

# MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRIS OLSON, PRESIDING

February 15, 2026



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED

### OPENING PRAYER FOR PURITY AND COLLECT

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**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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

## CONFESSION

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*Silence is kept. Then all pray the confession together on mute, led by Assistant.*

**ASSISTANT:** A voice cries out in the wilderness, “make straight the way of the Lord.” So let us listen and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith (John 1:23).

Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow faithfully, but so often we get lost or turn away. We try to love our neighbors and ourselves, and even, by your grace, to love our enemies, but we fail. We take the wrong path and stray from the way of your love. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you.

**PRESIDER:** ✠ We turn to you, God of Love, and we accept your grace. We accept your pardon. We accept the gift of a new path, through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

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**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the Book of Exodus  
[24:12–18]

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain.



Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 2** *Please join Presider on mute in a responsive reading.*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
***Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?***
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*  
***against the LORD and against his Anointed?***
- 3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; \*  
***“let us cast off their bonds from us.”***
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
***the LORD has them in derision.***

- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
***and his rage fills them with terror.***
- 6 “I myself have set my king \*  
***upon my holy hill of Zion.”***
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*  
***he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.***
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations  
for your inheritance \*  
***and the ends of the earth for your  
possession.***
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
***and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”***
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
***be warned, you rulers of the earth.***
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*  
***and with trembling bow before him;***
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
***for his wrath is quickly kindled.***
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
***who take refuge in him!***

## THE EPISTLE

**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the Second Letter of Peter [2:1–16]

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Thanks be to God.*

## THE GOSPEL

**PRESIDER:** A reading from the Holy Gospel  
According to Matthew [17:1–9]

*Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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*

Stowe Missal c. 792 ( <i>adapted</i> )	Celtic Rite I ( <i>adapted</i> )
<p><i>Sursum Corda</i></p> <p><i>Priest:</i> All-Loving, All-Powerful, and Ever-Living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p>You, O God, with your only begotten Son and Holy Spirt are inseparable. Ever One and Ever Three! Immortal, Inviolable, and Ever Faithful! You are God, Most High and Beneficent; Living and True, Holy and Wise, resplendent in Light inaccessible before time and forever. You are God, Ever Merciful, All Compassionate, Beautiful and Righteous, Pure and Kind, Holy and Just, Tender and Forgiving. You are God, Ever Ancient and Ever New, One God in Three Persons, ever pouring out your divine life to all.</p> <p>Piercing through the veil of heaven you became our Life, our Way, as you, O Light of Light, descended from the realms of endless day.</p> <p><b><i>In gratitude we give our hearts to you, O Lord; we bless you, we adore you, and praise your Name forevermore; Through Christ, by whom all things were made; Through Christ, by whose incarnation we have been redeemed; Through Christ, in whom we live, and move, and have our being.</i></b></p> <p>Grant then, we pray you, that our voices may be admitted to all the heavenly choirs who sing in joyful acclamation of your eternal Majesty; before whom the Powers of Heaven tremble; the heavenly Thrones adore; the Virtues concelebrate in exultation; at your feet the six-winged Seraph, Cherubim with watchful eye, the angels and archangels, veil their faces to your Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:</p> <p><i>Holy Holy Holy</i></p> <p><i>The Priest continues:</i> Merciful God, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ, by the working of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p><i>Sursum Corda</i></p> <p><i>Priest:</i> Blessed are you, loving and faithful Creator God. All your works, the heights and the depths, time and space echo the cosmic hymn of your praise. From the Abyss of Eternity your Silent Word summoned existence: oblivion withdrew and creation dawned. Eons passed as your Love gave birth to untold stars and galaxies, while unseen waters gathered on the face of the deep. By the power of your immanent Spirit life emerged.</p> <p>In the fullness of time, as your cosmos struggled to become, humankind evolved and the Universe came to self-consciousness, reflecting your own divine image. Flesh-inspired, inspirited-flesh, you gave us minds and hearts, breath and voice, that we might join with all Creation in the ageless hymn of your glory:</p> <p><i>Holy, Holy Holy</i></p> <p><i>Priest:</i> How marvelous are the works of your hands, O Lord! As a mother lovingly gathers her children, so you gathered a People to yourself, to be as a light unto the nations and a sign of your covenantal love.</p>

From age to age you gather a People to yourself, so that from East to West a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

And so, we humbly pray before your Divine Majesty, be pleased to send your Spirit upon these gifts, to bless and receive these offerings, that they may become for us † the Body and † the Blood of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that in receiving them according to his command and in remembrance of his passion and death, we may be made partakers of his divine nature;

Who, on the night before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

*As Priest genuflects, all may bow.*

When supper was ended taking also the chalice into his holy and venerable hands, and again giving thanks to you, Jesus blessed and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF, YOU AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

*As Priest genuflects, all may bow.*

From age to age, you promised mercy to our ancestors, and filled your People with a hunger and thirst, which only you could satisfy. In the tender compassion of your love, you raised up Jesus, foretold of ancient seers; Emmanuel, God-with-us, in whom all hungers are fulfilled.

He embodied your reign in the world, preached the Good News of your love, healed the sick, comforted the poor, and empowered the oppressed. To a world that dwelt in darkness, he was Light, to a humanity enslaved by sin and death, he was Life. Though the powers of darkness would seek to destroy him, with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross, and reconciled all things to himself, surrendering his Spirit to you, his Abba.

Therefore, O God, we pray you, open wide your arms and surrender now to us the Holy Spirit, poured out upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us † the Body of Christ broken for the world, and † the Blood of Christ poured out for the many.

