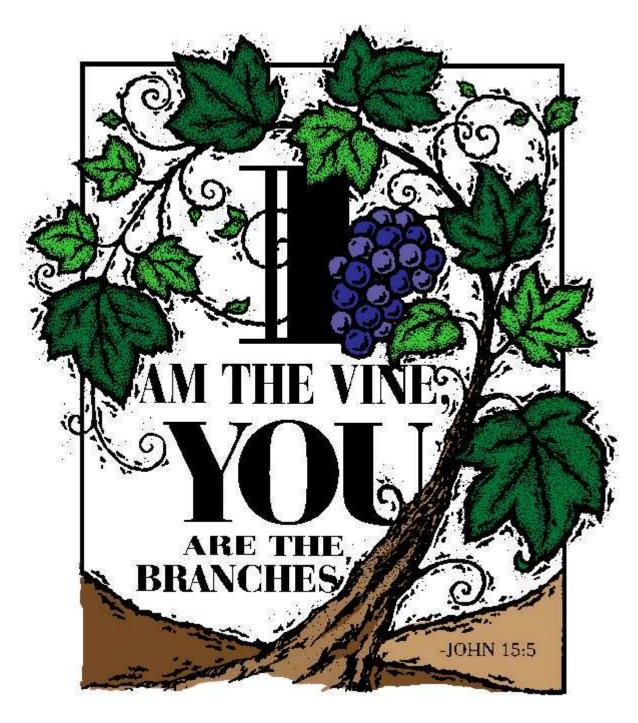
St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

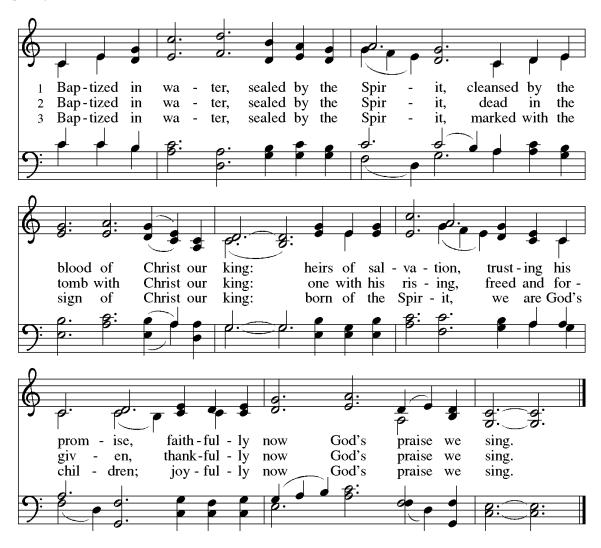
Prelude - "Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise" (C. Wesley/W. Pelz) - Brett Hanley, organ

Welcome – The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Welcoming Prayer

C: Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at St. Columba's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the warmth of your love. Amen.

Opening Hymn - # 693 (WOV) - "Baptized in Water"



Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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Easter Acclamation

- P: Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- C: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

- P: 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 Lord.
- C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise - "God's Paschal Lamb" (Daw/SINE NOMINE)



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Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson – Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

- L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

- My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

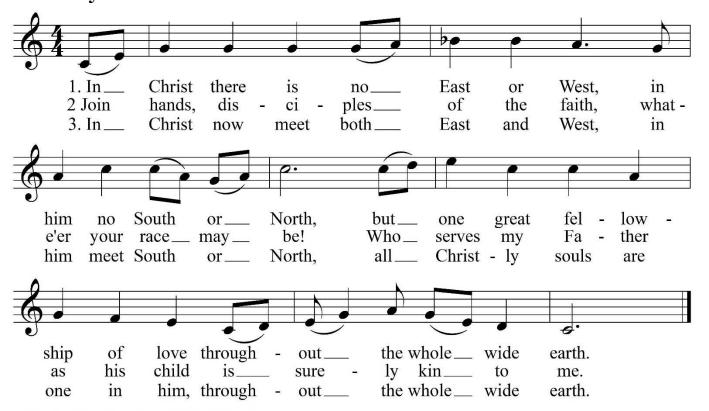
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.
- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- They shall come and make known to a people yet un-born * the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Lesson - 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

- L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.
- **C**: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - # 529 - "In Christ There Is No East or West"



Words: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: McKEE (CM), Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949.

