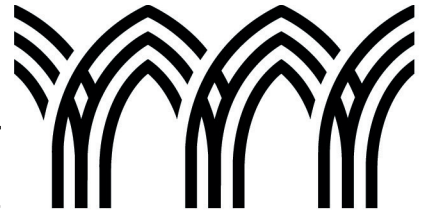


EXPANSIVE EVENSONG

12 NOVEMBER 2025



TRINITY
CATHEDRAL

Tonight's service is taken from the Iona Abbey Community. The Iona Community is an ecumenical movement based on the Isle of Iona in Scotland, founded in 1938 by George MacLeod. It is known for its focus on social justice, peace, and environmental stewardship, drawing inspiration from early Celtic Christianity. The community emphasizes communal living, inclusive worship, and outreach to marginalized groups.

The People's responses are in bold

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish

The People stand

Song *My Spirit Yearns for You*



My spi-rit yearns for you in the night, O God; I seek you, O Lord with all my soul.



My spi-rit years for you in the night, O God; I seek you, O Lord, with all my soul.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Responses

This is the time when light fades and shadows lengthen and sounds are subdued – all as God intended. **Amen.**

This is the time when bodies relax, minds unwind, and tiredness comes – all as God intended. **Amen.**

This is the time when others greet the morning, while we meet the night, and the world continues to sing, in all the accents of creation, a love-song to its Maker. **Blessed be God's Name.**

Hymn *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Prayers

Come, brother Jesus, be our guest, stay with us for day is ending.

Let us pray.

Holy One, **uniting earth and heaven, nurturing us and all things,**

bringing us together in your kingdom: may it happen here and everywhere.

Give us bread to eat today and forgiveness for the way we cheat others of their bread, as we forgive those who have stolen ours.

May we not take revenge, and keep us safe from corruption,

as we try to pursue your kingdom of equality, peace and justice, giving you thanks and glory. Amen.

Bring to this place your poverty,
for then shall we be rich.

Bring to this place your pain,
that in sharing it, we may also share your joy.

Bring to this place your understanding of us,
that we may be freed to learn more of you.

Bring to this place your Holy Spirit,
that we and all things might be made new.

With friend, with stranger, with the unknown and well known ones be among us tonight,
for the doors of this house are open, and the doors of our hearts we leave ajar.

The People sit

Scripture

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Cross over to Calneh, and see; from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is your territory greater than their territory, O you that put far away the evil day, and bring near a reign of violence?

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Amos 6:1-7 (NRSV)

The psalm is spoken responsively

My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and make melody.
Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; I myself will waken the dawn.

I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, and your glory over all the earth.
So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, save with your right hand and answer me.

Psalm 108:1-6

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)

At this time, silence, a reflection, or a discussion may be offered

Musical Reflection

Ag Christ an Siol

Seán Ò Riada

Ag Criost an siol, ag Criost an fomhar
With Christ of the seed, with Christ of the harvest

In Iothlainn De, go dtugtar Sinn
In the granary of God, may we be taken

Ag Criost an mhuir, ag Criost an tiosc
With Christ of the sea, with Christ of the fishes

I lionta De go gcastar sinn,
In the lines of God, may we be entwined

O fhas go haois, is o aois go bas
From growth to age and from age to death

Do dha laimf a Chriost anall tharainn
Your two hands, O Christ, hither draw us

O bhas go críoch, ní críoch ach ath fhas
From death to the end, not the end, but all eternity

I bparrthas na nGrast go rabhaimid
In paradise of the blessed may we reside.

Night Prayers

What if the darkness covers us and the day around us turns to night? Darkness is not too dark for God to whom dark and light are one.

You never sleep, God. You are always awake, always watching, always willing the world and its people to turn in the right direction. So tonight, will you comfort those who cannot sleep because of illness, or worry, or fear; or for reasons they cannot understand.

pause

God, be near them.
God, be near them.

And tonight will you be close to those who wait patiently or impatiently for a birth or a death, for a visit, or for the pieces of their life's jigsaw to fit together.

pause

God, be near them.
God, be near them.

And tonight will you be close to those who wonder, who look for inspiration, who long to be with the one or the ones they love, who hope to recognise the right time when they can say 'I'm sorry,' or 'I love you,' or even 'Enough is enough.'

pause

God, be near them.
God, be near them.

And God, listen to us as we share with you whatever joys or sorrows, discoveries or questions we will take with us into the night.

pause

God, be near them.
God, be near them.

Into your hands we commit ourselves – our souls, our bodies, our minds, our futures – for all things come from you and are best kept in your care. **Amen.**

Song *My Spirit Yearns for You*

With-in the dark-est night, you kin - dle the fire that ne-ver dies a -
way, ne-ver dies a - way. With-in the dark-est night, you kin - dle the
fire that ne-ver dies a - way, ne-ver dies a - way. With-in the dark-est

Closing Responses

For the day now done,
thanks be to God.

For the rest before us,
thanks be to God.

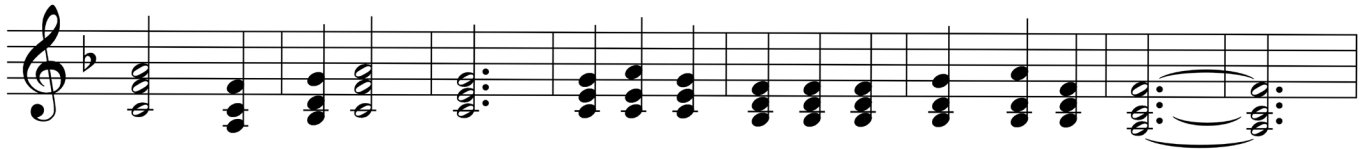
Because God never sleeps so that we can,
thanks be to God.

But before the day is done, let God's holy name be praised;
and let God's people say Amen.
Amen.

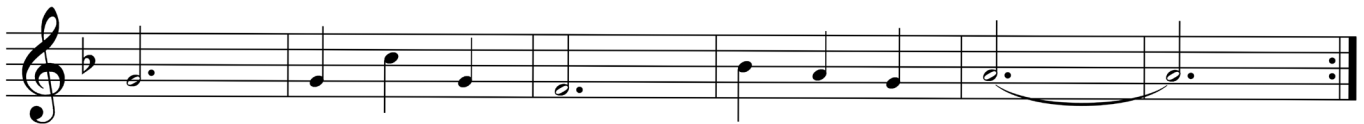
Song *Peace before us*



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace un - der our feet. _____
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love un - der our feet. _____
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light un - der our feet. _____
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ un - der our feet. _____



- Peace with - in us, peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
Love with - in us, love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.
Light with - in us, light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.
Christ with - in us, Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.



Postlude

The Clergy's Lamentation

Turlough O'Carolan

Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Megan Allen-Miller, *officiant*

Dan Senger, *lector*

Emily Butler, Jackie Josten, Tess Hosler, *vocalists*

Abigail Hakel, *violin*

Anna O'Connell, *harp*

Shiloh Roby, *piano*

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Services At Trinity Cathedral *(Academic Year)*

SUNDAY

8A

Spoken Eucharist

9A

The Abundant Table
Eucharist

11:15A

Choral Eucharist

4P*

Solemn Eucharist
**first Sunday of the month*

WEDNESDAY

6P

Choral Evensong
**first, third, & fifth Wednesday of the month*

6P

Expansive Evensong
**second and fourth Wednesday of the month*

THURSDAY

12:10P

Healing Eucharist

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