



The Season after **Pentecost**

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

THE FEAST OF COLUMBA OF IONA



Columba or Colmcille^[a] (7 December 521 – 9 June 597) was an **Irish abbot** and missionary evangelist credited with spreading Christianity in what is today **Scotland** at the start of the **Hi-berno-Scottish mission**.^{[3][4]} He founded the important **abbey** on **Iona**, which became a dominant religious and political institution in the region for centuries. He is the patron saint of **Derry**. He was highly regarded by both the **Gaels** of **Dál Riata** and the **Picts**, and is remembered today as a Catholic **saint** and one of the **Twelve Apostles of Ireland**.^[5]

Columba studied under some of Ireland's most prominent church figures and founded several monasteries in the country. Around 563 he and his twelve companions crossed to Dunaverty near **Southend, Argyll**, in **Kintyre** before settling in Iona in Scotland, then part of the Ulster kingdom of Dál Riata, where they founded a new abbey as a base for spreading **Celtic Christianity** among the **northern Pictish kingdoms**^[6] ^[7] who were pagan. He remained active in Irish politics, though he spent most of the remainder of his life in Scotland. Three surviving early medieval Latin **hymns** may be attributed to him.^[4] *Continued pg 11*

Welcome and Announcements:

9:30 Wed. June 9th, 2021

Opening Acclamation:

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider 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.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

(Words found in BCP p. 356)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day:

BCP p. 357

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

People **O God, who by the preaching of your servant Columba caused the light of the Gospel to shine in Scotland: Grant, we pray, that, remembering his life and labors, we may follow the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lesson

A reading from the book of the **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

and again,

"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future -- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

(Read aloud in unison)

- 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 therein.**
- 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.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:17-20

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

The seventy, whom Jesus had sent out, returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

HOMILY

Nicene Creed: *(Said aloud by all, in unison)* *BCP p. 358*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form IV:

Leader: *Let us pray for the Church and for the world.*

*Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for our Bishops Michael and Jennifer; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for *The Diocese of South Carolina – The Episcopal Church*; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for *Church of St. Matthew, in Tucson* and for our Native American neighbors, especially the Apache and Pascua Yaqui who call this part of Arizona their home.*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (The people stand, sit, or kneel.)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Presider: 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 Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

The Offertory

Presider: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

Then the Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant..

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant : *As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,*

All: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread:

(Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept)

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive the bread. Please observe social distancing. Extend your arm, palm open facing up to receive the bread. Move to the side 6ft to lower/raise your mask, eat the bread, replace your mask, and return to your seat.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayers, and Blessings

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: *Let us pray.*

All: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Let us go forth, rejoicing in God's Spirit, alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God,! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Early life in Ireland

Columba was born to Fedlimid and Eithne of the [Cenel Conaill](#) in [Gartan](#), a district beside Lough Gartan, in [Tír Chonaill](#) (mainly modern [County Donegal](#)) in the north of [Ireland](#). On his father's side, he is claimed as being great-great-grandson of [Niall of the Nine Hostages](#), a pseudo-historical [Irish high king](#) of the 5th century. He was [baptised](#) in Temple-Douglas, in the County Donegal parish of [Conwal](#) (midway between Gartan and [Letterkenny](#)), by his teacher and foster-uncle [Cruithnechán](#).^{[8][9][10]} It is not known for sure if his name at birth was Colmcille or if he adopted this name later in life; [Adomnán](#) (Eunan) of Iona thought it was his birth name but other Irish sources have claimed his name at birth was Crimthann (meaning 'fox').^[11] In the Irish language his name means 'dove', which is the same name as the Prophet Jonah (Jonah in Hebrew is also 'dove'), which Adomnán of Iona as well as other early Irish writers were aware of, although it is not clear if he was deliberately named after Jonah or not. When sufficiently advanced in letters he entered the monastic school of Movilla, at [Newtownards](#), under [Finnian of Movilla](#) who had studied at [Ninian's](#) "Magnum Monasterium" on the shores of [Galloway](#). He was about twenty, and a deacon when, having completed his training at Movilla, he travelled southwards into [Leinster](#), where he became a pupil of an aged bard named Gemman. On leaving him, Columba entered the monastery of [Clonard](#), governed at that time by [Finnian](#), noted for sanctity and learning. Here he imbibed the traditions of the Welsh Church, for Finnian had been trained in the schools of [Saint David](#).^[12]

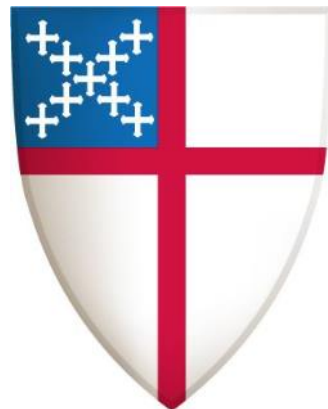
In [early Christian Ireland](#) the [druidic](#) tradition collapsed due to the spread of the new Christian faith. The study of [Latin](#) learning and [Christian theology](#) in [monasteries](#) flourished. Columba became a pupil at the monastic school at [Clonard Abbey](#), situated on the [River Boyne](#) in modern [County Meath](#). During the sixth century, some of the most significant names in the history of Celtic Christianity studied at the Clonard monastery. The average number of scholars under instruction at Clonard was said to be 300.^[5] Columba was one of twelve students of [Finnian of Clonard](#) who became known as the [Twelve Apostles of Ireland](#). He became a monk and eventually was [ordained](#) a [priest](#).^[citation needed]

Another preceptor of Columba was [Mobhí Cláraineach](#), whose monastery at [Glasnevin](#) was frequented by such famous men as [Cainnech of Aghaboe](#), [Comgall](#), and [Ciarán](#). A pestilence which devastated Ireland in 544 caused the dispersion of Mobhí's disciples, and Columba returned to [Ulster](#), the land of his kindred. He was a striking figure of great stature and powerful build, with a loud, melodious voice which could be heard from one hilltop to another.^[13] The following years were marked by the foundation of several important monasteries: [Derry](#), at the southern edge of [Inishowen](#); Durrow, County Offaly; Kells, County Meath; and [Swords](#).^[14] While at Derry it is said that he planned a pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem, but did not proceed farther than [Tours](#). Thence he brought a copy of those gospels that had lain on the bosom of [St. Martin](#) for the space of 100 years. This relic was deposited in Derry.^[12]

Some traditions assert that sometime around 560 Columba became involved in a quarrel with [Finnian of Moville](#) of [Movilla Abbey](#) over a [psalter](#). Columba copied the manuscript at the [scriptorium](#) under Finnian, intending to keep the copy. Finnian disputed his right to keep it. There is a suggestion that this conflict resulted in the [Battle of Cúl Dreimhne](#) in [Cairbre Drom Cliabh](#) (now in [County Sligo](#)) in 561, during which many men were killed. Richard Sharpe, translator of Adomnán's Life of St. Columba (referenced in the bibliography below) makes a

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