

Gathering Hymn"Were You There"*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? *[repeat]*
 O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

... when they nailed him to a tree?
 ... when the sun refused to shine?
 ... when he rose up from the grave?

Greeting

One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

One: O Lord, open my lips at the dawn of a new day,

All: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise!

One: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease,

All: Fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

Morning Prayer from *Stages on the Way*, Iona Worship Resources

One: Holy is your name;

All: let the name of the Lord be praised!

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

Homily***Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, our risen Lord forever! Amen.

Morning Hymn** (see next column) *"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"Benediction**

One: Friends, the grace of God be with us all, now and always.

All: Amen.

One: Bless the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised!

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
 all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,
 see, a spreading tree has grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding
 bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
 from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,
 not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion.

Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
 nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation
 where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:

"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us.

Sing Hosanna everyone!