Morning Prayer

St. Columba's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Teri Waldron, Presiding

November 22, 2026



The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE LESSONS

ASSISTANT: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel [34:11–16,20–24]

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land;

and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. And I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 *Please join Presider on mute in a responsive reading.*

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE

ASSISTANT: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [1:15–23]

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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THE GOSPEL

PRESIDER: ☩ A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew [25:31–46]

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’

“Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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. John Michael Hayes



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 you and scatter the darkness from your paths; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Three-In-One and One-In-Three be upon you and remain with you 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

Evensong

December 3, 7pm

Led by Ann McChesney-Young.

Magnifica Humanitas—

On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intellgence

Online with Penny Washbourn

Six Mondays, February 1–March 8, 2027

4–5:30pm

Noon Prayer

Weekly, Wednesdays, 12pm

Led by Mother Teri Waldron

St. Columba's Sermon recordings

In-person events

Christian Meditation

Chapel, Wednesdays, 7pm

Free photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus!

Sunday, December 6, 2–3pm

Fireside, in St. Mary's Library

Celtic Music Series Christmas Concert

With Amelia Hogan and Amhránaíthe

December 6 at 3pm

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

December 13 at 7pm

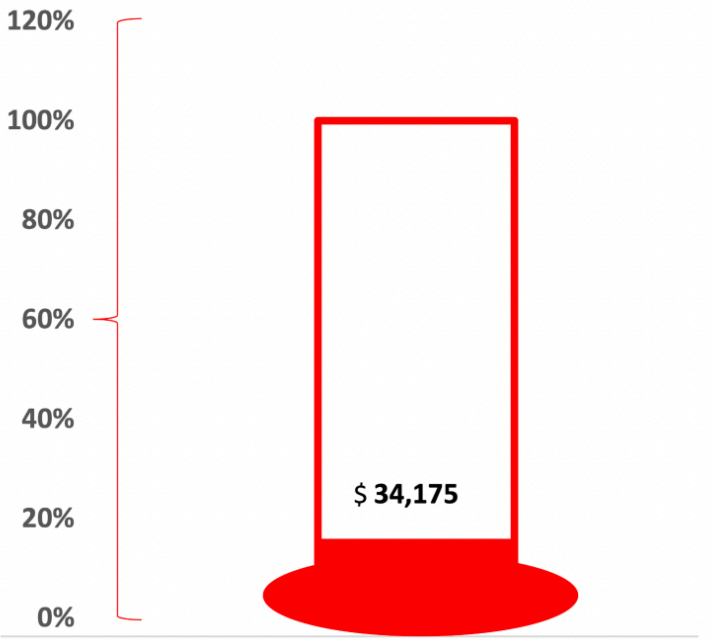
Come early for seats, parking, and Prelude!

Virtual Plate for Your Donations

2027 Pledge Update

2027 Pledge Goal = $ 215,000
Pledges as of November 15th= **$ 34,175**
We are at 16% of the Goal

THANK YOU to those who have pledged-
Pledge forms on the credenza
- or email Ann Hall



FOURTH SUNDAYS-FOOD SUNDAYS

You may leave food perishable and non-perishable for the local food bank in the basket in Frick Hall.

St. Columba's Church Directory

A copy of the directory was sent last Sunday (November 15) to all who are in it. If you didn't receive a copy and would like to be included, or If you would like to change any of your information, contact Anna Haight at annhaight@stcolumbasinverness.org with the contact information you would like to include.

Other announcements?

Coffee with Jesus

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

