

MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FR. VINCENT PIZZUTO, PRESIDING
JULY 5, 2020

BEFORE THE LITURGY



Welcome to St. Columba's Virtual Chapel, Morning Prayer Service. We invite you to light a small candle to have with you during our service this morning.

If you are new to us we extend a warm welcome. During our Exchange of Peace we will take a few moments to break into small groups to welcome newcomers and introduce one another.

As you enter the virtual chapel, please keep your microphone on mute unless you are speaking, to avoid the distraction of background noise.

MORNING PRAYER - PENTECOST V

Led by Ann McChesney-Young

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners



1. Je - sus! what ___ a Friend for sin - - ners!
2. Je - sus! what ___ a Strength for weak - - ness!
3. Je - sus! what ___ a Help in sor - - row!
4. Je - sus! I ___ do now re - ceive ___ You,



Je - - sus! Lov - - er of ___ my soul;
Let me hide my - - self ___ in Him;
While the bil - - lows o'er ___ me roll;
More than all in You ___ I find;

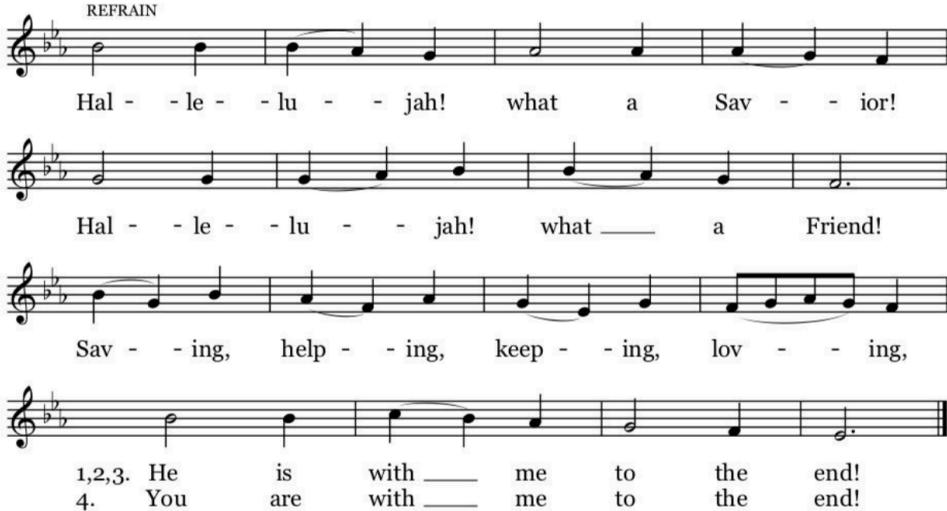


Friends may fail ___ me, foes as - - sail ___ me,
Tempt - ed, tried, ___ and some - times fail - - ing,
E - - ven when ___ my heart is break - - ing
You have grant - - ed me for - give - - ness,



He, my Sav - - ior makes ___ me whole.
He, my Strength, my vic - - tory wins.
He, my Com - - fort, helps ___ my soul.
I am Yours, and You ___ are mine.

REFRAIN



Hal - - le - - lu - - jah! what a Sav - - ior!

Hal - - le - - lu - - jah! what ___ a Friend!

Sav - - ing, help - - ing, keep - - ing, lov - - ing,

1,2,3. He is with ___ me to the end!

4. You are with ___ me to the end!

Text: J. Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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 Genesis

[Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67]

³⁴So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.

³⁶And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

⁴²“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give

me a little water from your jar to drink,” ⁴⁴and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

⁴⁵“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD , and blessed the LORD , the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” ⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.”

⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had

done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God!

CANTICLE OF CANTICLES 2:8-13

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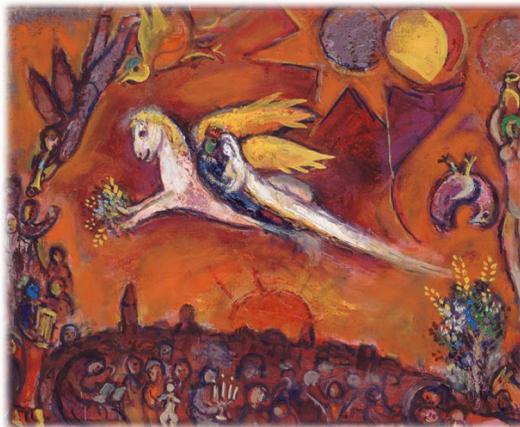
ALL PRAY *ITALICIZED* PORTION

The voice of my beloved!
*Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.*

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
*Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,*

looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
 “Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away;
for now the winter is past,
 the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
 the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
 is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
 and the vines are in blossom;
 they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away.



THE EPISTLE

[LECTOR PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC]

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

[7:15-25a]

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God,
but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL

DEACON: ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel According
to Matthew

[11:16-19, 25-30].

Glory to you Lord Christ.

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like
children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one
another,

*‘We played the flute for you, and you did
not dance; we wailed, and you did not
mourn.’*

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they
say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating
and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a

drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON

KINDLY KEEP ALL MICS MUTED DURING SERMON.

Fr. Vincent Pizzuto

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.
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 he has as his abode.

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.

CELEBRANT: ☩ 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

Take My Yoke Upon You



1. Take my yoke u - pon you, all who la - bor long,
2. Come a - way, dis - ci - ple, come re - treat a - while;
3. Trust - ing and re - turn - ing, you shall grow in strength;
4. When your world in chang - ing at a breath - less pace,
5. When the night grows long - er, and the end is near,



I am al - ways with you.
I will tra - - vel with you,
I am al - ways with you.
I am al - ways pre - sent,
I am your com - - pan - ion,



Learn my way of liv - ing, sim - ple and for - giv - ing,
bless - ing de - sert plac - es, fill - ing Sab - bath spa - ces,
Since my love de - signed you, seek and I shall find you,
cen - ter in life's turn - ing, light in la - bor's learn - ing,
hope in joy and sor - row, home be - yond to - mor - row,



and I will give you rest.

Words: Ruth C. Duck Music: Gary Fitzgerald

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

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OUR MINISTRY!**

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Deacon Ari Wolfe

In Exile with the Desert Mothers and Fathers

Underway...

Thank You Christine Merritt!
Monday Morning at 10am PDT

APOCALYPSE NOW

Asynchronous online version soon to be released...

Special Shout out to
Mark Anderson!
Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Many Thanks to All who came to our
Socially Distanced, COVID-Appropriate,
Mask and Glove Wearing,
Ever-Amazing
St. Columba's Clean-Up Day

*No Church has ever looked better
in a time of pandemic!*

Password Protected Gatherings?
Zoom is requiring greater security.
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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.