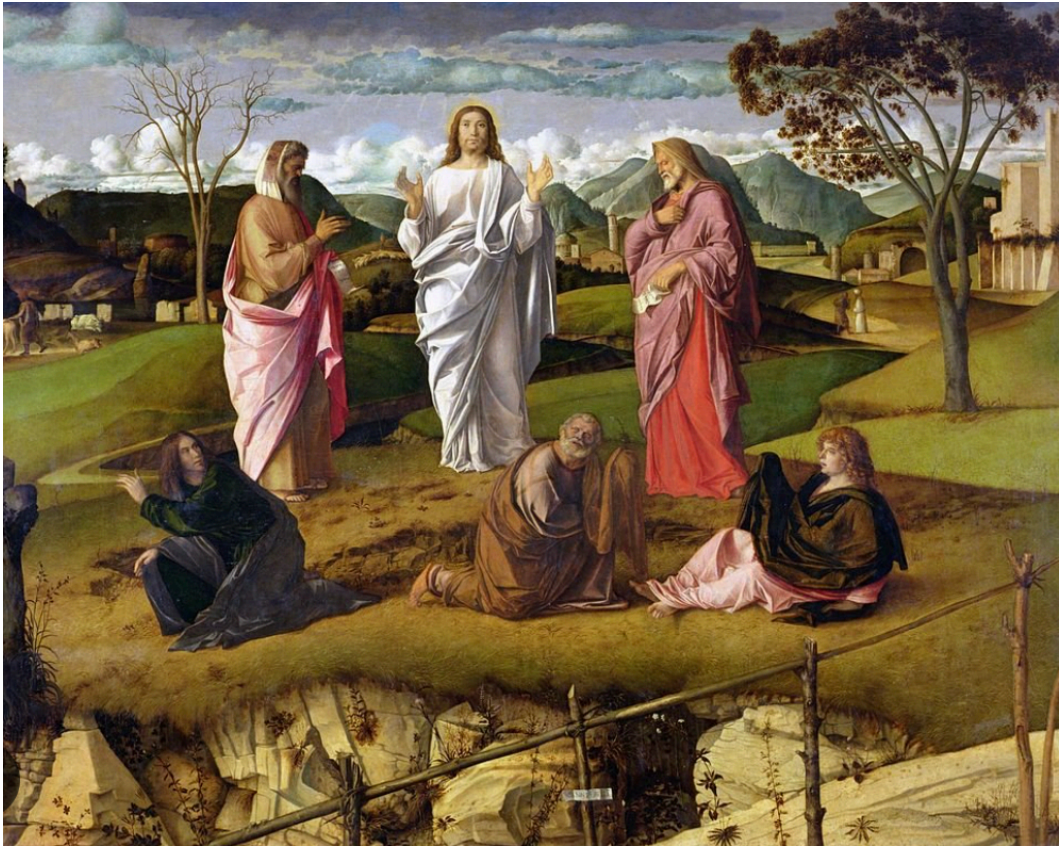


# MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE REV. TERI WALDRON, PRESIDING  
**June 29, 2025**



**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED**

### **OPENING PRAYER FOR PURITY AND COLLECT**

**PRESIDER:** O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**ASSISTANT:** Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be

made a holy temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

**CONFESSION** *Please join Presider on mute.*

**PRESIDER:** Let us confess our sins against  
God and our neighbor:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have  
sinned against you in thought, word, and  
deed, by what we have done, and by what  
we have left undone. We have not loved you  
with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry  
and we humbly repent. For the sake of your  
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and  
forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

**PRESIDER:** + Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

***Amen.***

## **THE LESSONS**

**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the 1 Kings [19:15–16, 19–21]

The LORD said to Elijah, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall

anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 16** *Please join Presider on mute in a*

*responsive reading.*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in  
you; \*

***I have said to the LORD, “You are my  
Lord,  
my good above all other.”***

2 All my delight is upon the godly that  
are in the land, \*

***upon those who are noble among  
the people.***

3 But those who run after other gods \*

***shall have their troubles multiplied.***

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*

***nor take the names of their gods  
upon my lips.***

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my  
cup; \*

***it is you who uphold my lot.***

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant  
land; \*

***indeed, I have a goodly heritage.***

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me  
counsel; \*

***my heart teaches me, night after  
night.***

8 I have set the LORD always before me;  
\*

***because he is at my right hand I  
shall not fall.***

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my  
spirit rejoices; \*

***my body also shall rest in hope.***

10 For you will not abandon me to the  
grave, \*

***nor let your holy one see the Pit.***

11 You will show me the path of life; \*

***in your presence there is fullness  
of joy,***

***and in your right hand are  
pleasures for evermore.***

## THE EPISTLE

**ASSISTANT:** A reading from Paul's Epistle to the Galatians [5:1,13–25]

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for



these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **THE GOSPEL**

**PRESIDER:** + A reading from the Holy Gospel  
According to Luke [9:51–62]

***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him,

because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

May the words of the Gospel be made flesh in us.

