



CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH

NOVEMBER 10, 2024, AT 9 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prière à Notre-Dame
from *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllman (1862-1897)

Introit

My spirit is longing for thee
The Genesis Ringers

William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 705

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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 Savior. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven

Hymn to Joy

Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Au - thor of sur - pass - ing worth:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift — high our thanks and praise.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

—Text: Martin A. Seltz (b. 1951)

Collect

Rector Through the ages, Almighty God has moved people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of God's holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude, we now gather in God's Name to commemorate the building, worship, and ministry of St. Columba's Church.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Veterans Day

O God, our strength and our shield, grant grace and peace to our military veterans. We pray that the bonds they forged while in uniform sustain them in fellowship with one another; that we may be ever mindful of the wounds, seen and unseen, so many of them have sustained in defense of our freedoms; and that you will give special comfort to their families, who have shared in their service and sacrifice. **Amen.**

First Reading *seated* 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Antiphon: Leon Roberts (1950-1999)

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated in the text.



How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house; *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. *Antiphon*

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height; *
the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

O God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God, *
and look upon the face of your Anointed, *Antiphon*

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked;

For God is both sun and shield *
and will give grace and glory.

No good thing will God withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

O God of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you! *Antiphon*

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.——

The Gospel Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Storytime

Children ages 3–10 are invited to the Music Room after the Gospel for a Bible story, prayers, and music, returning at the Peace.

Sermon The Rev. Ledlie I. Laughlin

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,
We thank you, God.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name, **We thank you, God.**

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God, **We thank you, God.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us, **We thank you, God.**

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead, **We thank you, God.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism, **We thank you, God.**

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory, **We thank you, God.**

For the holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom, **We thank you, God.**

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness, **We thank you, God.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,
We thank you, God.

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest, **We thank you, God.**

For the fellowship of all your saints, and especially for Columba, our patron, **We thank you, God.**

Presider O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers for our Church

Rector Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the care and nurture of your world. Receive the work of our hands and the ministry that stems from this church, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Will you continue in the work of this community?

We will, with God's help.

Warden Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, O Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service. **Amen.**

Will you continue to support one another in community?

We will, with God's help.

Warden Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in love, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into God's hands. **Amen.**

Will you continue to live God's love in community?

We will, with God's help.

Rector Now, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, pour out your blessing upon this place that it may serve as a witness to your presence; and pour out your blessing upon this congregation, that we may serve you and the people of this neighborhood and city, now and evermore.

People **For we are your people, O God.**

Rector To serve you is joy unbounded.

People **To live your love is to share in your goodness.**

Rector We stand in the glory of your kingdom and praise you forever. **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem

How can I keep from singing?
The Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)
arr. Ginger Littleton

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real tough far-off song that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging;
it sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging;
it sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

– Text: Anonymous, 19th century

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them unto God.**

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly— Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)

The People sing the refrain with the Choir and where indicated in the text.



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord— Je - sus— in the break - ing— of the bread.

The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. *Refrain*

One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Refrain*

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for Healing

The Healing Rite is offered in St. Aiden's Chapel during Communion at the 9 and 11:15 am liturgies on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Prayers for yourself or another are welcome. Enter the chapel through the door under the balcony to the right of the altar, or visit the station at the back of the nave.

Music

Le Onde (Ripples)

Ludovico Einaudi (b. 1955)

Hymn

Christ, we are blest as we gather to dine

Slane



1. Christ, we are— blest as we gath - er to dine,
2. You laid your— life down like sow - ing a seed;
3. Christ, you are— ris - en, but not far a - bove:
4. Je - sus, you— feed us, then bid us to leave,



strengthened for love by the bread and the wine.
once dead and bur - ied, from death you are freed,
you live a - mong us in each act of love,
shar - ing with oth - ers the love we re - ceive.



This is— your— bod - y, now en - ter - ing ours,
ris - ing— like— wheat in the warmth of the sun!
in ev - ery— deed of com - pas - sion you rise,
We are— your— bod - y, sent by your com - mand,



strong with your lov - ing mi - rac - u - lous powers.
Christ, you are ris - en! New— life has be - gun!
liv - ing in flesh— we can— see with our eyes.
mak - ing love real— as the— bread in our hands.

—Text: Steve Garnass-Holmes

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

**Loving God, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in heavenly things.
Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Savior. Amen.**

Presider As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

The People respond **Amen.**

Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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