

# MORNING PRAYER

ST. COLUMBA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FR. VINCENT PIZZUTO, PRESIDING  
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**PENTECOST XVI**

The Hymnal 1982 - #288 Praise to God, immortal praise

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;  
3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy;  
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:  
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825) Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889);  
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

O Lord open my lips!  
*And my mouth will proclaim your praise!*

✠ Glory to You, O Holy undivided Trinity, One God:  
*As it was in the beginning is now and will be  
forever. Amen.*

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our struggles sustain us by your faithful love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 led by Deacon:*  
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 First Book of Deuteronomy [8:7-18]

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

<sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions.

He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Thanks be to God!*

**PSALM 126** *In convertendo* *All sing together.*



1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of / Zion, \*  
then were we like those who / dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of / joy.

3 Then they said among the / nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for / them."

4 The LORD has done great things / for us, \*  
and we are glad in/deed.



5 Restore our fortunes, O / LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the / Negev.

6 Those who sowed with / tears \*  
will reap with songs of / joy.

**Second half:**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their / sheaves.

## THE EPISTLE

[LECTOR PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC]

A reading from the First Letter of Timothy [6:6-10]

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

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## THE GOSPEL

GOSPELLER: ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew [6:25-33]

*Glory to you Lord Christ.*

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

<sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

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

*Deacon Ari Wolfe*

**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 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

*Celebrant 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: God hear us...

*O God, graciously hear us.*

## 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

*Led by Deacon*

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.*

✠ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all both now and forever. *Amen.*



## Let All Things Now Living



1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,



to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



and guides us with care to the end of our days.  
the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be - fore us,  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
with glad ad - o - - ra - tion a song let us raise,



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward\_\_ we\_\_ trav - el from light in - to light.  
"To God in\_\_ the\_\_ high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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**DEACON:** Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord in  
one another! Alleluia!

*Thanks be to God, Alleluia!*

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**IN CHRIST WE LIVE**

TAI JI AND THE BODY AT PRAYER

Sept 24 -26<sup>th</sup>

Shifu Mathew Francis

With Fr. Vincent Pizzuto

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**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO  
CONTRIBUTED TO OUR JUMBLE SALE!**

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**A CELTIC MUSIC CELEBRATION**

SAT. OCT. 2, 4-6PM

SF SCOTTISH FIDDLER'S GROUP

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY IN THE AMPHITHEATER.

\$20. FIRE MITIGATION FUNDRAISER.

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INFO. OR VOLUNTEER: PENNY WASHBOURN

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS?**

## COFFEE WITH JESUS

*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.*