**St Andrew’s and St George’s West**

**Order of Service, 4 December 2022**

**The Shoot from the Root of Jesse**

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**Gathering music**

**Welcome**

**Call to worship**

**Leader**: O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence.

God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation,

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.**

**Leader**: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.**

**Leader**: For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.**

**Leader**: For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.**

**Hymn** 720 There is a longing

**Opening prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,**

**your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**The sharing of Christ’s peace**

God makes peace within us.

**Let’s claim it.**

God makes peace between us.

**Let’s share it.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ’s peace.

**Short talk/all age talk**

**Hymn** 285 The angel Gabriel

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-13

**Anthem** Es ist ein Reis Entsprungen (M Prätorius)

**Reflection**

**Hymn** 243 Touch the earth lightly

**EMMS International Presentation**

**Prayers of the People**

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

**Hymn** 710 I have a dream

**Sending**

**Leader**: O Trinity of Love, You have been with us at the world’s beginning,

**ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE WORLD’S END.**

**Leader**: You have been with us at our life’s shaping,

**ALL: BE WITH US AT OUR LIFE’S END.**

**Leader**: You have been with us at the sun’s rising,

**ALL: BE WITH US TILL THE DAY’S END. AMEN.**

**Benediction**

**Sending music**

Worship Leader: Rev Dr Urzula Glienecke

Musician:

Image: Rev Dr Urzula Glienecke

Call to Worship and Sending: Iona Community

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