

MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REV. TERI WALDRON, PRESIDING

November 30, 2025



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES & BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PRESIDER: Beannaim Chriost ionat!
("I greet Christ in you!")

ALL: *Beannaim Chriost ionat!*
(Ben-im Kreestin-ot)

Presider offers prayer as she lights candles

PRESIDER: Loving God, who sent into the world your Incarnate One as a Light which the darkness could not overcome, invest this wreath, our Advent symbol, with the power of your light and love. With each of these candles that is lighted, may we rekindle within ourselves the desire to prepare a way for the birth of Christ within us.

With each new candle that is lighted, may the flame of Christ's coming grow ever brighter until the Feast of the Nativity brings with it a fresh and ever-green coming of the Lord of Light into each of our hearts and into our whole world.

Candles are lighted in silence.

PRESIDER: ✠ We pray, then, that the richness of God's blessing rest upon this Advent wreath, that in the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE COLLECT

ASSISTANT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

PRESIDER: In the name of the Three-in-One,
and One-in-Three.

Amen.

PRESIDER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

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.

***Silent examination of conscience: what
obstacles prevent me from loving fully and
intimately?***

PRESIDER: Let us pray together then, to the God of Mercies:

Please join presider on mute.

PRESIDER & ALL: 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 for
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 Isaiah [2:1–5]

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the
mountains, and shall be raised above the
hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into
ploughshares, and their spears into
pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122 *Please join Presider on mute in a responsive reading.*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the LORD, *

*the assembly of Israel, to praise the
Name of the LORD.*

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

THE EPISTLE

ASSISTANT: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Romans [13:11–14]

You know what time it is, how it is now the
moment for you to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

PRESIDER: A reading from the Holy Gospel
According to Matthew [24:36–44]

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

May the words of the Gospel be made flesh in us.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON

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The Rev. Dr. Vincent Pizzuto



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

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: 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 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.

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.

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!

CLOSING MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY!**

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ONLINE EVENTS

NOON PRAYER

Weekly, Wednesdays, 12pm

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



EVENSONG

First Thursdays, Monthly

December 4, 7pm

Candlelight circle of sung prayer, spoken prayer, and silent meditation, led by Ann McChesney-Young.



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IN-PERSON EVENTS

PEREGRINATIO SUNDAY

Today!



SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 7
Santa & Mrs Claus are coming!

2:30pm

St. Columba's Celtic Concert Series:
Amhránaíthe, featuring Celtic singer Amelia
Hogan

3pm



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 14, at 7pm

Our Iona Choir will be joined by the choir of St.
Francis of Assisi, Novato, and beautiful Celtic
harpist Diana Rowan

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT MASS

Wednesday, December 24, at 8pm

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

Thursday, December 25, at 10am

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wednesdays, 7pm

Chapel

ST. COLUMBA'S VIRTUAL PLATE FOR YOUR DONATIONS



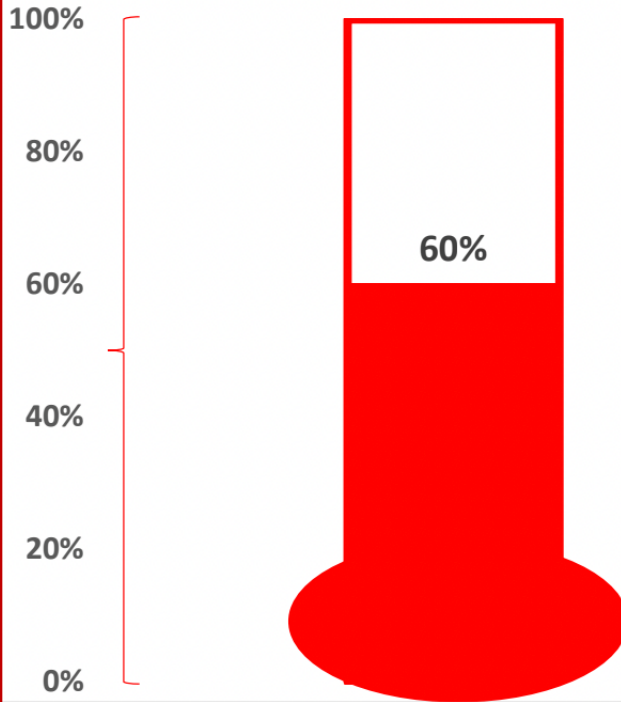
2026 Pledge Update

2026 Pledge Goal = \$ 160,000

Pledges as of November 28th = \$ 96,223.45

We are at 60% of the Goal

THANK YOU to to all who have pledged!



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

COFFEE WITH JESUS

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

