

# MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PENNY WASHBOURN, PRESIDING  
JANUARY 12, 2025



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (UNOBSERVED!)**

## 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:** Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*Amen.*

## CONFESSION

*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

**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah [43:1-7]

Thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with  
you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not  
overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be  
burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--

everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 29** *Please join Presider on mute in a responsive reading.*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
*ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
*worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
*the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
*the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
*the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
*and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
*the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees  
withe \*  
*and strips the forests bare.*

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
*all are crying, "Glory!"*

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
*the LORD sits enthroned as King for  
evermore.*

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
*the LORD shall give his people the blessing of  
peace.*

## THE EPISTLE

**ASSISTANT:** A reading from the Book of Acts [8:14-17]

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 them 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

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

*The Rev. Dr. Vincent Pizzuto*



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*All are invited to sit in silent communion with one another for 3 minutes. A bell or music will signal the end of our meditation.*

**TÍRECHÁN'S CREED (FROM THE PATRICIAN TEXTS FROM THE BOOK OF ARMAGH, AD670)** *Please join Presider on mute*

**PRESIDER:** 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 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.

*Silence*

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 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:** 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 path; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Three-In-One and One-In-Three be upon us and remain with us 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!*

# 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

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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)**

**Online events:**

**TAKE THIS BREAD: A RADICAL CONVERSION,  
BY SARA MILES**

*Via Zoom, Deacon Ari Book Study*

5 sessions, Mondays, 90 minutes

January 27; February 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 11:30am



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**UNITY PRAXIS TAI JI**

*Tuesday mornings, ongoing, 7:00 – 7:45 am*

Email Mathew Francis for more information and  
link to class

[mathew@pacificadvisorygroup.com](mailto:mathew@pacificadvisorygroup.com)

**Website: Events**



## FILM DISCUSSION: COMMON GROUND

*Postponed*

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/common-ground-film-discussion>



*In-person events:*

## THE SOUL OF ANGLICANISM

*With Fr. Andrew*

*January 12, 1-2 pm*

Mother Julian of Norwich, The Revelations of Divine Love, “And all shall be well.”

Website: Events



## **FIRE AND GRACE—FOLK & BAROQUE SONGS AND DANCES**

*Saturday, January 18, 2 pm*

Edwin Huizinga and William Coulter, known for their compelling arrangements of Folk and Baroque music, join forces with Fiona Gillespie—acclaimed Classical and Folk singer. The concert will feature traditional Irish music, Baroque dances by J. S. Bach, folk and classical tunes from Spain, as well as songs by Robert Burns.

Join the artists for a fireside champagne reception (separate reservation). Space is limited.

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/fire-and-grace-concert>

**Website: Events**





## LECTURE WITH MARY FASSBINDER

*National Parks Artwork*

*Friday, January 24, 7 pm*



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## ST. COLUMBA'S APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY SUMMIT

*Saturday, January 25*

*9:30 am - 5:00 pm*

Becoming a Contemplative Community that is Transformed Evermore-so into the Body of Christ: Coming together to renew, deepen, and embody our shared vision for a vibrant contemplative Christian community for the world.

Registration is required to attend; closes January 15.

<https://www.stcolumbasinverness.org/appreciative-inquiry-summit>



## **NURTURING HOPE IN A DARK TIME**

*In-person retreat with The Rev. John Michael Hayes, PhD, ABPP*

*February 7-9*

Website: Retreats



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## **PRACTICING TRUST IN TIMES OF TRANSITION**

*In-person writing retreat with Marilyn McEntyre, PhD*

*Thursday, February 20-Saturday, February 22*



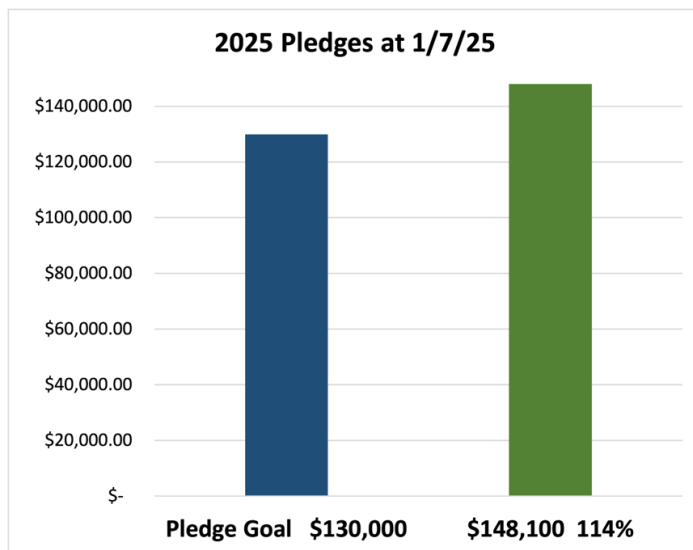
# ANGLICAN STUDIES

*With Fr. Andrew*

*Sunday, February 9, 1-2 pm*

Thomas Cranmer and the Genius of the Anglican Via  
Media, “Almighty God, Unto Whom all hearts are  
open.”

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## PLEDGE UPDATE

# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?

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## COFFEE WITH JESUS

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