***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

**SERMON**

KINDLY KEEP ALL  
MICS MUTED  
DURING  
SERMON

The Rev. Dr.  
Vincent



## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*All are invited to sit in silent communion with one another for four minutes. Music will signal the end of our meditation.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**ASSISTANT:** Let us together proclaim our profession of faith, which has been handed down to us from ancient of days.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *Please join Assistant on mute*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the  
Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the

Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen

### **THE OFFERING OF PEACE**

**PRESIDER:** My sisters and brothers, the peace of Christ is with you!

**ASSISTANT:** And with your spirit.

**PRESIDER:** Let us embody Christ's peace for one another.

### **THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

*Presider will invite us all into small groups for several minutes to exchange a sign of peace and*

*get to know one another. If you are new to St. Columba's we welcome you. If you are a member already, please extend a warm welcome to those in your group.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

**PRESIDER:** The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

*Please pray responsively on mute, led by  
Presider:*

**PRESIDER:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and  
neighbors, and for  
those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom,  
and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear,***

***injustice, and  
oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the  
friendless,  
and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and  
all who seek  
the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Austin our Bishop in the Diocese of California and for all bishops and other ministers, both lay and ordained;

***For all who serve God and their  
neighbors.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

***Silence***



**PRESIDER:** For whom or for what else shall we pray?

*All are invited to voice prayers before the community or offer them in the silence of your heart. [Unmute before speaking, then kindly mute again.]*

**PRAYER RESPONSE:**

**PRESIDER:** God hear us,

**ASSISTANT:** ***God graciously hear us...***

**PRESIDER:** Lord God, hear the prayers of your people: those we have voiced in the presence of your Assembly, those we hold in the silence of our hearts, and those for which we have yet to find words. In gratitude and love, we entrust ourselves to you who knows better than we the deepest needs of our hearts. In the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Amen.***

**PRESIDER:** Let us pray as Jesus taught:

Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

**PRESIDER:** Savior, Redeemer, Beloved of God,  
clothe us in your love, strengthen us to live gently  
on this earth, give us humility to see all we  
encounter as precious to you, and teach us to  
walk with kindness and patience this hour and  
always.

***Amen.***

**PRESIDER:** + May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from your paths; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Three-In-One and One-In-Three be upon you and remain with you always.

***Amen.***

**PRESIDER:** My siblings in Christ, let us go forth into the world to love and serve the Divine and each other.

***Thanks be to God!***

**CLOSING MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE REACHED OUT  
TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY!**

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all of our online offerings or to register your name  
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*Please Email Meredith Burrell  
who can help direct your needs to the right person:*

**[mburrell01@hotmail.com](mailto:mburrell01@hotmail.com)**

# **ONLINE EVENTS**

## **DIOCESAN STRATEGIC MISSION**

### ***Letter from Bishop Austin Rios***

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I'm excited to invite you to the first layer of our Strategic Vision. It's focused on building the soil that the seeds of the actual Strategic Vision will be planted in. It's a series of videos that unpack the values that we have heard you say are important to you in our shared life together. These values are what you have described as the building blocks of trust—when they are present, we join together in following Jesus, and when they are absent, we break down into distrust that harms us individually, collectively, and in our witness beyond our doors.

Please join Cn. Sierra and me for this series



of videos, Building Trust as a Diocesan Community: Nourishing 5 Values to Follow Jesus Together.

7pm–8 pm on Zoom — Register

- Mattering | July 3 | Bishop Austin
  - Collaborating | July 28 | Canon Sierra
  - Collectively empowering | August 18 | Bishop Austin
  - Sufficiency | September 10 | Canon Sierra
  - Belonging | September 22 | Bishop Austin
- I hope you will plan on joining us for each of these video events as we invest in building trust together. In Christ, +Austin

**HOME BY ANOTHER WAY**

***by Barbara Brown Taylor. Book study***

***with Deacon Ari Wolfe***

Two more Mondays, July 14 & 21

11:30am



**PORTRAITS OF CHRIST VI:**

**THE SUFFERING SON OF GOD**

***Five-week online Bible study and  
lecture series with Fr. Vincent Pizzuto,  
Ph.D.***

Thursdays, September 4–October 2

11am–1pm



# **IN-PERSON EVENTS**

## **PEREGRINATIO SUNDAY**

***Heidrun Meadery, Point Reyes Station***

Today at 1pm



## **WAKE THE DEAD CONCERT!**

Next Sunday, July 6, 4–6:30pm in our  
Amphitheater



A few volunteers are needed to sit down and



sell tickets and rent chair backs, sell refreshments and drinks and direct parking. Bring a hat!! If you would like to hear a free concert and enjoy greeting our visitors and friends, we could use your help. The house opens at 3pm. We will need you by 1:30pm to help set up. Please contact Penny Washbourn at

[penelopewashbourn@gmail.com](mailto:penelopewashbourn@gmail.com)

or call 925-949-9791 .

Donations of wine would be welcome!

## **ANGLICAN STUDIES**

***With Fr. Andrew***

Sunday, July 6, 12:30pm

John Keble and the Oxford Movement: "New

every morning is the love our wakening and  
uprising prove.”



Recordings of Anglican Studies with Fr.  
Andrew are online.

**ANATOMY FOR HUMANS**  
***Art with August Haboush***

Saturday, July 12  
10am–1pm



**BLESSING OF THE FLEET**

Sunday, July 13



# **APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY SUMMIT, PART 2**

***Save the date***

Sunday, July 27

## **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

We are excited to announce that this year's  
play in the amphitheater will be  
Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's  
Dream!*

It will be on August 24 and 25, and August  
30, 31 and September 1 (Labor Day  
Weekend).

If you would like to volunteer please see  
Kathleen Ferrando at church or send an  
email to her at [akferrando@comcast.net](mailto:akferrando@comcast.net).

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

## COFFEE WITH JESUS

*Take few minutes to get your favorite morning beverage and return to us for coffee hour small group conversation.*

