

# MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRIS OLSON, PRESIDING

April 19, 2026



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED

**PRESIDER:** ☩ Christ is risen!

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

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**PRESIDER:** O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

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**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [2:14a,36-41]

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God!***

**PSALM 116** *Please join Presider and Assistant on mute in a responsive reading.*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
***because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.***

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
***I came to grief and sorrow.***

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
***“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”***

10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
***for all the good things he has done for me?***

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
***and call upon the Name of the LORD.***

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
***in the presence of all his people.***

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
*is the death of his servants.*

14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
*I am your servant and the child of your  
handmaid; you have freed me from my  
bonds.*

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving \*  
*and call upon the Name of the LORD.*

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
*in the presence of all his people,*

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
*in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!*

## THE EPISTLE

ASSISTANT: A reading from the First Letter of Peter  
[1:17-23]

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God!***

## THE GOSPEL

**PRESIDER:** ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel  
According to Luke [24:13–35]

*Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?”

They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

*Praise to you Lord Christ.*

## SERMON

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***KINDLY KEEP ALL MICS MUTED DURING SERMON***

*The Rev. Dr. Vincent Pizzuto*



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

## LECTIO DIVINA

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*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

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**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

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**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**

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**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!*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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

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## **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](http://www.stcolumbasinverness.org)**

## **NEED PASTORAL ASSISTANCE?**

*Please Email Meredith Burrell*

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

**[mburrell01@hotmail.com](mailto:mburrell01@hotmail.com)**

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# ONLINE EVENTS

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## NOON PRAYER

*Weekly, Wednesdays, 12pm*

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



## EVENSONG

May 7, 7pm

Led by Ann McChesney-Young.



## ST. COLUMBA'S SERMON RECORDINGS



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## **IN-PERSON EVENTS**

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### **MINISTRY GROUP MONTHLY MEETING**

Next Sunday, April 26

### **CELTIC CONCERT**

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

Sunday, May 3, 3-5pm

Tickets available now



### **ST. COLUMBA'S VIRTUAL PLATE FOR YOUR DONATIONS**



## **GAME NIGHT AND SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Sunday, May 17, 3–9pm

Put on your game face and bring your favorite board games. Email Carl ([carlchristoffer@me.com](mailto: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*

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

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Chapel, Wednesdays, 7pm

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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## COFFEE WITH JESUS

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

