

## Evening Prayer – 9th June 2020 – Feast of Saint Columba (Colum Cille), Abbot

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O God, come to my aid.

– O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

– as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### Psalm 14 (15)

**Ant 1:** This man was found to be blameless and faithful; eternal glory will be his.

Lord, who will live in your tent? Who will dwell on your holy mountain?

**Whoever comes there without stain, acts rightly, speaks truth in his heart. Whoever does not speak deceitfully, or do harm to his neighbour, or slander him**

Whoever despises the evil-doer, but reveres those who fear the Lord. Whoever swears and keeps his word, come what may – lends his money without usury – takes no bribe to condemn the innocent.

**Whoever lives like this will stand firm for ever.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Ant:** This man was found to be blameless and faithful; eternal glory will be his.

### Psalm 111 (112)

**Ant. 2** Grace and mercy await the chosen ones of God; he comes to the help of his holy people.

**Blessed is the man who fears the Lord and loves his commands above all things. His seed will be powerful on earth the descendants of the just will be blessed. Glory and riches will fill his house, and his righteousness will stand firm for ever.**

He rises up in the darkness, a light for the upright, compassionate, generous, and just. Happy the man who takes pity and lends, who directs his affairs with wisdom – he will never be shaken.

**The just man will be remembered for ever, no slander will he fear. His heart is ready, hoping in the Lord; his heart is strong, it will not fear, until he looks down on his defeated enemies. He gives alms and helps the poor: his righteousness will endure for ever, his future will be glorious.**

The transgressor will see and be enraged: he will grind his teeth and fade away. The desires of the wicked will perish.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

**Ant.** Grace and mercy await the chosen ones of God; he comes to the help of his holy people.

### Canticle Apocalypse 15

**Ant. 3** The saints will sing a new song before the throne of God and of the Lamb; their voices will fill the whole world.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the ages!

**Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord? For you alone are holy. All nations shall come and worship you, for your judgements have been revealed.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

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**Our reading is taken from Romans 8:28-30**

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

### RESPONSORY

The Lord is good; he loves good deeds.

– **The Lord is good; he loves good deeds.**

His face is turned towards the upright man.

– **The Lord is good; he loves good deeds.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

– **The Lord is good; he loves good deeds.**

### Canticle      Magnificat

**Ant.** You have left all things and have followed me; you will be repaid a hundred times over, and gain eternal life.

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour  
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Ant.** You have left all things and have followed me; you will be repaid a hundred times over, and gain eternal life.

### INTERCESSIONS

Let us ask the Father to lead us to holiness through the intercession and example of the saints. (our response is)

Make us holy as you are holy..... ***Make us holy as you are holy.***

**Father, it was your will that we be called your children, and that is what we are; may your Church all over the world bear witness to your goodness.. Make us holy as you are holy.**

Father, you have called us to walk in your light and do always the things that please you; may our lives be rich in every kind of good work.. ***Make us holy as you are holy.***

**Father, through Christ you have reconciled us to yourself; keep us in your name that we may all be one..**  
Make us holy as you are holy.

Father, you have invited us to the festival of eternal life; make us perfect in your love through the bread that comes from heaven. ***Make us holy as you are holy.***

**Father, grant all sinners peace and forgiveness; let the dead live in the light of your presence.** Make us holy as you are holy.

For a moment in silence we bring our own prayers...

We say together...

Our Father, who art in heaven,....

#### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord, warm our hearts with zeal for your kingdom  
and a longing for its fulfilment.

Make our lives rich in good works,  
and so bring us to share the glory of Saint Columba,  
when we see you face to face and are one with you always.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

#### **Corona Virus Prayer**

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world suffering from the Corona Virus. May its victims and their families be strengthened by the support of our community of faith and restored soon to full health. We also pray for our leaders and medical personnel who deal with the virus. May we keep calm and may we join together in solidarity with care and compassion to tackle this emergency. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen

#### **Blessing**

May the Lord + bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.