

MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE REV. ARI WOLFE, PRESIDING
APRIL 21, 2024



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 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 Acts [4:5-12]

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *Please join Presider on mute in a responsive reading.*

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

*you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.*

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE EPISTLE

ASSISTANT: A reading from The First Letter of John [3:16-24]

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech,

but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

PRESIDER: ☩ A reading from the Holy Gospel
According to John [10:11-18]

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

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. Teri Waldron



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All are invited to sit in silent communion with one another for 3 minutes. A bell will signal the end of our meditation.

THE CREED *Please join Presider on mute*

PRESIDER: 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 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.

PRESIDER: 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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Marc our Bishop in the Diocese of California, Austin Rios our Bishop-Elect 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 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.

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!



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:

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INVERNESS, CA
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IF YOU ARE NEWLY JOINING US
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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:*

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ONLINE CED BOOK STUDY

*Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters,
Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the
Earth*

by Debra Rienstra

*Last meeting, this Wednesday, April 24,
4-5:30 pm, PT*

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/refugia-faith-book-study>



In-person events:

**THE SOUL OF ANGLICANISM: COMPROMISE OR
COMPREHENSION?**

Led by Fr. Andrew Walmisley

We will be meeting every 1st Sunday of the month,
1:00-2:00 pm, for 7 months.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 5

SOUND BATH

Immerse yourself in the soothing sounds of a Sound Bath with Karla Bravo. Reservations required to prevent overcrowding.

Saturday, April 20, 7 pm

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/sound-bath>



IONA LECTURE: AN EVENING LECTURE AND CONVERSATION WITH DAVID ODORISIO

*Thomas Merton in California: Contemplative
Christianity and the Transformation of the Self*

Thursday, May 2, 7 pm

Free and open to the public

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/iona-lecture-series-david-odorisio>



CELTIC MUSIC SERIES

*Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter Concert,
featuring Celtic harps, rare instruments, and
wondrous stories*

Sunday, May 5, 4 pm

Go to website for more info and to purchase tickets!

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/lisa-lynne-aryeh-frankfurter>



**CELTIC CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY:
EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW**

*In-person retreat with Fr. Vincent Pizzuto and
Penny Washbourn*

Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/celtic-christian-spirituality>



COMMUNITY WIDE APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY SUMMIT

June 8, 10 am -4 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ross, CA

We will explore 'what gives life' to our community, strengthen connections and relationships with one another, and begin to imagine a new and vibrant future for St. Columba's!

Registration closes 6/1.

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/appreciative-inquiry-summit>



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