Gospel - John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily - The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson



Prayers of the People

LEM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For our Bishops **Justin** (Archbishop of Canterbury), **Michael** (Presiding Bishop), and **John;** for our Clergy, Staff, and Vestry; and for all ministers and people, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For the peace of the world, especially in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. For those who serve our country and the world, praying especially for Jesse, Liam, Matthew, Matt, Nathan, Jonah, and Chris, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, praying especially for the Threshold Project, our Children's Learning Center, our Project Hope food ministries, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray especially for Teri, Ben, Bishop Brookhart, Marianne, Wendie, Heather, Robb, Alison, Chance, Mary, Ann, John, Steve, Linda, Mary, Richard, Lisa, Robyn, and Ivan.

Are there others?
[The people may add their own petitions.]

We pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: For all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LEM: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Saint Columba, all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

C: To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

P: God of love, may we abide in your presence and so abide in your love: as we freely received your love, let us freely share with others all that you have given to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

(Our Prayers are from the Book of Common Prayer, Form V, and by David Adam, Traces of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year.)

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: And also with you.

Announcements

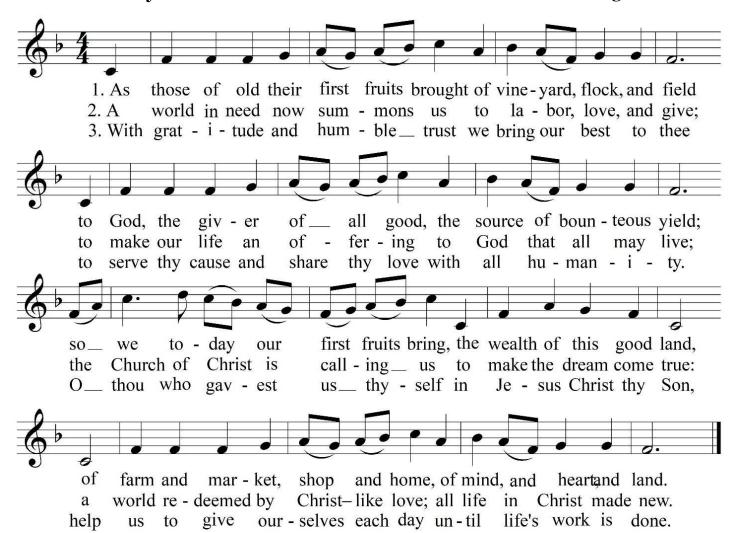


Birthdays and Anniversaries

Watch over thy *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Anthem – "Above the Voices of the World Around Me" (T. Dudley-Smith/K.L. Scott)

Presentation Hymn - # 705 - "As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought"



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Music: FOREST GREEN (CMD), English melody, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1875-1958.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

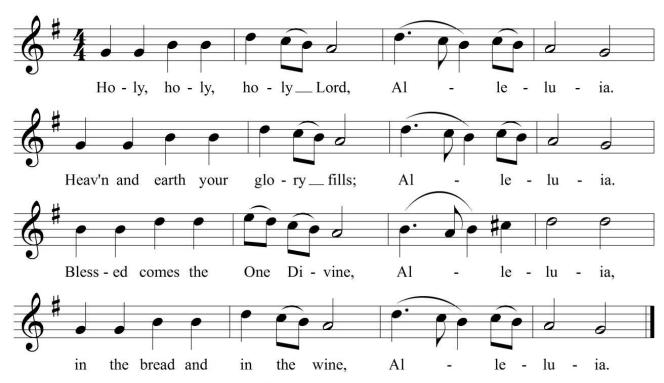
Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A from Book of Common Prayer, p. 361)

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Here a proper preface is sung or said.]

P: 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



Music: Robert Williams, LLANFAIR (77. 77 with Alleluias).

The people stand or kneel.

P: Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

P He 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: Christ has died.Christ is risen.Christ will come again.
- P: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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.

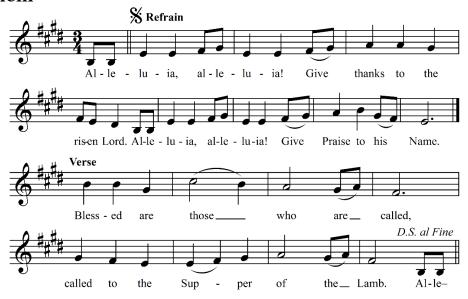
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- P: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
- C: 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.

