Morning Prayer

St. Columba's Episcopal Church

Penny Washbourn, Presiding

May 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Music will be played

Presider: ✠ Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Assistant & People (on mute): ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Collect of the day

Presider: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 [17:22–31]

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

"From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

> 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

> ***Thanks be to God!***

PSALM 66:7–18 *Please join Presider and Assistant on mute in a responsive reading.*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle

Assistant: A reading from the First Letter of Peter [3:13–22]

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,

during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel

Presider: ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John [14:15–21]

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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. Andrew Walmisley

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

Thank you to all who have reached out to support our Ministry!

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St. Columba's Inverness
PO Box 430
Inverness, CA
94937

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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

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

Evensong

June 4, 7pm

Led by Ann McChesney-Young.

St. Columba's Sermon recordings

In-person events

Bishop's Committee Meeting

Next Sunday, May 17, following Third Hour

Followed by:

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. Email Carl (carlchristoffer@me.com) to let him know how many dinners to plan for.

Contemplative Practice Circle

New, starting May 19, and continuing

third Tuesdays monthly

Meditative songs, chants, and movement led by Ann McChesney-Young

Beacon of Light:

Disaster Preparedness with Roy Pitts,
Coordinator, Point Reyes Disaster Council

Sunday, May 24, 4pm

Wine and cheese reception to follow

Save The Date

St. Columba's Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, June 7, after church

Wake the Dead Concert

Sunday, July 5, at 5pm in the Amphitheater,

Volunteers needed for refreshments, tickets, and chair-back rentals. Contact Penny Washbourn at pwashbou@gmail.com

St. Columba's Virtual Plate for Your Donations

Christian Meditation

Wednesdays, 7pm

Chapel

Save These Dates

July 11–12

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

October 24 at Grace Cathedral

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

Other Announcements?

Coffee with Jesus

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