse the new possibilities of
resurrection life, commission us, send us out with
confidence to speak and live for you.
God be our still point.

For each other

We bring to God
someone whom we have met or remembered today and
for whom we want to pray.

We bring to God
those who are hurting today and need our prayer

We bring to God
the troubled situation in the world today

We bring to God, silently,
someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.

We bring ourselves to God
that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

With Christian's everywhere, we say together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**