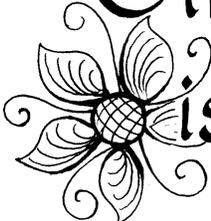


THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ROGATION SUNDAY

May 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Alleluia
Christ
is Risen



*We welcome The Rev. John Van Siclen
as our Celebrant and Preacher this morning.*

The Holy Eucharist
Year B

St. Columba's Episcopal Church
Serving the Boothbay Region

WELCOME!

This service is being held in compliance with CDC guidelines and the fire marshal's fire safety regulations. With 50% of "permitted occupancy" and the 6-foot distancing requirement, we have determined that the safe occupancy limit for St. Columba's at this stage is 44 persons.

GUIDELINES

To protect all of us, we will follow these guidelines:

- Well-fitting masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times.
- The 6-foot distancing rule will apply throughout the church.
- No close contact.
- Doors and windows will be open and should remain open
- Seats will be filled from the front of the Sanctuary to the back.
- We will keep a record of attendance for contact tracing purposes.
- If you want to wear your name tag, please take it from the board yourself, take it home, sanitize it and bring it back as needed.
- There will be NO SINGING.
- We will NOT pass an offering basket or plate. Please leave your offering in the basket provided in the Narthex.
- Following the service, the ushers will dismiss you from back to front. Please be patient, remain seated and, when prompted by an usher, exit quietly through the Narthex.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation *Please remain standing*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

The 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 Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria

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***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 obtain your promises, 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.***

First Reading Acts 10:44-48 *Please be seated*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(A short period of silence will be kept.)

Psalm 98 *(said responsively)*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

***With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.***

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

***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.***

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

***Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.***

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

***Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.***

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

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

The Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Churches.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(A short period of silence will be kept.)

The Gospel John 15:9-17 *Please remain standing*

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

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.

Homily

The Rev. John Van Sicken

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

*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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

O God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons,
for Michael our Presiding Bishop,
Thomas our Bishop and Maria our Rector;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, and Janet our Governor,
for all who govern and hold authority, in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Prayers for the Natural Order

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Celebrant & People

*Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth,
you made us fellow workers in your creation:*

*Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature,
that no one may suffer from our abuse of them,
and that generations yet to come
may continue to praise you for your bounty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Concluding Collect

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.**

Greetings and Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant/s as (she/he/they) begin/s another year. Grant that (she/he/they) may grow in wisdom and grace, free of fear, and strengthen (his/her/their) trust in your goodness all the days of (his/her/their) life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

***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.

Please stand or kneel

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.

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:

***Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.***

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. ***Amen.***

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

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

(The bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 with thanksgiving.

Invitation to Communion *(All the baptized and those who seek a deeper union with Jesus Christ, are welcome to receive communion.)*

***The ushers will direct four people at a time to receive Communion.
After you receive your wafer,
please remove your mask and consume The Host.
After replacing your mask, please return to your seat by the side aisle.***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *Please stand*

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*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Rogation Blessing

Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining star to you.
Deep peace of the son of peace to you.
And the blessing of God,
our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer,
be with you and remain with you, always.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Silent procession to outdoors and vehicles from back to front.
Please remain in your seat until prompted by an usher.*



***We are glad you came to worship with us
and hope you will return!***

Please note that United Thank Offering (UTO)
boxes are available for pickup in the vestibule at the church.

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God,
in loving memory of Jim Yonge and in honor of all the mothers of the world.*

Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. Few of us today directly derive our livelihood from the production of food, yet it is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who do and our responsibility for the environment. A prayer for Rogation Day is found on page 258 in our prayer book:

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

from the website of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ivy, Virginia



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The Rev. Maria J. Hoecker - Rector of St. Columba's Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. John Van Siclen
Eucharistic Minister: Erik Bertelsen
Lectors: Jean Barker and Phil Smith
Ushers: Becky & Jim Singer
Greeter: Connie Heroy
Altar Guild: Tancy Mitchell, Vickie White,
Holly Smith and Ed Banning
Flowers: Vanda Yonge
Chairs: Jane & Jerry Homer
Musician, IT, and Sound Engineer: Guy Scott
Bulletin Preparation: Gretchen Feblau

OUR MISSION

To be a Safe Harbor
In the Name of Christ
For the Love of God ~
Through the Power of the
Holy Spirit.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

St. Columba's Episcopal Church will hold in-person worship
next Sunday, May 23rd at 10 a.m.

Strict safety measures will be observed.

Reservations may be made beginning Wednesday, May 19th
by calling Connie Heroy at (207) 350-5279.

The Rev. Paul Tunkle will conduct the service with Eucharist,
using wafers only, and there will be no singing.

The church will accommodate 44 worshippers.

Peace be with you.

If you would like to contribute to our online and community ministries, your
special gift can be sent to:

St. Columba's Church
32 Emery Lane
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