

MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PENNY WASHBOURN, PRESIDING

April 12, 2026



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED

PRESIDER: ☩ Christ is risen!

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRESIDER: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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
[2:14a,22-32]

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will
not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my
tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to
Hades, or let your Holy One experience
corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of
life; you will make me full of gladness
with your presence.'

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently
of our ancestor David that he both died and
was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had
sworn with an oath to him that he would put
one of his descendants on his throne.
Foreseeing this, David spoke of the
resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us
are witnesses.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 16 *Please join Presider and Assistant 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 the First Letter of Peter
[1:3–9]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable,

undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL

PRESIDER: ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel
According to John [20:19–31]

Glory to you Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them,

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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, Vicar



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.]*

MUSICA 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.

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.

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 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

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TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY!**

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who can help direct your needs to the right person:*

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ONLINE EVENTS

NOON PRAYER

Weekly, Wednesdays, 12pm

Prayer, scripture study, meditation, and discussion, led by Mother Teri Waldron



BREATHING ROOM:

Writing for Stillness and Peace

Online mini-conference with James Crews

Saturday, April 18, 10am–12pm

Registration open now



ST. COLUMBA'S SERMON RECORDINGS



ANGLICAN STUDIES WITH FR. ANDREW

Class recordings



IN-PERSON EVENTS

BEACON OF LIGHT WITH CHRIS HULLS:

The Point Reyes Good Luck Fund

TODAY, April 12, 4pm

Free and open to the public, wine and cheese
reception following



CELTIC CONCERT

With Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter
Celtic harps, rare instruments, and wondrous
stories

Sunday, May 3, 3-5pm

Tickets available now



GAME NIGHT AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, May 17, 3-9pm

Get to know a different side of your fellow parishioners! Put on your game face and bring your favorite board games. Please send Carl an email (carlchristoffer@me.com) to let him know how many dinners to plan for.

If you live out of the area, Anna can arrange a room at the Retreat House.

SAVE THESE DATES

July 11-12

Community-wide 20th Jubilee celebration of
Father Vincent's ordination

October 24 at Grace Cathedral

St. Columba's will be voted in as a parish with
seat, voice, and vote!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wednesdays, 7pm

Chapel

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

COFFEE WITH JESUS

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

