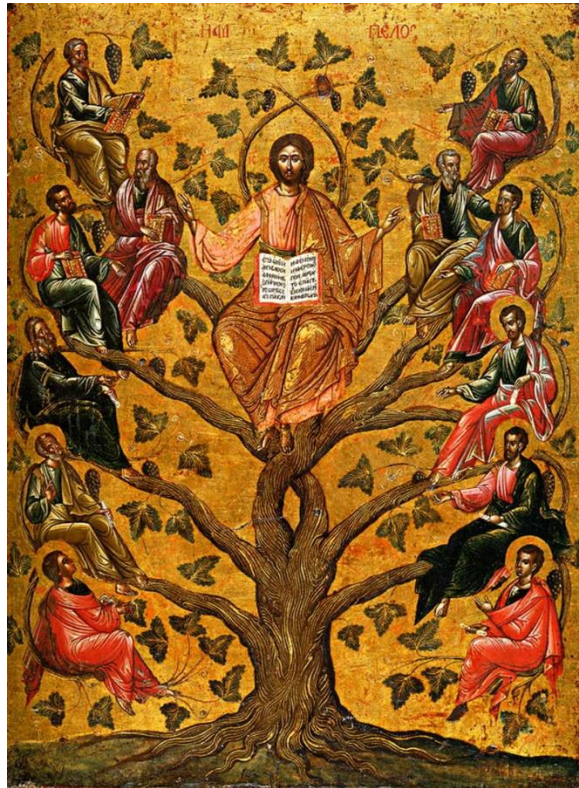




CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# Fifth Sunday of Easter



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
April 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME!**

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Acolyte      Louise Delafield  
Lesson      Angela Hey  
Epistle      Paul Lovoi  
Intercessions      Lenore Lovoi

## PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN 182** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

*Truro*

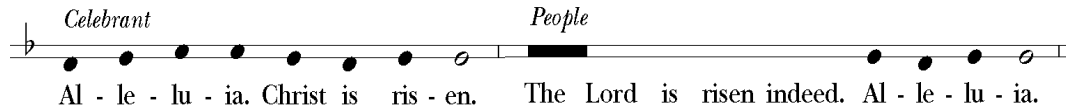
1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION



*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*

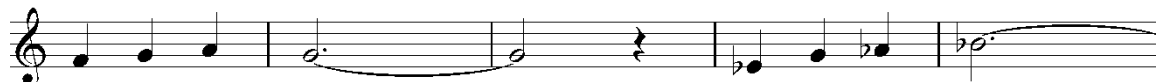
John Rutter (b. 1945)



1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord



God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;



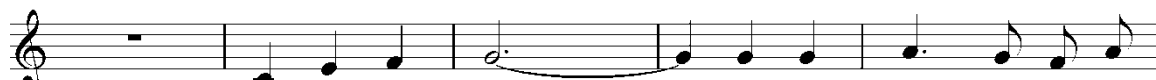
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING *Acts 8:26-40*

*Reader* A reading from Acts.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 22:24-30** (*Read in unison*)

**My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!"**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.**

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.**

**THE EPISTLE** 1 John 4:7-21

*Reader* A reading from First John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 581 Where charity and love prevail

St. Albinus

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.  
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.  
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.

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THE GOSPEL *John 15:1-8*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*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 *Judy Falconer, Tony Sowers, Doris Stratton, Anne-Marie Thornton*, 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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether      *Harold Friedell (1905-1958)*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
 For when humbly, in thy name,  
 Two or three are met together,  
 Thou are in the midst of them:  
 Alleluya! Alleluya!  
 Touch we now thy garment's hem.  
 As the brethren used to gather  
 In the name of Christ to sup,  
 Then with thanks to God the Father

Break the bread and bless the cup,  
 Alleluya! Alleluya!  
 So knit thou our friendship up.  
 All our meals and all our living  
 Make us sacraments of thee,  
 That by caring, helping, giving,  
 We may true disciples be.  
 Alleluya! Alleluya!  
 We will serve thee faithfully.

At the start of *The Great Thanksgiving*, please stand as you are able.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

*Celebrant* 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 we are 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 S125 from *A Community Mass*

*Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

The musical notation is in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - 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 -". The music is a simple, hymn-like setting of the Sanctus.



*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 If Ye Love Me

*Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may  
'bide with you forever; E'en the spirit of truth.

*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 296** We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *Engelberg*



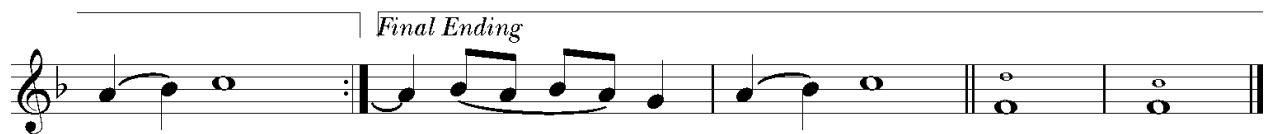
We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.\_\_\_\_\_  
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.\_\_\_\_\_  
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.\_\_\_\_\_  
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows.\_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;\_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.\_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.\_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.\_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.\_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.\_\_\_\_\_  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:\_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Special thanks to our guest organist and choir director, Dr. Shawn Thomas*



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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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