Fraction Anthem



Music: Donald Fishel, ALLELUIA No. 1 (8 8 and refrain); arr. Betty Pulkingham.

The Invitation

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Instructions

The ushers will invite you forward for Communion. The Presider will be in the center of the aisle and place the Communion Bread in the palm of your overlapping outstretched hands.

- If you do not want Communion Wine, then return to your pew by the side aisle. The Church has always taught that to receive communion in only one kind is to still receive the full grace of the sacrament.
- For a sip of Communion Wine from the chalice, please go to the LEM and lightly guide the bottom base of the chalice to your lips until you have had a sip. Then return to your pew by the side aisle.
- For the intinction of Communion Wine, please leave the Communion Bread in your hand and the LEM will lightly dip it into the Communion Wine and place it back on your hand for you to consume it. Then return to your pew by the side aisle.
- If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please tell the usher when they get to your pew and they will make sure that Communion is brought to you.
- In an abundance of caution, just before Communion, each Communion Minister will carefully sanitize their hands for your safety.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion:

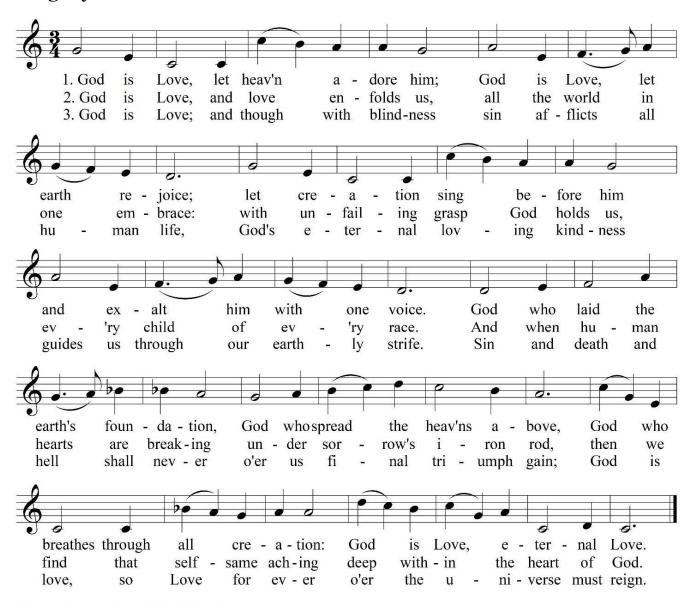
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

C: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn – # 379 – "God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"



Words: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH (8 7 8 7 D), Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1907-1991.

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude - "Oh Lord, I Jes' Come from de Fountain (Spiritual) - Brett Hanley, organ

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Rector—Our rector is the **Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson.** If you need to reach him during the week, his email address is <u>michael.anderson@stcolumbaca.com</u>.

Coffee Hour—All are welcome to enjoy Coffee Hour in our parish hall and on the patio after worship. Sign up in the parish hall to host Coffee Hour.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), our Sunday School, is at 9:30 a.m. Please text or call Wendie Roberts (310-710-8762) with any questions and/or if you are planning to register your child or teenager for CGS.

Resurrection in Art Class—Join Fr. Michael Anderson as we explore the way that artists have historically represented and wrestled with the Resurrection. We are meeting on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Come ready to look and discuss. There is no class today, but we'll have one more class next Sunday, May 5.

"Caring for the Home Caregiver"—Health Education Program at Mount Cross Lutheran Church (102 Camino Esplendido, 93010), today, April 28, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Topics include: support for those providing home care—yourself or another; accessing outside care services—knowing what's available and when and how to ask for help; and when and how to evaluate and select out-of-home care placement. Speakers will be professionals associated with caregiving and a trained family member caregiver. An opportunity for your questions will be provided. Refreshments, resources, and conversations will follow on the patio pavilion. You are encouraged to attend and invite others! Questions, contact Teri Helton, MSN, RN at teri@terihelton.com or 805.312.1631.

Digital Prayer in the Style of Taizé—Tonight, April 28, we offer our digital Prayer in the Style of Taizé, at 5:30 p.m., available on our <u>Facebook</u> page, our website—<u>www.stcolumbaca.com</u>, or <u>YouTube</u> channel). Join us and see if this contemplative worship speaks to your heart.

