



**Jona Abbey**

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**Sunday Communion Service A (Iona Community)**

*In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**P** With Nature in its power and beauty, in pouring rains and bright sunlight, in mighty old trees and new blades of grass.

**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** With believers and seekers, with people from every land, and speakers of every language.

**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** With the angels and saints in heaven, with all who have worshipped in this place.

**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers us with blessings.


**C We gather in praise of God.**

**P** Here let heaven and earth be united.

**C Here may God's people find a home.**

**GATHERING HYMN**


*Christ, Be Our Light*



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.


*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

**GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P For the right roads we avoided traveling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our attention and our true selves full of love that we do not show.

**C God, by your grace, forgive us.**

P For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money, and the excuses we should never have made.

**C God, by your grace, forgive us.**

P For all we should be and all we can amend.

**C God, in your love, renew us.**

P For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us.

**C God, in your love, prepare us.**

P For the life of the world and the love of its people.

**C God, in your love, commit us.**

**A Kyrie Eleison  
Christe Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison  
Amen.**

P Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace. Come and follow me. Glory to the Creator who gives us life, to Jesus whose love remakes our souls, to the Spirit that walks with us in this journey. Glory be to God forever more.

**C Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:21-31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

L Listen for God's Word

### **C Our hearts and minds are open.**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God"?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 147:1-11, 20C**

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,**  
**and gathers the exiles of Israel.**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars**  
**and calls them all by their names.**  
<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to God's wisdom.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly,**  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**  
<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp to our God,  
<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds**  
**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the moun-**  
**tains.**  
<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they cry.  
<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,**  
**and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**  
<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup>Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

L Listen for God's Word

### C Our hearts and minds are open.

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

### C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the first chapter.

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

**C Thanks be to God.**


**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY**


**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*On Eagle's Wings*

Leader or All




1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,




say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

All




And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,




make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Refrain





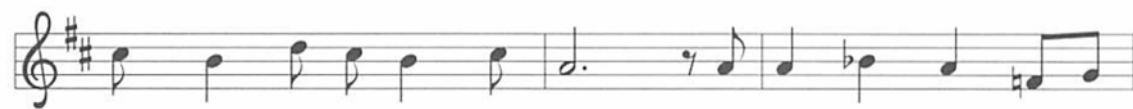
3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**A We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, who set the sun and moon in the sky, who gave us water and earth to thrive, and created humans with vast diversity yet all children of you.**

**We believe in God beside us, in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, healer of the sick, servant of the poor, tortured, nailed and died on a cross. A man of compassion; he died for our sins. He descended into the earth and into the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb and ascended into heaven. His kingdom will come on earth in the last days.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit, the fire of that Pentecost day, the life-giving breath of the church to preach to all the lands. The Spirit that brings unity to all followers around the world. The Spirit that brings healing, forgiveness, and resurrection to all. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**A Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.**

*A brief silence.*

**A For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.**

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray.**

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray.**

**C Have mercy, O God.**

**A For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those struggling with illness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you, especially Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don Longren, Martha Nemeth, and Chuck Sodergren, let us pray.**

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P For this congregation and that of Peace Lutheran in Albert, Emmanuel Lutheran in Hoisington, and Hope Lutheran in Rush Center, Kansas, for outreach and social ministries; for parish nurses and visitors; for ministries of companionship and support, for young people who open us to new understandings, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

A For the joys of this congregation: Marcy Carlson and Susan Carpenter as they celebrate their birthdays and Martha Nemeth as she remembers her baptism; for the people of God in this place, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.

**C Have mercy, O God.**

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**PEACE**

P In your forgiveness from Christ, may you go in peace to spread love to all those you see this day. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P All that we have and all that we are is a gift of God's grace to us. Let us return with thankfulness and use what we possess for God's glory this day.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

P The Lord be with you

**C and also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them up to God.**

P Let us give thanks to God our Maker,

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to our God. We praise your name and join in their unending praise:

**C Holy, Holy, Holy 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!**

P Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us, we will be faithful to the example that Jesus gave us. He promised to be with those who meet in his name.

**C This we believe.**

P He said that in the communion of bread and wine, that he would be present with us as we remember him.

**C This we celebrate.**

P So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service in the world.

**C Amen.**

P As Jesus did, so we do this day. We break this bread. (*The bread is broken*) We share this cup. (*The cup is raised*) We believe that he who lived, died, and rose again for us is present in these. We share these in remembrance and forgiveness that Christ calls us to in this meal.

Around this table, at this meal, we pray those words given to us by our Lord and Savior,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P Take this bread, share this cup. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. These are the gifts of God for the people of God, let us be glad in them this day!

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C Graciously nourish us, Jesus Christ, so that we who try to follow you may receive this spiritual food for our faith journey and be bound in unity with all who walk in your way. Amen.

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#### SENDING

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#### PRAYER

P Give thanks for all God's goodness

C **God's love shall last forever.**

P Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received deep in our souls enable us to enrich the lives of others in our life wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts open, our hands embracing, our lives ever surrounded and lifted in this love that you showed us this day around your table of grace.

C **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

P May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go. In the name of God, the Giver of Life, of Jesus, the fount of love, and of the Holy Spirit, the bearer of Peace, this blessing of the Trinity be upon you now and evermore.

C **Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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#### DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 7..... Online Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Doorstep Souper Bowl Sunday .....

Mon., Feb. 8..... Delivery of February Trinity Tidings & Annual Report .....  
 ..... Church Council Meeting .....6:00 PM

Wed., Feb. 10..... HOT NIA Meeting .....6:30 PM

Thurs., Feb. 11..... Operation Food Secure delivery .....4:30 PM  
 ..... Singing the Unsung on Zoom .....6:30 PM

Sunday, Feb. 14 ..... Online Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM

### OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Jan. 10	\$3,892.00	\$0.00	\$3,892.00	-\$2,792.00	\$1,100.00	0
Jan. 17	\$1,650.00	\$100.00	\$1,750.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,042.00	0
Jan. 24	\$1,646.23	\$130.00	\$1,776.23	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,015.77	0
Jan. 31	\$3,869.56	\$650.00	\$4,519.56	-\$2,792.00	\$1,727.56	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Dec 2020	\$9,750.00	-\$10,742.78	-\$992.78	
		Jan. - Dec	\$112,462.94	-\$121,859.29	-\$9,396.35	

### *Remember our shut-ins!*

Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	Keith Springer
Don Longren	Ron Owensby	Naomi Walker
Marlene Hassan		







The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church**  
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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