

**Deacons Retreat & Day with Bishop Kym
Opening Litany**

Humbly in your sight we come together, Lord:
grant us now the blessing of your presence here.

These, our hearts are yours; we give them to you Lord:
purify our love to make it like your own.

These, our eyes are yours; we give them to you Lord:
may we always see your world as with your sight.

These, our hands are yours; we give them to you Lord:
give them strength and skill to do our work for you.

These, our feet are yours; we give them to you Lord:
may we walk along the path of life with you.

These, our tongues are yours; we give them to you Lord:
may we speak your healing words of life and truth.

These, our ears are yours; we give them to you Lord:
open them to hear your words of guidance.

Our whole selves are yours; we give them to you Lord:
Take us now and keep us yours, we pray.

Humbly in your sight we come together, Lord:
grant us now the blessing of your presence here.

We're here to share in fellowship; be present with us Lord:
that the bonds of this community may grow.

We're here to find refreshment; be present with us Lord:
that in bringing curiosity we find ourselves inspired.

We're here to seek and listen; be present with us Lord:
that we might hear the answers with our hearts.

We're here with deepest hope; be present with us Lord:
That we may seek and serve as we were called.

Dear God, our gracious provider, we give you thanks for this gathering:
For Bishop Kym, the Bishop's staff, all who have helped to make this possible and all
who are with us. Bless our time together that we may use it to enrich our lives and equip
us to work for the advancement of your Kingdom on earth.

Humbly in your sight we come together, Lord:
grant us now the blessing of your presence. Amen.

-Adapted in part, from Iona Community's Iona Abbey Worship Book