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with his disciples. He took bread into his hands, and giving thanks to you, O God of Creation; he said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his beloved, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

*At elevation people bow.*

When supper was ended, taking also the cup of wine into his hands, and again giving thanks to you, O God of Redemption, he said the blessing and gave the cup to his beloved, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

*At elevation people bow.*

<p><i>Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:</i></p> <p><i>Dying you Destroyed our death...etc.</i></p> <p>Wherefore, O God, in memory of the blessed passion of the same Christ, your Son, our Lord; of his resurrection from the dead and of his ascension into heavenly glory, we, your servants, and with all your holy people offer to your sovereign Majesty, from among the gifts you bestow upon us, a sacrifice perfect, holy, and spotless; the Holy Bread of everlasting life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.</p> <p>Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a favorable and gracious countenance; accept them as you were pleased to accept the offerings of your servant Abel, the sacrifice of our ancestor Abraham, and the gift of your high priest, Melchizedek; that all who are partakers the precious Body and Blood of Christ may be + filled with every grace and spiritual blessing.</p> <p>Remember also, your servants <b>N. [and N.]</b> who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who sleep in the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all who have fallen asleep in Christ, grant, we implore you, a place of happiness, light, and rest.</p> <p>To us also, gathered here in your Name, who hope in the multitude of your mercies, be pleased to grant some place and fellowship with Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, your holy apostles and martyrs and all your holy ones who rejoice with us now but on another shore and in a greater light. We pray you, admit us into the company your Kingdom, not weighing our own merits but bestowing upon us the free gift of your grace.</p> <p>Through Christ, O Lord, you ever create these good things, and you † hallow, bless, and sanctify them as gifts for us.</p> <p><i>Priest, raising Chalice and Host chants:</i></p> <p>Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours almighty Father, forever and ever.</p> <p><b>Amen!</b></p>	<p><i>Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:</i></p> <p><i>Dying you Destroyed our death...etc.</i></p> <p>Thine own of Thine own we offer You O Lord: Christ's Body, broken and sacrificed now as bread and wine, now as your People gathered. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness, and by his resurrection <del>crucified</del> christified the Universe. As we awaken to the fullness of his coming, may we be ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.</p> <p>Awaken us to the unity of your pilgrim church on Earth, in union with Archbishop <b>N.</b> of Canterbury, Presiding Bishop <b>N.</b>, and our own bishop <b>N.</b>; that together with your servants <b>N.</b> Bishop of Rome; <b>N.</b>, Patriarch of Constantinople, and with all bishops, priests, deacons, and all people who serve you in love that we may remain faithful to the gospel and undivided from the Church that is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.</p> <p>Remember your servant(s) <b>N.</b> (and <b>N.</b>) for whom this liturgy is offered. Remember all who are gathered here, and all who seek to be transfigured in You.</p> <p>Lord of All, awaken to the perpetual light of the resurrection, those who have fallen asleep in Christ. Gather all of Creation into communion with Mary <i>Theotokos</i>, [St. <b>N.</b> and <b>N.</b>] and with all your saints wherever they may be. Then, at last will all Creation be one, forever consumed in your triunity, though Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p><i>Raising Chalice and Plate the Priest chants:</i></p> <p>Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father forever and ever.</p> <p><b>Amen!</b></p>
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## 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.]*

**MUSIC 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.

*Please join Assistant on mute*

We believe in God, *Creator of all*:  
The two-legged, the four-legged,  
the winged ones, and those that crawl upon  
the earth and swim in the waters.

We believe in God, *One Who Walked with Us*:  
Our Brother Jesus born in humility,  
who lived and died for us and  
who will come again to bring us to glory.

We believe in God, *Spirit with Us*:  
Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and  
showing us the principles to live by.

We hear God's voice through the prophets. Creator,  
One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us.

Holy One: We are named in the waters of baptism as your own, all of us related, all of us your children.

We watch for signs of your homecoming and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.

## **THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

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**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

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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 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.***

**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**

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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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## ONLINE BOOK STUDY

*Is a River Alive? by Robert Macfarlane*

Concludes February 19, 4:30–6pm



## NOON PRAYER

*Weekly, Wednesdays, 12pm*

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



## ST. COLUMBA'S SERMON RECORDINGS



## **EVENSONG**

***First Thursdays, Monthly***

March 5, 7pm

Led by Ann McChesney-Young.



## **ANGLICAN STUDIES WITH FR. ANDREW**

Class recordings



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## **IN-PERSON EVENTS**

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## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 17



## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 18

7am service with imposition of ashes

12pm Eucharist with imposition of ashes

7pm silent meditation with imposition of ashes

## **JAN ASTON MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Friday, February 20, 10am

All invited. Jan was a longtime member of St. Columba's and one of the few original members and pillars of our community when Fr. Vincent became vicar.

## **BE NOT AFRAID**

Writing retreat with Marilyn McEntyre

February 26-28



# **COUNCIL FOR ECOLOGICAL DISCIPLESHIP**

**Friday, February 27, 10am**

Our CED invites all those available on the day to join us for a couple of hours of outreach and good vibes while we join with local groups to clean up litter. The EAC (Environmental Action Comm.), Point Reyes Rotary, CCC (Cleaner CA Coast), and the CED are coming together to clean different parts of our community.

We will meet at 10am at the parking lot for Inverness Pocket Park (behind the post office) and walk in neon vests to the bottom of the church driveway and back, collecting litter from both sides of the road and down toward the shoreline.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Contact Dona Larkin on 415-663-9149 for more details.

# **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

**Wednesdays, 7pm**

**Chapel**

# **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELTIC CONCERT**

Sunday, March 15, 3–5pm

Lively tunes with Valerie Rose (fiddle), Jason Pollack (Irish flute), and Jimmy Murphy (mandolin, guitar). Come celebrate!



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



**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.*

