AIRPORT CHAPLAINCY
AMSTERDAM AIRPORT SCHIPHOL

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

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Meditation centre, Lounge 2, Schiphol Airport



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~ An oecumenical service of the Word
with a celebration of the Lord's Supper ~

OPENING RESPONSES*

Minister: Gracious God, if we came to your house, we would find the door open, because there are no closing hours for the hospitality of heaven.

ALL: IF WE CAME TO YOUR HOUSE,
WE WOULD HEAR MANY ACCENTS,
OURS JUST AMONG THEM,
FOR THERE IS NO FAVOURED NATION
IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

M: If we came to your house, we would see people who never thought they would be allowed in, had entrance been by merit rather than by your gracious invitation. So, as we gather in Jesus' name, let the characteristics you cherish become evident in all we do and share together. Gather into one the glorious assortment of unlikes which is your true church.

ALL: REVEAL WITHIN US THIS COMMUNITY
WHAT WE MUST DO,
WHAT WE MUST HEAR,
AND WHO WE MUST WELCOME
IF WE ARE TO KNOW JESUS AMONG US.

M: God, give us grace to surrender our presumptions as to what we should be or do; and then amend our lives until we become the people you intended.

ALL: AMEN.

CALL TO PRAYER OF RESTORATION

M: We believe that God is faithful and forgiving, so by the grace of the Merciful one we may rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

M: Holy God, Maker of all,
ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.
M: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,
ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.
M: Holy Spirit, Breath of life,
ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.

M: Before God, with the people of God,
we confess to our brokenness:
ALL: TO THE WAYS WE WOUND OUR LIVES,
THE LIVES OF OTHERS,
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

M: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
ALL: AMEN.

M: We are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.
We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.
We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 97

SECOND READING: MATTHEW 24,14-35

After the reading:
M: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:
ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON

MUSIC

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God,
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
and to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our Saviour and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death:
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

INVITATION**

This table does not belong to any denomination, church or community. It belongs to Jesus.
It was at table that he met people, heard their stories and shared his.
It was at table that he deepened his friendship with poor folk and prostitutes, the business class and puzzled bystanders.
It was at table that he shared profound insights into who God is and what God wants.
And it was at table, with bread and wine, that he initiated the sacrament we now celebrate.

So come to this table. Leave behind any baggage of arrogance or unworthiness. Do not think, 'This is not for me.' Rather think of Jesus saying, 'I am for you,' and accept his invitation to be the friend he cherishes and longs to feed.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M.: The Lord be with you!
A.: AND ALSO WITH YOU!
M.: Lift up your hearts,
A.: WE LIFT THEM UP TO GOD.
M.: Let us give thanks to God,
A.: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE BOTH THANKS AND PRAISE.

For you, Creator God,
the valleys laugh and sing
and the trees of the field clap their hands.
Your earth summons us to break silence
and be one with the song of creation.

For you, God of all,
the church in its myriad forms
and countless languages honours its Saviour.

Millions upon millions invite us
to be one with them in the feast of worship.

In heaven, beyond our seeing,
the angels and saints are caught up in song.
And those we have loved and lost
are part of that great company.

They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.
So, gladly, we join our voices in the universal hymn of praise:

A.: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD,
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

This sacrament began on the night of Jesus' arrest,
when he and his disciples gathered round a table.
During their meal, Jesus took bread,
and when he had blessed it,
he broke it and said,
'This is my body. It is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

Later he took a cup of wine,
and when he had blessed it he said,
‘This cup is the new relationship with God
made possible because of my death.
Drink it, all of you, to remember me.
I shall not share this with you again
until I do so in God’s coming kingdom.’

And as he said a prayer before sharing, we do so too.

A.: 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
AND 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.

M.: The peace of the Lord be with you always!
We wish one another the peace of the Lord.

We share bread and wine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You can share prayer requests and we pray in silence

M.: Dear Lord, hear our prayers
A.: AMEN.

BENEDICTION

A.: AMEN.

We very much welcome you for a tea or coffee after the Service!

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*Morning Liturgy D – Prayer, A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications 2015
**Sunday Morning Communion Service B – Iona Abbey Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications 2017

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