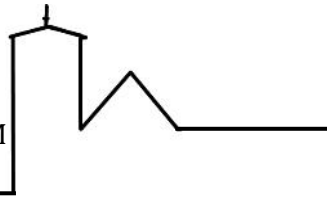


THE SEASON OF EASTER

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GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Two Settings of Gelobt sei Gott

*John Ferguson/
Healey Willan*

(Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God gave us starry nights and sunsets that take our breath away.

All: God gave us spring rainstorms and the crunch of fall leaves.

One: God gave us the sound of music—choirs singing in harmony, the violin's swell, the snare's satisfying ripple.

All: God gave us grandmothers who slipped candy into our hands and grandfathers who smelled like peppermint and books.

One: God gave us welcome mats and nametags and all manner of things that help us feel at home in a place.

All: God gave us the church—this imperfect clump of humanity that gathers weekly, striving to be better and do good in the world.

One: God gave and gave, and gives and gives; how do we respond?

All: We say thank you and give what we can.

One: We believe these gifts can somehow make a difference, and we refuse to give up on this world.

All: Thank goodness for a God that forever outgives. Thank goodness for the opportunity to say thank you for it all.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Abbot's Leigh

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts to be good stewards fail. But your abundant grace is solid and eternal, *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE **HYMNAL 565**

John Weaver

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA **HYMNAL 566**

John Weaver

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Malachi 3:8-12

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

***PSALM 24**

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♩ = 69 Sing, be - liev - ers. Give thanks for those whose joy is in the Lord.



The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 69. The music begins with a forte (f) dynamic and ends with a piano (p) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Sing, be - liev - ers. Give thanks for those whose joy is in the Lord."

Vs. 1 The earth belongs to the Lord, and all that we enjoy. A strong foundation was laid, was laid within the seas. R

Vs. 2 O tell us, who shall ascend? Who shall go up to God's house? They are those who love the lord, who make God's will their own. R

Vs. 3 O tell us, who are these saints, these saints who praise God's name? They are those whose hearts are clean, whose joy is in the Lord. R

Vs. 4 The Lord will bless the just, new life shall be restored. O come and seek the Lord; O praise God's holy name. R

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 4:1-4

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-4, Luke 12:32-34

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

“No Reservations: Stewarding God’s Resources ”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 176

The Earth and All That Dwell Therein

Caithness

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)** *(from the Iona Community)*

We believe in God, the holy Source of all that is.

We believe in God, who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God, ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.

We trust in God’s love and wisdom:

fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ, present to us through the Spirit’s working in the Church and beyond.

We believe God is calling the whole creation into a future of justice and peace. We share in Christ’s risen life and commit ourselves today to receive the coming reign of God.

To the only God, Three yet One, be all honor, glory, and praise now and forever. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

The Strife is O’er

Henry G. Ley

The strife is o’er, the battle done: Now is the Victor’s triumph won: O let the song of praise be sung; Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Death’s mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath His foes dispersed; Let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Hallelujah!

On the third morn He rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain: Hallelujah!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee from death’s dread sting thy servants free, That we may live, and sing to thee: Hallelujah! Amen.



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy...

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(UNISON) 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 111**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gelobt Sei Gott

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVELY)**

One: This is the day that God has made

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it

One: We will not offer to God

All: Offerings that cost us nothing

One: Go in peace to love and serve

All: We will seek peace and pursue it

One: In the name of the Trinity of Love

All: God in community, holy, and one

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Vulpius/Gelobt sei Gott

Brian Solomons

Leading in worship today:

The Rev. Tim Mitchell

Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

Alyson MacQuarrie, soprano · Kate Kortemeier, alto

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, baritone

Karen Stewart, soprano · Joseph Strauss, soprano



Open Minds Open Hands Open Heart

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Some of our worship elements originate from the Iona Community. Here's some information from the community's website.

Iona's Story

Our Community was founded in Glasgow, Scotland in 1938 by Rev George MacLeod.

A visionary and a social reformer, MacLeod was driven by a belief that faith is grounded in action. In rebuilding the ruined accommodation at Iona Abbey, on the island of Iona, trainee ministers and unemployed workers from Glasgow lived, worked and worshipped together.

This physical rebuilding became, and remains, a sign of hope for rebuilding individual lives and communities in Scotland and beyond. The community and living spaces of Iona Abbey were reopened in 2021 after extensive renovation. The MacLeod Centre on Iona is a space where our commitment to young people finds its expression. Our adventure Centre at Camas on Mull offers a space for young people to thrive and experience community through immersion in Scotland's wilderness. We are glad still to be part of the life and economy of Iona and Mull. These are beautiful islands where thriving local communities are layered with a deep spiritual tradition and inspiring landscape and wildlife.

We are known globally as a community dedicated to prayer in action. We are honoured to work with a visionary team of resource workers in the Wild Goose Resource Group who continue to renew and shape the worship of local congregations, world church networks, and all kinds of believers and doubters.