



# CHRIST CHURCH

PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

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Welcome to Christ Church - the Episcopal Church in Portola Valley  
The Rev. Beth Phillips, Rector  
Lauren Wittine, Director of Music

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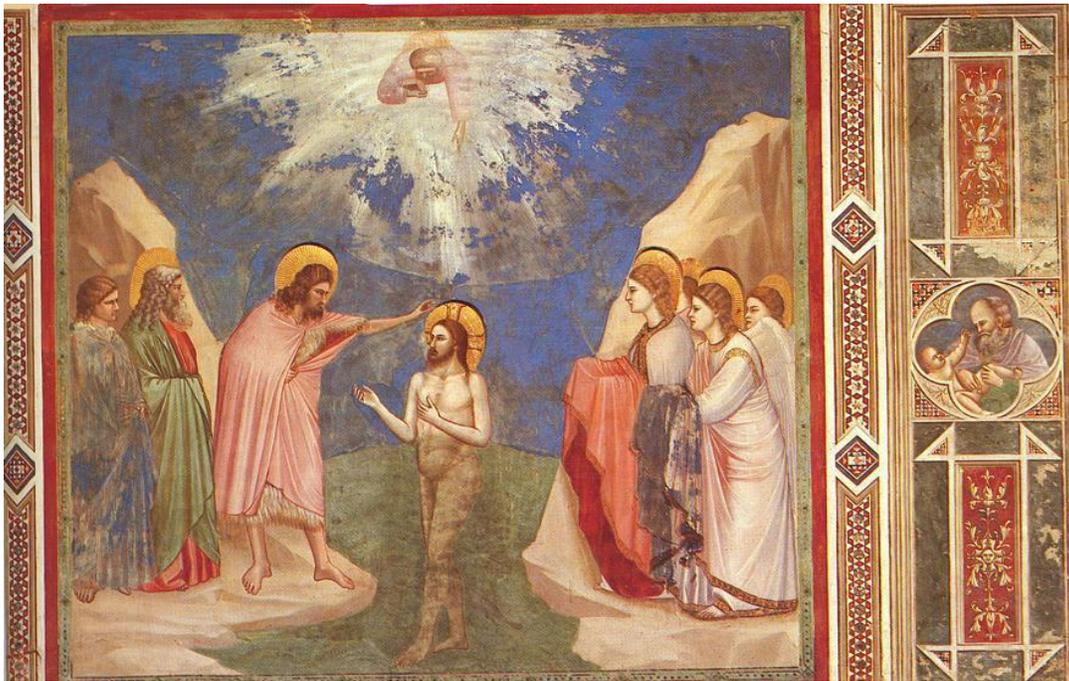
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**We will begin with a musical prelude in a few moments.**





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# The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome!

January 10, 2021

**Lighting of Candle(s)** *After the prelude and before the opening hymn, an acolyte lights a candle in place of the candles we light each week on the altar and says:*

Acolyte    We light a candle to remind us of the light that came into this world with Jesus. It symbolizes the light of Christ.

## Opening Hymn #448

O love, how deep

*While on mute, please join in singing:*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

## Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.**



## The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lesson – Genesis 1:1-5**

Reader A reading from Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader Here ends the reading.

## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Epistle – Acts 19:1-7

Reader A reading from Acts.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader Here ends the Epistle.

## Sequence Anthem

The Baptism of Christ

*Michael Bedford*

*Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.*  
When Jesus Christ baptized was,  
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;  
the Father's voice was heard in this place:  
*This is my Son, listen to him.*

*Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.*  
There were three Persons and one Lord,  
the Son baptized with one accord,  
the Father said this blessed word:  
*This is my Son, listen to him.*

*Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.*  
Now Jesu, as thou art both God and man,  
and were baptized in from Jordan,  
at our last end we pray thee, say then:  
*This is my Son, listen to him.*

## **The Gospel – Mark 1:1-11**

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *The Reverend Beth Phillips*

## **A New Nicene Creed**

*Although this will be read by one person, you are invited to say the creed aloud at home while on mute.*

We believe in God,  
the creator of all life and beauty,  
who blesses our journey.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who lived as a friend and savior  
to all he met as he traveled,  
and who ate and laughed,  
wept and celebrated  
with them in love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who rides on the gentle breeze,  
who strengthens our bindings,  
and who offers hope eternal.

We believe in the church,  
which stands open to all travelers,  
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.  
Amen.

*You are invited to unmute yourself and join in the Prayers of the People. If the tech moderator mutes you, then it is because there is an echo or background noise that you may not be able to hear.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (from *Intercessions for the Christian People*, p. 38 and 109)

Leader: Rejoicing in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Jesus the Messiah, let us confidently bring to God the petitions of our hearts this Epiphany season.

