

First Reading

Lector: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:11-23).

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

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.

Lector The Word of God.
All ***Thanks be to God.***

Canticle

Proverbs 4:10-13

***Hear, my child, hear and accept my words this day,*
that the years of your life may be many.***

***I have taught you the way of wisdom.*
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.***

***When you walk, your step will not be hampered,*
and if you run, you will not stumble.***

***Keep hold of instruction; do not let it go;*
guard wisdom, for it is your life.***

Second Reading

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke (10:17-20).

The seventy 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.'

Officiant Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All ***Thanks be to God.***

Shared Reflection

The Magnificat

Antiphon O blessed Columba, wise and holy teacher, light of God's people, lover of the gospel, *
join with us in prayer to the Holy One.

***My soul proclaims your greatness, O God;
my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior, *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.***

***From this day all generations will call me blessed; *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your Name.***

***You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.***

***You, O God, have shown strength with your arm, *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,***

***casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.***

***You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.***

***You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,***

***the promise made to our forebears, *
to Abraham, Sara and their children forever.***

***Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.***

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The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Officiant Let us pray.

*God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.*

Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O God;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O God, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. O God, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant invites additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Collects

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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 show our thankfulness to you by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Sources

- This evening prayer service is adapted from Vespers in the *Saint Helena Breviary* (Church Publishing, 2006); Evening Prayer in *Enriching Our Worship I* (New York: Church Publishing, 1998); and the *Book of Common Prayer* (Church Publishing, 1979)
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- The readings are appointed for the Feast of Columba of Iona and can be found online at www.satucket.com/lectionary/Columba.htm