

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Affirmations

We believe in a with-us God

We believe that God is present
In the darkness before dawn;
In the waiting and the uncertainty
Where fear and courage join hands,
Conflict and caring link arms,
And the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God
Who sits down in our midst
To share our humanity.

We affirm a faith
That takes us beyond the safe place:
Into action, into vulnerability
And into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change
And to put ourselves on the line;
To bear the responsibility, take risks,
Live powerfully and face humiliation;
To stand with those on the edge;
To choose life
And be used by the Spirit
For God's new community of hope.

Jan Sutch Pickard and Brian Woodcock

We believe and trust

We believe and trust in God the Creator who made the world.
We believe and trust in God the Son who redeemed the world.
We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the world.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Iona affirmation

This we know, the earth does not belong to us

We belong to the earth

This we know, all things are connected

Like the blood that unites one family

This we know, we did not weave the web of life

We are merely a strand in it

This we know, whatever we do to the web

We do to ourselves

Let us give thanks for the gift of creation

Let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ

Iona Community's Creation Liturgy

The God that we believe in

We believe in God, the Almighty
Creator of the heavens and earth;
Creator of all peoples and all cultures
Who made us in God's likeness.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's son, our Lord
God made flesh for all humanity;
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
Through whom the living Christ makes his presence known to all peoples
and gives power to become a new creation sharing in the gifts of God

We believe in the Church
Which must be a sign of God's love
And the coming of his kingdom
We believe in the reign of God
When all creation will bear the fruits of God's love,
And all the tongues and songs of the world
will sing the harmony of heaven.
And because we believe we commit ourselves
to love, to dream, to pray, to build
Until the days when hope becomes a reality.

Amen.

Rededication

We join with the earth and with each other.

To bring new life to the land
To restore the water
To refresh the air.

We join with the earth and with each other.

To renew the forests
To care for the plants
To protect the creatures.

We join with the earth and with each other.

To celebrate the seas
To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars

We join with the earth and with each other.

To recreate the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children of the earth.

We join with the earth and with each other.

We join together as many and diverse expressions
of one loving mystery; for the healing of the earth
and the renewal of all life.

Amen.

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