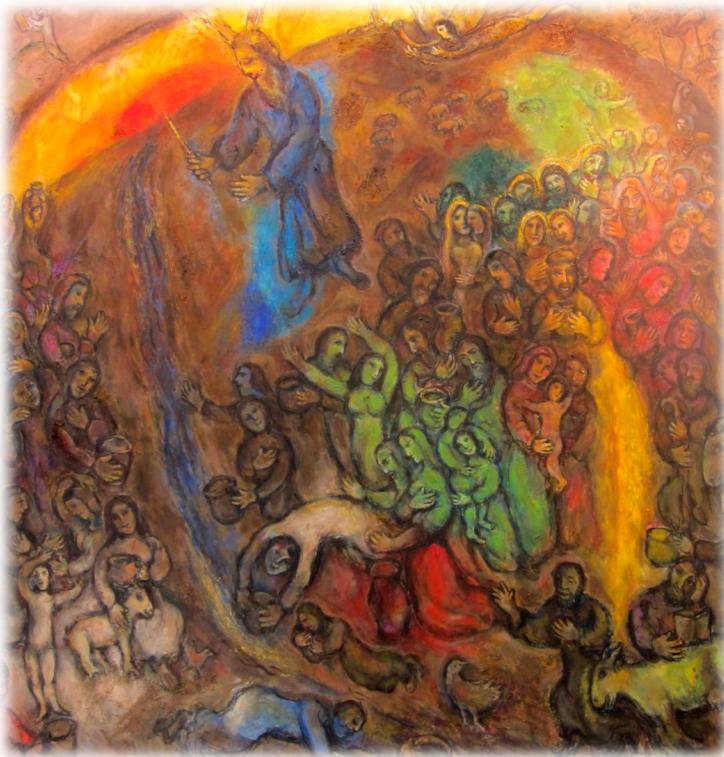


# MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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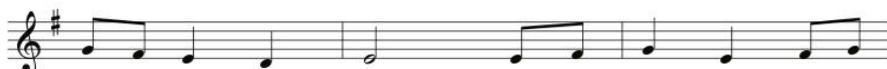
## MORNING PRAYER - PENTECOST XVII

Come and Journey with a Savior

Words: Herbert O'Driscoll, Music: Marty Haugen



1. Come and jour - ney with a Sav - ior Who has  
 2. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney in - ward, Come and  
 3. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney out - ward, Tell - ing  
 4. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney out - ward, Where that  
 5. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney up - ward, Sing his  
 6. Come and jour - ney, jour - ney on - ward, All our



called us from our birth, Who has washed us in the  
 seek him deep with - in, Where he meets us in our  
 oth - ers of his name, Tell - ing oth - ers of his  
 cross calls us to care, Where in - jus - tice and where  
 prais - es, of - fer prayer. In the storm and in the  
 gifts we now shall bring, To the build - ing of a



wa - ters, And who loved us on the earth.  
 liv - ing, In our striv - ing and our sin.  
 glo - ry, Of his cross and of the shame.  
 hun - ger And the poor call us to share.  
 still - ness, Find his pres - ence ev - 'ry - where.  
 cit - y That is ho - ly, Christ its king.



Come and jour - ney, come and jour - ney With a Sav - ior who has



come. We are all God's sons and daugh - ters. In the



Spir - it we are one. In the Spir - it we are one.

O Lord open my lips!

*And my mouth will proclaim your praise!*

✠ Glory to You O Eternal Source, Divine Savior, and Holy Spirit:

*As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.*

CELEBRANT: O God, whose power is mercy and whose nature is to show compassion: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, who seek your mercy, may become partakers of your transforming love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

DEACON: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of God and one another, in gratitude to hear the holy Word and share in the spiritual communion of Christ. In this celebration of Christ's Resurrection, let us prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship God, and entrust ourselves to the divine mercy.

*Silence is kept. Then all pray together:*

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 of 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.

CELEBRANT: ✠ May 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

**[LECTOR, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC]**

A reading from the Book of Exodus [17:1-7]

From the wilderness of Zin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are

almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Thanks be to God!*

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

**[PLEASE PRAY PSALM WITH MICS MUTED]**

**ALL PRAY *ITALICIZED* PORTION**

*Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*and the wonderful works God has done.

12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, \*in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 The Lord split open the sea and let them pass through; \*he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 God led them with a cloud by day, \*and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 God split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 God brought streams out of the cliff, \*and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## THE EPISTLE

**[LECTOR PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC]**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians [2:1-13]

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death  
--even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always  
obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much  
more now in my absence, work out your own  
salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who

is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Thanks be to God!*

## THE GOSPEL

DEACON: ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew [21:23-32]

*Glory to you Lord Christ.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are

afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you Lord Christ.*

## SERMON

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

*The Rt. Rev. Michael Currey, Presiding Bishop*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



*All are invited to make their candle visible for all to see as we hold communion with one another in meditative silence for five minutes. A bell will signal the beginning and end of our meditation.*

## TÍRECHÁN'S CREED

*From The Patrician Texts from the Book of Armagh, 670AD*

Our God is the God of all humans,  
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

*Fr. Vincent 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

DEACON: The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

*All Together:*

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.

DEACON: And for what or whom 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:

DEACON: Lord in your mercy...  
*Hear our prayer.*

CELEBRANT CONCLUDES:

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. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

## GENERAL THANKSGIVING

### *Celebrant and People Together*

O God you have given us the grace of this time with one another to celebrate your love in spiritual communion. In Christ, you promised that where two or three are gathered, you will be here among us. Even as we long to be together in body, be now our spiritual body uniting us in heart and mind and spirit. In this time of pandemic, let longing for deeper communion with one another be the grace by which we come to know your deepest desire to be one with us. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

✠ And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all both now and forever.

*Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Led by Ann McChesney-Young*

### For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6. For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,



1. for the love which from our birth
2. hill and vale, and tree and flower,
3. for the mys - - tic har - - mo - - ny
4. friends on earth, and friends a - - bove,
5. of - - fering up on ev - - ery shore
6. faith and hope and love di - - vine,



1. o - - ver and a - - round us lies,
2. sun and moon, and stars of light,
3. link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4. for all gen - - tle thoughts and mild,
5. thy pure sac - - ri - - fice of love,
6. peace on earth and joy in heaven,

#### Refrain



Christ our \_\_\_\_\_ God, to thee we raise



this our hymn of grate - - ful praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)  
Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948)

DEACON: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

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## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

*Take 15 minutes to get your favorite morning beverage and return to us for coffee hour small group conversation.*



*For those who would like to join us we will be breaking up into small groups to reflect on the Good Shepherd before coming back to share with the larger group.*