

Columcille or Columba

*Abbot, Iona d. 597
9th June*

The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.

St Columba

INTRODUCTION

Born a son of the royal house of Ulster at Kilmacrennan in Donegal, Colum, whose name means 'dove', that had such a devotion to the things of God as a child that he was nicknamed 'Columcille', 'dove of the church'. For all that, he was far from being a 'softy' and the leadership he gave to monastic foundations at Derry and elsewhere in his youth secured them as firm bases for the expansion of the church in Ireland in a time of turmoil. His disciple and biographer, Adamnán, provides no details or reasons for Columba's decision in 563 to leave Ireland and set up a monastic base for mission on the island of Iona off the West coast of Scotland.

There seems no good reason to doubt that it was the great commission (Matthew 16:20) and his desire to win souls for Christ in pagan lands that were of a spur for this adventure. It was one greatly blessed by God so that within a generation Christian faith had spread throughout the land of the Picts. Iona was poised to be a powerhouse for the reclamation for the gospel of Northumbria and indeed much of the North and Eastern England in the early decades of the seventh century. Columba has been an inspiration of Irish missionary activity and the promotion of sound Christian education down the centuries. In preparation for the 1500th anniversary of the journey to Iona, Columba was accorded red letter status in the Church of Ireland.

OPENING PRAYER

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our saviour and redeemer. **Amen.**

St Columba

PENITENCE

Lord Jesus,
you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains of the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples. **℟**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary. **℟**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him. **℟**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15: 17-21

In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, want where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Go, make Disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.
We will tell of his wonderful deeds
and be glad and exult in him.
Sing praise to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
We will declare his deeds among the peoples.
We will sing and be glad and rejoice in his holy name.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 5: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to St Luke chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennessaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he has ceased speaking he said to Simon, "Put out

into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when he had done this, they enclosed a great shoal to fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the mission of the church in the world today, especially for those who leave home and family for the sake of the gospel.

We pray for the Diocese of Derry and the Diocese of Raphoe, for places of pilgrimage associated with Columba – Gartan and Kilmacrennan in Donegal, Movilla in the Ards, and Iona in Scotland.

We give thanks for the Iona community, founded in the Church of Scotland in 1938, and for its ecumenical witness for over 70 years.

We pray for St. Columba's college in Dublin and for St. Columba's Hospital, Hazaribagh,, fruit of Church of Ireland missionary activity in India.

O God, you called your servant Columba
from among the princes of this land
to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom:
Grant that your Church, remembering his faith and courage,
may so proclaim the splendour of your grace
that people everywhere will come to know your Son
as their Saviour, and serve him as their King;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of our salvation,
your love for the world is without end.
May our participation in this our sacrifice of praise
renew us in our dedication to your mission.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The priest takes the bread and cup

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer 1 with Extended Preface*

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has never ceased to call disciples;
he sends them to bring salvation to the nations
by the light of the gospel.

For this work your servant Columba was set apart by the Spirit;
in faith and obedience he went to peoples far away.

You called him to be all things to everyone
as a minister of your word,
so that in your sight the nations might become
a holy sacrifice, acceptable to you.

And so we join with all your saints
to sing of your great story
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

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.

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his Disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

or

As our Saviour 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, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;

For the loaf that we break is the body
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;
The cup which we bless is the blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia
for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;
in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;
in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.

Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stowe (9th c)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

or

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going out as God's People

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, King of Saints,
in the solemn roll call of your sons we name Columba.
Mould us, who have tasted your goodness at this table,
to your perfection,
so we may come as guests
to the Royal banquet of your kingdom in heaven;
where with the Father and the Son, you reign, for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL
The Blessing

May the Three Who are over you,
The Three Who are below you,
The Three Who are above you here,
The Three Who are above you yonder,
The Three Who are in the earth,
The Three Who are in the air,
The Three Who are in heaven,
The Three Who are in the great pouring sea
- bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Three in One and One in Three. **Amen.**

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.