

WELCOME TO IONA

We are pleased to gather together for worship today. Join us after the service for fellowship time. If you wish more information on our congregation, please speak to the duty elder or the minister.

Pastoral information cards are located in the front of the hymn books.

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We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for healing and reconciliation. We offer thanks for their stewardship of this good earth!

March 30, 2025, 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Greeting Elder: Debbie Bourque

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(Please stand, if able, as the worship leader enters and then be seated.)

Prelude: (Time for prayer and silent reflection)

Greeting: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Ministry of God's People

APPROACH TO THE WORD

***Choral Introit 625:** "Seek ye first"

Note: instead of "Allelu, alleluia", we'll sing "Kyrie eleison"

***Call to Worship:** *Please see insert*

***Hymn 371:** "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

L: God, holy and eternal, holy and gentle,
You are the Mothering Father of the parable,
watching and waiting for all of your creation to come home to you.
Yours is a boundless love to which nothing and no one is forgotten;
one which neither height nor depth nor any extant thing can hinder.
And so, we gather in the warmth of your love,
seeking to grow as your partners in the work of healing this world.
Breathe into us the hope that is you,
and set our minds alight with possibilities
that we cannot yet dare to imagine.
In the name of your Son,
who embodied your Way for all who look to him,
now and forever.

**All: God who sets right all that is broken,
we know that your Way requires care and discernment,**

and your love and hope can be difficult to hold on to.
We may never have consciously turned from you,
but still we confess that we are children of a broken world,
heirs to all the brokenness written into this land and this time.
Help us to set right the broken things within our care,
to heal our hearts together with all your people in every place,
and to play the part you have given us in the drama of salvation.
Help us to reconcile with ourselves and one another,
as you reconcile all things within Yourself.

Assurance of Pardon

* **Children's hymn 706:** "Come, let us sing of a wonderful love"

* **Children's Time**

Children may go to Sunday School

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

* **Hymn 692:** "Where charity and love prevail"

Sermon

Offertory music: "They'll know we are Christians by our love" (by Peter Scholtes)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Living Faith 3.4 ("Jesus is Saviour")*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) (831)

***Hymn 671:** "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude

* Please stand if able

Large print hymnbooks are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to **Tamsin Moynihan-Robson** for leading the service this morning.
Thank you to today's Lenten reader, **Ellie Melville**. Join us for coffee after the service hosted by **Worship** this week and by **Congregational Life** next week.

03/30/2025

This Week at Iona March 30th – April 5th):

- **April 2st**- 1:30 - The Atlantic Mission Society will meet at the church. You are welcome to join us.
- **April 2nd** - 9:30 - 11:30 - Wed Morning coffee and crafts group meeting at church. Bring your projects and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee while you work.
- **April 2nd** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study
- **April 3rd**- 1:30 – Guild meeting

Next Week at Iona (April 6th – April 12th):

- **April 9th**- 9:30 - 11:30 - Wed Morning coffee and crafts group meeting at church. Bring your projects and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee while you work.
- **April 9th** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

Announcements:

- There will be a **guild meeting** on **April 3** at 1:30 all are welcome to join.
- The Annual meeting will be held **May 4, 2025**, following the service.