

*Order of Worship*  
August 2, 2020  
**Ordinary Time**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING WORDS**

I Worried by Mary Oliver

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers  
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn  
as it was taught, and if not how shall  
I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,  
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows  
can do it and I am, well,  
hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,  
am I going to get rheumatism,  
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.  
And gave it up. And took my old body  
and went out into the morning,  
and sang.

**INVITATION TO BE CONTEMPLATIVE**

**SILENT CENTERING**

You are invited to a moment of quiet rest, a time of slowing the pace of  
your body and mind so that the spirit can settle.

Divine Holy One, pause us for this moment,  
bear us up in this time, hold us for eternity.  
We open to your warming presence.  
We remember we came from you.  
We affirm all beings are your beloveds. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** Love Divine, All Love's Excelling #517, v.1-3

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all they faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O Breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy templates leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

**RITUAL ACTION – Like a warm blanket**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The world belongs to God,

**Many: the earth and all its people.**

One: How good it is, how wonderful,

**Many: to live together in unity.**

One: Love and faith come together,

**Many: justice and peace join hands.**

One: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

**Many: these walls would shout aloud.**

One: Open our lips, O God,

**Many: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*From: Iona Abbey Worship Book by the Iona Community*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence. Amen**

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## **DOXOLOGY – expressing praise to God**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Blessing the Gifts*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER followed by The Lord's Prayer**

*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. Amen.*

## **HYMN**

All My Days

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You know my words before they're said. You know my need and I am fed.  
You give me life. You know my ways, my strength, my path, for all my days,  
my strength my path, for all my days.

If I should fly beyond the dawn, the darkness will not overcome. If I lie down  
in deepest night, still you are there, my Lord, my light, still you are there,  
my Lord, my light.

Our every thought, each word we say, the whole of time, the present, day  
are held within your mighty hand, too wonderful to comprehend, too  
wonderful to comprehend!

O mend my heart and free my voice. From sin released, I will rejoice. O  
search me, Lord, my spirit cries, and let my song of praise arise, and let my  
song of praise arise!

## **SCRIPTURE Psalm16:7-11; Mark 12:28-34 New International Version**

## **SERMON**

Spending Time with God

## **COMMUNION**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

#715, v.1, 3

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,  
who, from our mothers' arms, had blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,  
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## **BENEDICTION**