



CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
May 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME!**

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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## PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN** O Love of God, how strong and true

*Old 100th*

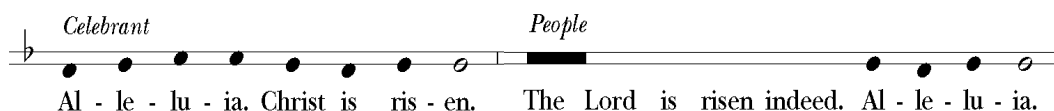


O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal and yet ev - er new; un -  
O wide-em-brac-ing, won-drous Love, we read thee in the sky a - bove; we  
We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent  
We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the dark-ness of the grave; still



com-pre-hend-ed and un - bought, be - yond all know-ledge and all thought.  
read thee in the earth be - low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
by the Fa - ther from on high, our life to live, our death to die.  
more in re - sur - rec - tion light we read the full - ness of thy might.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en. The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Leader* Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

*Leader* Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
*People* **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader Blessed are those who mourn,  
People **for they shall be comforted.**

Leader Blessed are the meek,  
People **for they shall inherit the earth.**

Leader Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
People **for they shall be satisfied.**

Leader Blessed are the merciful,  
People **for they shall obtain mercy.**

Leader Blessed are the pure in heart,  
People **for they shall see God.**

Leader Blessed are the peacemakers,  
People **for they shall be called children of God.**

Leader Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,  
People **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*Celebrant* Grant us, O God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that the blessings your Son proclaimed in his teachings, may be known, by his resurrection, in your church and throughout the world. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *A Song of Praise*

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.\_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you\_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple;\_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you.\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim;\_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.\_\_\_\_\_

5. Glo - ry to you,\_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

depths;\_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

you.\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you,\_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit;\_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.\_\_\_\_\_

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST READING** *Acts 10:44-48*

*Reader* A reading from Acts.

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 98** (*Read in alternation*)

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

*People* **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 EPISTLE** *1 John 5:1-6*

*Reader* A reading from First John.

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE ANTHEM** A New Commandment

*Richard Shephard (b. 1949)*

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another.

**THE GOSPEL** *John 15:9-17*

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

*People* **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.”

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**   *The Reverend Michael P. Barham*

*Please stand as you are able and say together:*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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.***

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book pp. 413-414)*

*Leader*       Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church and for the world.  
                  Enliven the Church for its mission  
*People*       **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

*Leader* Breathe fresh life into your people.  
*People* **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Leader* Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace  
*People* **that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

*Leader* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
*People* **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Leader* Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others  
*People* **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

*Leader* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
*People* **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

*Leader* Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit including *Catherine Aragon, Carl Cheney, George Mallinckrodt, Robert Redfern-West, Hugh Sawyer, Peggy Dubes*, and those we now name silently or aloud [pause]. Restore them to new life.  
*People* **May they know the power of your healing love.**

*Leader* Make us willing agents of your compassion.  
*People* **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

*Leader* We remember with thanksgiving those who have died, among them *June Tunnell, Beverly Siegel, William Clarke, Don Sweet, David Brewster Jones*, and those we now name either silently or aloud [pause]. May they have eternal life.  
*People* **Into your hands we commend them.**

*Leader* Give comfort to those who mourn.  
*People* **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

*Celebrant* Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth on our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS





san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All**            **We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they

may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

## THE COMMUNION

*All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion at this Church. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

*To receive the bread, hold out your hands and the clergy will place it on your palm.*

*The common cup will be offered to all, and you may choose to sip or not as you feel comfortable. Please **do not** receive by intinction (dipping the bread in the wine).*

*If you prefer not to receive bread or wine, you may come forward placing your hands over your chest, and the clergy will be glad to offer you a blessing.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM 297 Descend, O Spirit

*Erhalt uns Herr*



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand  
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -  
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your



sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.  
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

**THE BLESSING** *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen*

CLOSING HYMN 292 O Jesus, crowned with all renown

*Kingsfold*



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Acolyte* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE**



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Our parish is a loving community that, in addition to traditional liturgical worship each Sunday, focuses on ways we can live out our faith together through outreach, fellowship, education, and more.

As a member of The Episcopal Church we embrace a legacy of inclusion and aspire to exemplify God's love for every human being. People of all genders, races, sexual orientations, and backgrounds are welcomed with open arms.

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