

*The planet does not need more successful people. The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of all kinds*  
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Prelude

Video - Birdtalker One

Movement Confession/Absolution:

***Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen***

***By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. Amen***

Hymn: *Change My Heart, O God* ELW 801

Introduction - *I Love to Tell the Story*

The story begins with God. We cannot know God without stories.  
How can we know ourselves? We tell stories to know and be known.  
Christ came into the world as a story in motion - the Word made flesh. He went into the world recalling the ancient tales and sharing new parables everywhere he went.  
We cannot be the people of God without telling God's stories, and sharing these stories with each generation. We cannot tell God's stories without connecting with our own histories of faith.  
God's story is universal and deeply personal.

Margot's Story/Prayer

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray . . .

***Gracious God, give us courage to live in the story. Help us to listen faithfully and to speak truthfully. Give us grace. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - Amen***

Reading/Story/Quiet

Hymn: ELW 661 *I Love to Tell the Story* vs 1 and refrain

Reading/Story/Quiet

Hymn: ELW 661 *I Love to Tell the Story* vs 2 and refrain

Reading/Story/Quiet

Hymn: ELW 661 *I Love to Tell the Story* vs 3 and refrain

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*The Weave* - Response to Story - Kinna AM - honoring the story and giving back

Prayers of the People: *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752

***Lord, Listen to your children praying  
Lord, Send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, Listen to your children praying  
Send us Love; Send us Power; Send us Grace***

The Peace:

*Christ, the One of Tenderness, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be broken.  
My brothers and sisters, the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you*

**And also with you**

*Let us share in that peace together*

Eucharistic Prayer:

*The Lord is here*

**Christ's Spirit is with us**

*Lift up your hearts*

**We lift them to the Lord**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.*

*For you are the hope of the nations, the architect of the universe, and the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner, and gives dignity to the despised.*

*In Christ's face your light shines, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering us into one in your kingdom no longer a divided and broken humanity. We are one at this table. We are yours. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation, we glorify your name, forever praising you and saying:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. We praise you, loving Creator, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine out poured may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.**

*On the night before Jesus died, he had supper with his friends, and taking bread, he praised God. He broke the bread, and shared it saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine, praised God, and shared it saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Bringing before you the bread of life and the cup of salvation, we proclaim his death until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith!*

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

*Lord of life, help us work together for the day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be complete in all the earth.*

*Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms, and bring us with all the saints to the great feast.*

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,**

**In the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving God forever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer:

*Please pray The Lord's Prayer in any version or language.  
Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom . .*

Invitation:

*This is the table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ*

*This table is made ready for those who love Jesus and who want to love him more.*

*So Come - you who have much faith and you who have little;*

*Come - you who have been here often, you who have not been here for a long time, and you who are here for the first time;*

*Come - You who have followed faithfully and you who have failed;*

*Come!*

*Christ invites you to meet him here.*

*We feed one another at this table - Instructions . .*

Communion Hymns: *Now the Silence* ELW 460

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* ELW 461

*Be Thou My Vision* ELW 793

Post Communion Blessing/Prayer:

Blessing: *Blessing the Story* by Jan Richardson

You might think  
this blessing lives  
in the story  
that you can see,  
that it has curled up  
in a comfortable spot  
on the surface  
of the telling.

But this blessing lives  
in the story beneath  
the story.

It lives in the story  
inside the story.

In the spaces  
between.

In the edges,  
the margins,  
the mysterious gaps,  
the enticing and  
fertile emptiness.

This blessing  
makes its home  
within the layers.  
This blessing is  
doorway and portal,  
passage and path.  
It is more ancient  
than imagining  
and makes itself  
ever new.  
This blessing  
is where the story  
begins.

Dismissal: *Let us speak the words of Psalm 78:2-3 together:*

**I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us**

*God in peace and serve the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Introduction - Sarah Bjornebo

Communion Order - Iona Community

Translation of Psalm 78 - Iliff Hebrew Reading Group