World Labyrinth Day—Join us at the Larkin Labyrinth this Saturday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. as we celebrate World Labyrinth Day. We will be joining with people around the world to "Walk as One at 1." This global event will create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to another. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Paul (323-365-4797) or Gail Amendt for more information.

Celtic Christmas Faire Committee—The Celtic Christmas Faire Committee will have a planning meeting in the narthex next Sunday, May 5, after worship.

Recycling News at St. Columba's—Many thanks to all of you who bring your recyclables to St. Columba's! And many, many thanks to John Kromka, the person who processes all those cans, bottles, and plastic and takes them in for redemption! Over the years, we have been able to make thousands of dollars because of all of your efforts. We are now making a change to our recycling program. Effective immediately, we are no longer accepting glass bottles. Here's why: we get very little money compared to aluminum and plastic bottles. And, importantly, they are very heavy in comparison and difficult to handle. So, please put your glass bottles in your recycling bins at home but continue to bring in your aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Please replace the plastic cap lightly on the bottle, so it is easier for John to crush.

Food Ministry Needs Paper Bags—Our food ministry is in need of your gently used paper grocery bags. We serve groceries to 50 families three times a month, and we use 450 paper bags each month! Please bring in your empty paper grocery bags so we may reuse them! Just drop them off in the parish hall. Thank you for your help!

Sign Up for Altar Flowers—The flower chart for 2024 appears on the door next to the table in the narthex. There are still a number of open Sundays. To sponsor altar flowers:

- Put your name on the chart next to your date of choice.
- Fill out the form in the basket on the table below the chart.
- Put the form in a colored envelope, along with a check (\$50 for High Altar).
- Send or deliver the envelope to the parish office.

It is helpful to receive your request well in advance of the date of sponsorship to assist in bulletin preparation. Call Marjo Gardner, 805-415-2315, with any questions.

Prayer Request Procedures—Praying for others is an important part of our worship experience and essential that it hold spiritual meaning. It is for that reason that St. Columba has made a few changes in prayer requests. Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. Also, first and last names will be used, unless a person specifically requests the last name not be. If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list or for those needing continuing prayer, please email the church office at office.manager@stcolumbaca.com or call 805.482.8831.

We Need Donated Food for Our Food Ministries—We serve about 45 families three times per month, using existing funds from our Food Ministry money. Each week, we need cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. While you are grocery shopping, please pick up one or more of these items and bring them to church on Sunday or drop them off at the parish hall. Although we received a HUD/City of Camarillo grant for our 1st Thursday distribution through Spring 2024, you can also donate to St. Columba's and we'll do the shopping. Just indicate "Food Ministry" in the memo on your check. Your support is so appreciated by our food clients who truly need our help - thank you for your donations and thank you to our volunteers!

Ministers serving today:

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Altar Guild: Beverly Pearson and Frances Cogswell

Ushers: Gene Doswell and Lyle Hyde

Lector: Marjo Gardner

Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Miller Communion Assistant: Bob Waite

Sound Technicians: Tim Helton, Nancy Miller, Vinita Bhushan, Richard Stone, Carlos Barraza, Bill Hillbrant

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

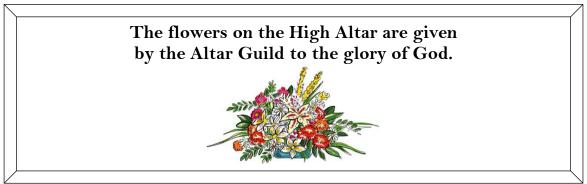
Teri Helton, Ben Lunsky, Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart, Marianne Hyde, Wendie Roberts, Heather, Robb, Alison Hillbrant, Chance Kubinak, Mary Steppes-Cole, Ann Radzienda, John Noonan, Steve Grantham, Linda Lowe, Mary Vasi, Richard Lappine, Lisa, Robyn, Ivan

and those who need our continuing prayers:

Susan Klein, Declan

We pray for all those serving at home and abroad:

• Jesse Meyer, Liam O'Brien, Matthew Bamberger, Matt Zelinskas, Nathan Halpin, Jonah Hershman, and Chris Heney.



To make changes to the prayer list for St. Columba's, please contact the church office (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com) or 805-482-8831.