

Prelude: *Adagio*, Benedetto Marcello

Welcome

Opening of the Word and Invocation (Jeremiah 29:11)

Hymn #603

Responsive Reading:

Leader: *Living God, our loving parent: you cherish your creation*

All: *and we praise you.*

Leader: *With earth, air, water, fire: in our element as your children,*

All: *we praise you.*

Leader: *With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your image,*

All: *we praise you.*

Leader: *Because, in Jesus, you came to share our human lives, our sorrow and joy,*

All: *we praise you.*

Leader: *Poor as we are, you give us hope:*

All: *salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose and we praise you.*

(The Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Opening Prayer (please kneel, said in unison)

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and you.

(A New Zealand Prayer Book & The Iona Abbey Worship Book)

An Affirmation of Worship

We worship God, our loving Lord, who made us; who taught us in the Bible that all people are God's children, and that we should love God and each other. When people turned away from God, he loved us enough to be born in our world as a baby. He grew up and lived the life he wants us to live. Risen now, he is still with us, our Lord and our God, helping us to grow more like him. This is why we know him as our Savior. We are his disciples when we love him, and show our love for him by being kind and helpful to one another.

Readings: Genesis 28:10-19, John 1:43-51
Secrets of Heaven #3539:2, #3701

Children's Message

Sermon: Surely the Lord is in This Place

Time of Reflection: *Air*, Bernardo Pasquini

Closing Prayer

Prayer of Gratitude
The Lord's Prayer

Offering: *Communion*, Francois Dubois

Offertory Response (please stand, sung in unison):

**We give Thee but Thine Own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee**

Closing Hymn #523

Benediction (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Postlude: *Preludio*, C.Adolfo Bossi

