

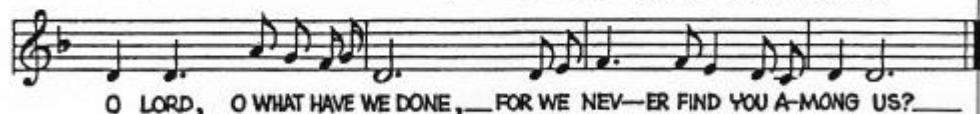
GOOD FRIDAY

6th April 2012

Good Friday retiring offering for Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Cantor: Chris McNee: Contemporary Reproaches from the Iona community
Response: (congregation)

O Lord, O what have we done, for we never find you among us?



Patricia Forbes soloist: When the Son of God was dying (Iona)

Hymns: 339; 730

before the gospel: 339 O sacred head sore wounded
before and after the prayers: 730 Jesus, remember me



*In the time between the passing of what was and the birth of what will be we find ourselves uncertain – a little lost. We grieve what has gone, and we do not know what will replace it. It is a waiting time, a hopeful time and the one thing we can hold on to is this, You were there with what was, You will be with what waits to be born, and You are here, in the in-between time.
And so we wait, we hope and we worship.*

*Dear Friends,
Holy Week and our Easter celebrations is a time to contemplate and wonder about the mystery of death and resurrection, a paradox beyond words. The simple poem below can perhaps help us a little:*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Hymn of Promise, Natalie Sleeth

May your Easter weekend provide you with opportunities to come ever closer to the Lord of mystery and life.

Peace and blessings

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