MORNING PRAYER
ST. COLUMBA’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FR. VINCENT PIZZUTO, PRESIDING
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EASTER VI
1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured,
   boundless, free!
   roll-ing as a might-y o-cean
   in its fullness over me!
   un-derneath me,
   lead-ing on-ward, lead-ing home-ward,
   to thy glorious rest a-bove!

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from
   shore to shore!
   How he loves us, ev-er loves us,
   chang-es nev-er, nev-er-more!
   How he watch-es
   how for them he's in-ter-ced-ing,
   watch-ing o'er-them from the throne!

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every
   love the best!
   'Tis an o-cean vast of bless-ing,
   'tis a haven sweet of rest!
   O the deep, deep
   and it lifts us up to glory,
   for it lifts us up to thee!
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: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may know your indwelling Presence, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 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


While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Thanks be to God!*

Psalm 98

**Led by Ann McChesney-Young**
Psalm 98  Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell there/in.
9  Let the rivers clap their /hands, *
    and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
    when he comes to judge the /earth.

10  In righteousness shall he judge the /world *
    and the peoples with /equity.

**THE EPISTLE**

[LECTOR PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC]

A reading from The First Letter of John [5:1-6]

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that
conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**THE GOSPEL**

**GOSPELLER:** 🙏 A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John [15:9-17]

*Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.
“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

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**SERMON**

*Kindly keep all mics muted during sermon.*

Fr. Vincent Pizzuto, PhD.
**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.*
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.

✝ And 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.
A Cup of Rejoicing  
Shaker Hymn, Sally Eades, 1846

1 A cup of re-joicing my mother gave me, 'tis full to the brim, 'tis
2 Pure love is the fountain and life is the stream our spirits doth fill, our
3 Sing praises, sweet praises all ye of His flock. Let no one be still, let
4 We're moving, we're moving in this Jubilee, for who can be still, for
5 We're sounding, re-sounding our trumpets of gold, the nations shall hear, the

1 full to the brim. Sure these are the waters Ezekiel did see, sure
2 spirits doth fill. Here flowing, yea flowing, all souls to redeem, here
3 no one be still whose feet he has placed on the permanent rock whose
4 who can be still, all bondage and death from our spirits shall flee, all
5 nations shall hear. Come gather, come gather ye into the fold, come

1 these are the waters Ezekiel did see, where in we can swim. Sure
2 flowing, yea flowing, all souls to redeem, for 'tis the Lord's will. Here
3 feet he has placed on the permanent rock to do his pure will. Whose
4 bondage and death from our spirits shall flee, for 'tis the Lord's will. All
5 gather, come gather ye into the fold, salvation is near. Come

1 these are the waters Ezekiel did see, sure these are the waters E-
2 flowing, yea flowing, all souls to redeem, here flowing, yea flowing, all
3 feet he has placed on the permanent rock whose feet he has placed on the
4 bondage and death from our spirits shall flee, all bondage and death from our
5 gather, come gather ye into the fold, come gather, come gather ye

1 zek-iel did see, where-in we can swim, where-in we can swim.
2 souls to redeem, for 'tis the Lord's will, for 'tis the Lord's will.
3 per-ma-nent rock to do his pure will, to do his pure will.
4 spir-its shall flee, for 'tis the Lord's will, for 'tis the Lord's will.
5 in-to the fold, sal-va-tion is near, sal-va-tion is near.
DEACON: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.  

*Thanks be to God.*

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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.