***Contemplative Noonday Prayer***

***and Scriptural Reflection***

St. Columba’s Episcopal Church

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# Saint Columba of Iona

 **7 December 521 – 9 June 597 AD**

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*Please respond with your microphone set on mute.*

Mother Teri:O God, make speed to save us.

People:    ***O Lord, make haste to help us.***

***(All) Glory to the Father, and to the***

***Son, and to the Holy Spirit:***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

***The Collect***

***Mother Teri:***

*O God who heals our inner being; we ask that you touch our hearts with compassion so that we remember the spirit of your law – which is Love – and keep sight of your purpose. In your Name we pray, amen*

(8/24/22 St. Columba’s Noonday Prayer Group)

**Mother Teri** will read the lines in plain font; *please join by repeating the lines in* ***bold italics*** *at home on mute.*

**PSALM 29 NRSV**

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*The voice of the Lord is over the waters;****the God of glory thunders,
    the Lord, over mighty waters.*** *The voice of the Lord is powerful;* ***the******voice of the Lord is full of majesty.***

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;****the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon****.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,****and Sirion like a young wild ox.***

*The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;****the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***

*The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2029;%20Job%2039:26-40:5;%20John%2014:25-26&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-14318b)*]****and strips the forest bare;
    and in his temple all say, “Glory!”***

*The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;****the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.*** *May the Lord give strength to his people!****May the Lord bless his people with peace.***

***Assisstant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,***

***and to the Holy Spirit:***

***As it was in the beginning, is now,***

***and will be forever. Amen.***

***Assistant:***

A reading from ​the *Book of* ​**Job 39:26-40:5**  (NRSV)

“Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
    and spreads its wings toward the south?
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    and makes its nest on high?
It lives on the rock and makes its home
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From there it spies the prey;
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    and where the slain are, there it is.”

And the Lord said to Job:

“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
    Anyone who argues with God must respond.”

Then Job answered the Lord:

“See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
    I lay my hand on my mouth.
I have spoken once, and I will not answer;
    twice, but will proceed no further.”

*Deacon Ari*   Hear what the Spirit is saying.

  *People*     ***Thanks be to God.***

**Celtic Contemplation**

*Please sit comfortably and close your eyes for 15 minutes of silent meditation. Chimes will sound to begin and end the time.*

*For today’s reflection: A prayer of St. Columba*

“What need I fear, when thou art near
O King of night and day?”

 < Meditation: 15 minutes >

*Please follow along and chant the Kyrie one time through with us while on mute.*

***Mother Teri*** */* ***Assistant***

Kyrie Eleison (***Kyrie Eleison***)

   Christe Eleison **(*Christe Eleison*)**

 Kyrie (***Kyrie),*** Christe **(*Christe)***

Eleison  (***Eleison)***

***Mother Teri****:*Please join now in praying as Jesus taught...

**(*ALL*)** ***Our Father in heaven,***

***hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

***Assistant*:** Lord, hear our prayer;

***Mother Teri:*** ***And let our cry come to you.***

***Assistant:***

Let us pray, using words from the *Ita Compline[[1]](#footnote-1)*

Search me, O God, and know my heart.
***Mother Teri: Test me and know my thoughts.***

Keep Your people, Lord, in the arms of Your embrace.
***Shelter them under Your wings.***

***Mother Teri*** For whom and what else do we pray?

*Please offer your intercessions here, aloud or silently.*

*Prayers given aloud are followed with:*

***Assistant:*** We pray to the Lord

***Mother Teri:*** ***Lord, hear our prayer***

*Continuing after personal intercessions with...*

Be their light in darkness.
 ***Be their hope in distress.
 Be their calm in anxiety.***

Be strength in their weakness.

***Be their comfort in pain.***

***Be their song in the night.***

***The Blessing***

***Mother Teri****:* God’s Blessing be with you, Christ’s peace be with you, the Spirit’s outpouring be with you, now and always. ***Amen.***    *(Source: Celtic)*

***Assistant:*** Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

*Please remain with us for a word on today’s saint and discussion on today’s scriptural reading.*

**St Columba** (7 December 521 – 9 June 597) was an Irish abbot and missionary credited with spreading Christianity in present-day Scotland. He founded the important abbey on [Iona](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iona), which became a dominant religious and political institution in the region for centuries. He is the Patron Saint of Derry. He was highly regarded by both the Gaels of Dál Riata[﻿](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D%C3%A1l_Riata) and the Picts, and is remembered today as a Christian saint and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.

Columba reportedly studied under some of Ireland's most prominent church figures and founded several monasteries in the country. Around 563 he and his twelve companions crossed to Dunaverty near Southend, Argyll in Kintore ﻿ before settling in Iona in Scotland, then part of the Irish kingdom of Dál Riata, where they founded a new abbey as a base for spreading Christianity among the northern Pictish kingdoms who were pagan. He remained active in Irish politics, though he spent most of the remainder of his life in Scotland. Three surviving early medieval Latin hymns may be attributed to him.

<http://www.stcolumbasculloden.org/who-was-st-columba.html>

***A prayer of St. Columba***

*Alone with none but thee, my God
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O King of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand,
Than if an host didst round me stand.* (http://[transformationsandwhispers.blogspot.com )](http://transformationsandwhispers.blogspot.com/2012/03/prayer-of-st-columba.html)

More information at: <http://celticsaints.org/2020/0527b.html>

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**---Scriptural Study---**

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**Job’s Response to God**

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**4**“See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
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**5**I have spoken once, and I will not answer;
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1. *excerpted from* the Ita Compline*, Northumbria Community.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)