

# Building Peace from the Ground Up

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### WORKSHOPS



11:50 am - 1:00 pm



### Liturgy & Worship

A workshop on creating liturgy and worship to explore peace and justice.



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# Opening responses

Just and merciful God, you speak through the prophets,  
challenging us to seek peace rooted in justice.

**Help us to hear your urgent call.**

Loving God, in Jesus you change our lives for good,  
challenging us to work for reconciliation.

**Help us to see your way of truth and love.**

With-us God, your Holy Spirit moves us to action,  
challenging us to live the god news.

**Help us to respond wholeheartedly, here and now:  
to say 'Yes!'**

# **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.  
We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.**

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**We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond the safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability,  
and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life  
and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.  
Amen.**

# Universal prayer for peace

Lead us from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope,  
From fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,  
From war to peace.

*Focus on one line. How could it be interpreted in music, or one or more images, in story, prayer or symbolic action?*

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**Iona Community: [www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)**

Wild Goose Publications: [www.ionabooks.com](http://www.ionabooks.com)

Liturgy – numerous titles and

- Iona Abbey Worship Book

Poetry by Jan Sutch Pickard:

- Out of Iona
- Between high and low water
- A pocket full of crumbs

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