

Those who are in hospital, in care,
or in a place which is strange to them ...

Those in whose family, marriage or close relationship,
there is stress or a break-up ... Those who are waiting
for a birth or a death,
or news which will affect their lives ...

Those who need to forget
the God they do not believe in
and meet the God who believes in them ...

Those whose pain or potential
we should not forget to share with God tonight ...

Lord, we believe that you hear our prayer
and will be faithful to your promise to answer us.

When our eyes open again,
may they do so not to end our devotions,
but to expect your Kingdom,
for Jesus' sake.

All **Amen.**

Hymn 551: In heavenly love abiding

Blessing

Leader May God bless us in our sleep with rest,
in our dreams with vision,
in our waking with a calm mind,
in our soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit
this night and every night.

All **Amen.**

PETERCULTER PARISH CHURCH

EVENING SERVICE
Sunday 7th February 2010 at 7 pm

An Evening Liturgy *from the Iona Community*

Opening responses (*seated*)

Leader Come, Lord Jesus,
you too were tired when day was done;
you met your friends at evening time.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader Come, Lord Jesus,
you too enjoyed when nights drew on;
you told your tales at close of day.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader Come, Lord Jesus,
you kindled faith when lamps were low;
you opened scriptures, broke the bread,
and shed your light as darkness fell.

All **Come, Lord Jesus, meet us here.**

Song: Let there be love shared among us

Prayer (*all sit*)

Leader Let us pray:

You broke down the barriers
when you crept in beside us.
For in Jesus ... the smiling Jesus,
 the story-telling Jesus,
 the controversial Jesus,
 the annoying Jesus,
 the loving and forgiving Jesus,
your hands touched all, and touched us,
showing how in Christ
there is neither Jew nor Gentile,
 neither male nor female:

All **All are one in Jesus Christ
and for this we praise you.**

Leader You opened our eyes,
to see how the hands of the rich were empty
and the hearts of the poor were full.
You dared to take the widow's mite,
 the child's loaves,
 the babe at the breast,
and in these simple things
to point out the path to your Kingdom.
You said, 'Follow me!',
for on our own we could never discover that in Christ
there is neither Jew nor Gentile,
 neither male nor female:

All **All are one in Jesus Christ
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Leader You gave us hands to hold:
black hands and white hands,
African hands and Asian hands,
the clasping hands of lovers,
and the reluctant hands of those
who don't believe they are worth holding.
And when we wanted to shake our fist,

you still wanted to hold our hand,
because in Christ
there is neither Jew nor Gentile,
 neither male nor female:

All **All are one in Jesus Christ
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Leader Here in the company
of the neighbour whom we know
and the stranger in our midst,
and the self from whom we turn,
we ask to love as Jesus loved.
Make this the place and time, good Lord,
when heaven and earth merge into one,
and we in word and flesh can grasp
that in Christ
there is neither Jew nor Gentile,
 neither male nor female:

All **All are one in Jesus Christ
and for this we praise you. Amen.**

Word of God

Hymn 717: O Christ the healer we have come

Prayers *(After each category, anyone may offer a name or short prayer for
those brought to mind. Each can be followed by a response.)*

Leader Let us say a prayer for those who need to be
remembered tonight:

Those who have made the news headlines today
because of what they have done or said ...

Those who have been brought to our attention
through a meeting or conversation ...

SONG

Let there be love shared among us
let there be love in our eyes
may now Your love sweep this nation
cause us O Lord to arise
give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real
let there be love shared among us
let there be love

HYMN 717

1. O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?
2. From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need
3. How strong, O Lord, are our desires
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves
4. In conflicts that destroy our health
we diagnose the world's disease
our common life declares our ills
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
5. Grant .../

5. Grant that we all, made one in faith
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us
shall reach the whole of humankind

HYMN 551

1. In heavenly love abiding
no change my heart shall fear
and safe is such confiding
for nothing changes here
the storm may roar without me
my heart may low be laid
but God is round about me
and can I be dismayed?
2. Wherever he may guide me
no want shall turn me back
my Shepherd is beside me
and nothing can I lack
His wisdom ever waketh
his sight is never dim
he knows the way he taketh
and I will walk with him
3. Green pastures are before me
which yet I have not seen
bright skies will soon be o'er me
where darkening clouds have been
My hope I cannot measure
my path to life is free
my saviour has my treasure
and he will walk with me

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