

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!

April 13, 2025, 10:00 am

Palm/passion Sunday

Greeting Elder: Waneta Holmes

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: "Hosanna, hosanna" instead of "Allelu, alleluia"

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

***Hymn 214:** "All glory, laud, and honour"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

L: Gracious God, Wonderful Counselor, Eternal Progenitor:
yours is a kingdom that is not of this world;
yours is a peace that passes all understanding;
yours is a family that transcends nation, culture, and even belief.
Today we recall the story of your Son, Jesus,
who revealed your goodness in words and deeds,
who extended your welcome to the lost and least,
and who rode into Jerusalem in defiance of the powers that be,
confronting the might of princes and soldiers
with the hope and joy of ordinary people.
So too may we be emboldened to refuse the violence of this world
through the power of the Prince of Peace,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: God of jubilation, hope, and glory:

**we confess that we, like many in Jerusalem that day,
may not be so quick to answer Jesus' rallying cry
and join the procession for a world healed and transformed.**

We may find ourselves silent in the face of atrocities.

We may seem too preoccupied to care beyond simple gestures.

We may feel powerless to stem the tides of oppression and hate.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to hope in despair, and to joy
amid sorrow, that we may truthfully witness to others that a better
world is possible, that your Kingdom of peace is at hand, and that
there is always another Way.**

Assurance of Pardon

*** Children's hymn 217:** "Ride on, ride on in majesty"

*** Children's Time**

Children may go to Sunday School

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

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

*** Hymn** "Ride on, ride on, the time is right" (please see insert)

Sermon

Offertory music: "Now Thank We All Our God", arr. Timothy Johnson
(ASCAP)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Living Faith 8.3 ("Love")*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

***Hymn 218:** "Hosanna, loud hosanna"

***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. Join us for coffee after the service hosted by **Congregational Life** this week and by Mary Martha next week.

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This Week at Iona (April 13th – April 19th):

- **April 16th** - 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 16th** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

Next Week at Iona (April 20th – April 26th):

- **April 23rd**- 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 23rd** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

Announcements:

- There is a Good Friday service at 11A.M.
- The Annual meeting will be held **May 4, 2025**, following the service.
- Takeaway tea is available for \$12 per order on May 10. Please place orders by May 4. Contact Debbie: 902 223 7853.