

Iona Evening Worship

Let the day end
the night fall,
the world move into silence,
And let God's people say Amen.

Amen

Let minds unwind,
hearts be still,
bodies relax,
And let God's people say Amen.

Amen

But before the day is done,
Let God's holy name be praised,
And let God's people say Amen

Amen

Christ is the source of all life
He brings light to the world.
The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness can never put it out.

He came to his own

And his own did not receive him
Yet to those who believe in him,

He gives the right to become God's children.

Let us pray:
Creator, Son & Spirit,
One God in perfect community,
Look now on us who look to You
And hear our prayer for this community.

Where there is falseness

Smother it by your truth

Where there is any coldness

Kindle the flame of Your love

Where there is any resentment

Show us the road to compassion

Where there is anything we will not do for ourselves

Make us discontent until it is done

And make us one

As You are one

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

A psalm or short Bible reading is shared

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.

Let us pray

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.
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.
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.'
God be near them**

God be near them
May God watch between you and me,
While we are parted, one from another.

**May Christ stay beside you and me,
While we are parted, from one another.**

And in the shadow of the Spirit's wing,
May we pass this night in peace.

Amen, **Amen**, Amen.

