Morning Prayer

St. Columba's Episcopal Church

Chris Olson, Presiding

November 1, 2026



The Feast of All Saints

MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED

OPENING PRAYER FOR PURITY AND COLLECT

PRESIDER: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ASSISTANT: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Confession

Presider: Let us pray. Bound in love to the triune God, let us call upon the Lord of our salvation and recollect in silence those times when we have failed to live as beings created for love, either because of that which we have done or for that which we have failed to do.

Examination of conscience:
What obstacles prevent me from loving fully and intimately?

Presider: Let us pray together then, to the God of Mercies.

Presider & All: *Please join Presider on mute*

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another, and against our Mother Earth.
Although you have made us incarnations of your Love,
we have not reflected your Divine Image in the world.

Although you have called us to intimacy in Christ,
we have shunned you in ourselves, in others,
and in your Creation.
Although you have poured upon us the Spirit of freedom,
we have preferred our slavery to our
passions, greed, and complacency.
Turn to us Lord, even when our hearts turn away from you.
Forgive us for the harm we cause to the innocent,
the vulnerable, the voiceless.
Forgive us for the harm we inflict
on the very planet that sustains us.
Instill in us a spirit of repentance.
Shake us from our complacency.
Move us to act in accordance with your Will
for the love of the planet and one another.
Awaken in us the hope of the Resurrection,
that recalling your boundless love for us
we may love boundlessly in return.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

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

Amen.

THE LESSONS

ASSISTANT: A reading from the Book of Revelation [7:9–17]

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

> “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
> and thanksgiving and honor
> and power and might
> be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

> “For this reason they are before the throne of God,
> and worship him day and night within his temple,
> and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
> the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34 [1–10,22] *Please join Presider on mute in a responsive reading.*

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE EPISTLE

ASSISTANT: A reading from the First Letter of John [3:1–3]

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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THE GOSPEL

PRESIDER: ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew [5:1–12]

Glory to you Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON

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The Rev. Dr. Vincent Pizzuto



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

Lectio Divina

All are invited to share a short few words, phrases, or themes from the sermon that speak to our hearts. We raise our 'yellow hands' when ready to speak and lower when finished. The Presider will call on us. We listen prayerfully to each one, but do not comment.

When the Presider sees that everyone who wishes to speak has done so, the Presider says ***Amen****. [We are invited to save further reflections to our Coffee with Jesus.]*

Music signals the end of the Lectio Divina.

Profession of Faith

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

Tírechán's Creed (from the Patrician Texts from the Book of Armagh, AD670) *Please join Assistant on mute*

Our God is the God of all,
The God of heaven and Earth,
The God of the sea and rivers,
The God of the sun and moon,
The God of all the heavenly bodies,
The God of the lofty mountains,
The God of the lowly valleys.
God is above the heavens;
And beneath the heavens.
Heaven and Earth and sea,
And everything that is in them,
Such is the abode of the Holy One.
God inspires all things,
gives life to all things,
stands above all things,
And stands beneath all things.
God enlightens the light of the sun,
strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
And places the stars in the service of the greater lights.

God has a Son who is co-eternal;
And similar in all respects;
And neither is the Son younger than the Father,
Nor is the Father older than the Son;
And the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
✠ And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen.

The Exchange 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.

Presider will invite us into small groups for five minutes to 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.

Should you prefer to stay where you are and spend the next five minutes meditating alone, that's fine too!

BIDDING 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, Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, and for all bishops and other ministers, both lay and ordained;
For all who serve God and their neighbors.

For the special 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 us and scatter the darkness from our paths; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Three-In-One and One-In-Three be upon us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Assistant: 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!

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

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

Need Pastoral Assistance?

Please Email Meredith Burrell
who can help direct your needs to the right person:
mburrell01@hotmail.com

Online events

Noon Prayer

Weekly, Wednesdays, 12pm

Led by Mother Teri Waldron

There Is No Single Way It Can Be Told

St. Columba's Poetry & Writing Series, live on Zoom

November 14, 10am–12:30pm

$40. Scholarships available

St. Columba's Sermon recordings

In-person events

Annual Stewardship/All Parish Meeting

November 8, during Coffee Hour (approx. 11:45am)

It is our first as a parish, during which we'll present our current financial picture and plans for 2027.

Imaginal Seeing and Knowing:

The Prayer of the Heart

November 20–22

In-person retreat with Fr. John Hayes

Christian Meditation

Chapel, Wednesdays, 7pm

St. Columba's Virtual Donations Plate

Other announcements?

Eco-Tip from the Social Justice Ministry Group

Avoid disposable items. Switching from single-use to reusable is the fastest way to cut household waste.

On-the-go coffee cups, plastic bottles, takeout utensils, and plastic bags are used for minutes but take resources to make and last for years in landfill. Replace your most-used disposables one at a time:

Swap disposable straws for easy-to-clean stainless-steel straws.

Swap paper napkins for cloth, and plastic wrap for silicone bowl covers.

Swap to-go cups for a reusable mug and bottle.

Reusables cost a little more up front but pay for themselves over time.

Coffee with Jesus

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

