

Saint Mary's in the Mountains
Ordinary Time - the Season after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life. **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us; here we find new life.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The First Reading

The Word of the Lord OR Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

The Second Reading

The Word of the Lord OR Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
Glory to you, O Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Ionian Creed

From The Iona Abbey Worship Book

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, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Gracious God, speak to your listening church, and send us to point eagerly to the many ways in which you reveal your life-giving presence.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew the face of the earth. Heal the wounds human carelessness inflicts on creation, and rouse us to increase our care of land and waters.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world, for all leaders and for those who make policy decisions, that they may act with justice and compassion. We pray for the commonwealth of our global community.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Refresh those who struggle and those who despair. Comfort those who weep and mourn. Give companionship to those who are lonely and healing to those who are sick.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember especially those who have asked for our prayers. Let us pray for our own needs and those of all Creation.

After the prayers of the congregation, the people may offer their own intercessions, silently or aloud

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with renewed zeal to love our neighbor as you love us. Help us use our voices to invite friends and neighbors to come and see you.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bless you for revealing yourself in the saints, especially Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Francis. Bring us with them into the fullness of your glory.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of service, we give you thanks for the gifts of ministry and for the privilege of serving you.
In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

The Great Thanksgiving

adapted from the Church of England

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,

you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You give us friends and families, busy streets for young and old,
the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong.

Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You give us joyful times and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So, all-holy One, with this bread and this cup, we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, gracious God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever. **Amen**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Living God, holy Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We who do not receive the sacrament of bread and wine today long for your spiritual presence, that we may be strengthened by your grace, and that we may draw ever-closer to you and to one another. We pray you, come into our hearts, that we may live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

This service has ended. Now let ours begin.
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude