

# MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRIS OLSON, PRESIDING

May 25, 2025



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED**

**PRESIDER:** ☩ Christ is risen!

**ASSISTANT & PEOPLE (on MUTE):** Christ is risen indeed!

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**PRESIDER:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
[16:9–15]

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us;

she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God!***

**PSALM 67** *Please join Presider and Assistant on mute in a responsive reading.*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
***show us the light of his countenance and come to us.***
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
***your saving health among all nations.***
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
***let all the peoples praise you.***



- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
*for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.*
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
*let all the peoples praise you.*
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
*may God, our own God, give us his  
blessing.*
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
*and may all the ends of the earth stand  
in awe of him.*

## THE EPISTLE

**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the Revelation of John  
[21:10, 22–22.5]

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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***Thanks be to God!***

## THE GOSPEL

**PRESIDER:** ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel  
According to John [14:23–29]

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.



“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

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 Pizzuto*



## 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:** ☩ Blessed be God, most holy, glorious,  
and undivided Trinity.

**ASSISTANT:** And blessed be God's Kingdom now  
and forever.

***Amen.***

**PRESIDER:** Lord, you taught us always to be  
reconciled with our sisters and brothers. Let us  
strive to be faithful to your law of compassion:  
that we may forgive seven-times-seven, that we  
may love even our enemies, and bless those who  
curse us. And where we struggle Lord,

let our earnest striving be enough for you, who  
sent your Son Jesus to be a healing balm of love.  
In His Name, O God, have mercy.

***Amen.***

**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:** ✠ And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all both now and forever.

***Amen.***

**CLOSING MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED** *At its conclusion the Assistant proclaims the Dismissal:*

**ASSISTANT:** Let us go forth to love and serve the Risen Lord in one another! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ONLINE DONATIONS MAY BE MADE VIA THE **"GIVE"** BUTTON ON OUR  
WEBSITE, OR CHECKS MAILED TO:

**ST. COLUMBA'S INVERNESS**

PO Box 430  
INVERNESS, CA  
94937

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## **VIRTUAL CHAPEL ONLINE OFFERINGS**

**IF YOU ARE NEWLY JOINING US**

**Please go to our website's VIRTUAL CHAPEL to access all of our  
online offerings or to register your name and email to be  
informed of our future offerings:**

**[www.stcolumbasinverness.org](http://www.stcolumbasinverness.org)**

## **NEED PASTORAL ASSISTANCE?**

*Please Email Meredith Burrell  
who can help direct your needs to the right person:*

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

## ONLINE EVENTS

### **CARBON: THE BOOK OF LIFE**

*by Paul Hawken. Book study led by Steve Lyman, CED member*

Wednesday, June 4

4-5:30pm



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### **HOME BY ANOTHER WAY**

*by Barbara Brown Taylor. Book study with Deacon Ari Wolfe*

Mondays, June 9, 16, 23, July 14 & 21

11:30am



## **COOKED: SURVIVAL BY ZIP CODE**

*Join us for an online discussion of this film,  
presented by St. Columba's Council for  
Ecological Discipleship.*

Led by Penny Washbourn, CED member.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 4–5pm

The trailer and links to watch the film are on the  
webpage.



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## **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**

### **END-OF-LIFE PLANNING:**

#### ***A Practical Guide to Living Life & Facing Death***

With Michael Gaddini, MD, and Sarah Johnson, RN

This informative and supportive workshop invites you to engage with one of life's most universal – and often avoided – topics: our own mortality.

Through practical guidance and reflective conversation, we'll explore how planning for the end of life can help us live more fully in the present.

Sunday, May 25, 1–3pm





## DISCOVERING YOUR HIDDEN GENIUS:

### *A Retreat for Life's Next Chapter*

In-person retreat with Alex Ellison, June 6–7



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## ST. COLUMBA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

*June 8*

Coffee hour and games in the afternoon

Further details to come



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## ROBERT MACFARLANE | IS A RIVER ALIVE?

*Robert Macfarlane visits Point Reyes to  
discuss his new book, Is a River Alive?  
(W.W. Norton).*

June 14

Paul Hawken, author most recently of *Carbon*, will join Rob for a conversation at the 1:00pm event. Point Reyes Books owner Stephen Sparks will join Rob at 6:30pm.

“This book is itself a river of poetic prose, an invitation to get onboard and float through the rapids of encounters with places and people, the eddies of ideas, to navigate the resurgence of Indigenous worldviews through three extraordinary journeys recounted with a vividness that lifts readers out of themselves and into these waterscapes. Read it for pleasure, read it for illumination, read it for confirmation that our world is changing in wonderful as well as terrible ways.” – Rebecca Solnit, author of *Orwell’s Roses*

To accommodate as many attendees as possible, we are holding two events on June 14: the first begins at 1pm and the second begins at 6:30pm. When placing your order for tickets, please select the time of the event you would like to attend. Tickets are \$40 and include a copy of *Is a River Alive?*

# WAKE THE DEAD CONCERT!

July 6, 4–6:30pm in our Amphitheater



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## 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.”

Sunday, August 10, 12:30pm

Evelyn Underhill and the Mystic Vision: “O Blessed Jesu, refresh us with Thy Presence and Thy Power.”



Recordings of Anglican Studies with Fr. Andrew are online

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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## COFFEE WITH JESUS

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

