



Three enduring principles from the book of Daniel for our emerging church.

21 June 2020 Rev Jock Dunbar
3rd Sunday of Pentecost

#3 Faithful, authentic living drives mission

To access the worship service go to
<https://livestream.com/ggsservices/ssuc>

Families with children are encouraged to use family faith materials
Ps Richard Moors has made available.

Preparing for worship
Find a comfortable space,
e.g. around a table or living
room ... and light a candle

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

You are invited to pray this prayer aloud.

O God, who called all life into being,
the earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us,
every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
with her we yearn for justice to be done,
for creation to be freed from bondage,
for the hungry to be fed,
for captives to be released,
for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

God, you are always true to us in love
and we are left wanting to say sorry
for our faithlessness to you and to one another,
for our forgetting of the poor and the broken,
for our failure to cherish creation.
O Trinity of love,
forgive us that we may forgive one another,
heal us that we may be people of healing,
and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.
Through Christ,
Amen.

Song *How great is our God*

We engage with the Word of God

- *Daniel 6:1-28*

Song *Companions on the Journey*

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OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS
SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US
THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

Offering

We make our offering for God's mission – of ourselves, including our resources.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

O God of all creation
who has come to us in Jesus
lead us in your way of love
and fill us with your Spirit.
Choose us
to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to bring sight to the blind
and set free the oppressed.
So shall your new creation come
and your will be done.

Spirit of truth and judgement,
who alone can cast out
the powers that grip our world
at the point of crisis,
give us your discernment,
that we may accurately name what is evil,
and know the way that leads to peace.

Spirit of integrity,
you drive us into the desert
to search out our truth.
Give us clarity to know what is right,
that we may abandon the false innocence
of failing to choose at all,
but may follow the purposes of Jesus Christ.

God of history, you share our joys and crushing sorrows,
you hear the cries of the afflicted,
you fill the hungry,
and you set free the oppressed.
We pray for the end to all injustice.
Inspire us with the all-embracing love of God,
challenge us with the love of Jesus,
empower us with the transforming love of the Spirit,
that we and all God's children may live and be free!
Amen.

Prayers adapted from
resources in *Iona Abbey
Worship Book*

Affirmation / Blessing

Christ has come to turn the world upside down:
to humble the powerful and to lift up the lowly.

Christ has come to turn the tables:
to topple vain idols and to stand with the poor.

Christ has come to proclaim God's kingdom:
to feed the hungry,
to give sight to the blind,
to strengthen the weary,
to set the prisoners free.

Christ has come to turn the world upside down:
to overthrow the present order
with a revolution of love.

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless you with power to go forth
and proclaim the Gospel.
Amen.

The Drama of Daniel

Q: What does DANIEL 6 and the ancient
Greek tragedy ANTIGONE have in common?

A: They each tackle the issue of disobeying a
human law to obey a divine law.

There's quite a few similarities if you want to
brush up on your Sophocles, who wrote
ANTIGONE less than 80 years after Daniel's close
encounter with the lion-kind.