For the ministers of God throughout the world, remembering especially our Bishop Marc and Presiding Bishop Michael; that, following the message of the angels, they might glorify God and bring peace to the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For this parish, its clergy, staff, and people; that we might grow in faith and love this Christmas season and always, and in particular for *Louisa Pflaum, Rosemary Hintz, Georgina Styer, Lori Hunter, Daniel Lopez, and Nancy Kruberg* who are celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries this week, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For those lost in the darkness of prejudice, hostility, and fear; for those burdened by the yoke of injustice, terrorism, hunger, and war, for all our brothers and sisters in any need, that the light and life that is God might touch their hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the homeless, and for children born in the midst of poverty and pain; that they might be provided with shelter, warmth, and love, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the sick and those who care for them, especially *Jean Bertelsen, the Condon family, Amy Tribble, Ashley, Stephen Placido, Kaethe Langs, Ken*

*Garrett, and Alexander Morse and those we now name (pause); that they may receive comfort, healing, and peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**People**     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader     For those who have died especially *Debra Ferguson, Owen Taylor, Bernard Spilsbury (father of Penny McCulloch), Jane Ulrich, Kenneth Larkin, Hervey Clark, Terry Akerman, Clara Bergamini, Norman McKee* and those we now name *(pause)*, that, with Mary and Joseph, and the nameless shepherds in the fields, they may rejoice with God in whom all love is perfected, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*     *O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

**People**     **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

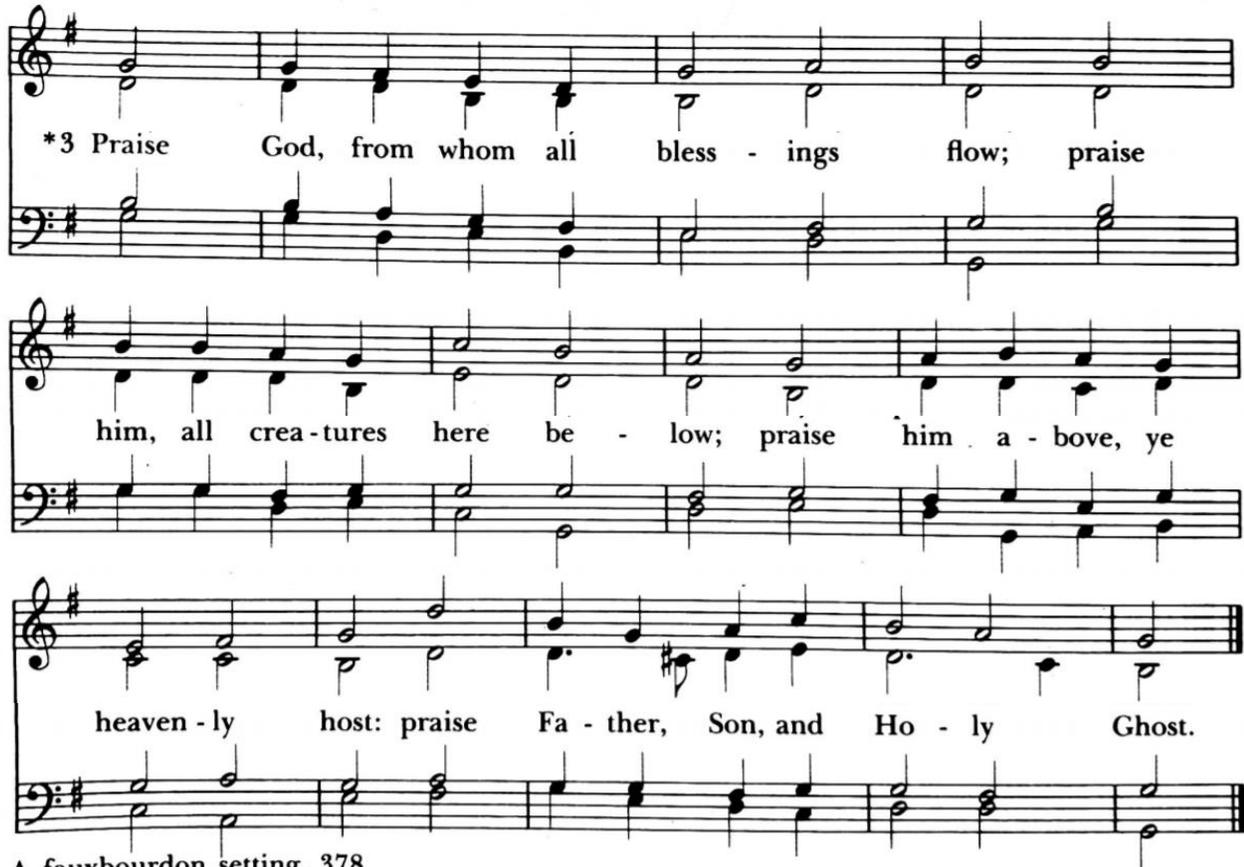
Officiant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**     **And also with you.**

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

*While on mute, please join in singing:*



\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

A fauxbourdon setting, 378.

## Transferring the Consecrated Gifts

### The Prayer of the Presanctified Gifts

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Officiant O God of creation, you are always with us,  
you blow among us, you unite us in your love;  
and so we praise you and we bless you.

**People We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, God most high.**

Officiant You son Jesus finds each separate heart,  
he gathers us together, he welcomes us all  
into communion; and so we praise and bless you.

**People We praise you, we bless you,**

**we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, God most high.**

Officiant Your beloved community has met in prayer  
To reveal Christ in this bread and wine;  
And now we meet once more to praise and bless you.

**People We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, God most high.**

Officiant Show us gathered here that we too are Christ's body joined to all your human family throughout the ages in your love. Feed us, inspire us, fill us with Christ's life, that we may fill our lives with you. Make this sharing radiant with your presence and send us out into the world to shine forth your truth to all. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Officiant 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.**

## Communion

Officiant Holy things for holy people.

**People One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ  
to the glory of God our father.**

*Everyone shares the bread. When all have received, any remaining bread is put away.*

*If have not yet received pre-sanctified hosts, we invite you to meditate on the following prayer.  
Please contact the church office to receive communion for future services!*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar at your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Officiant O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding us with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

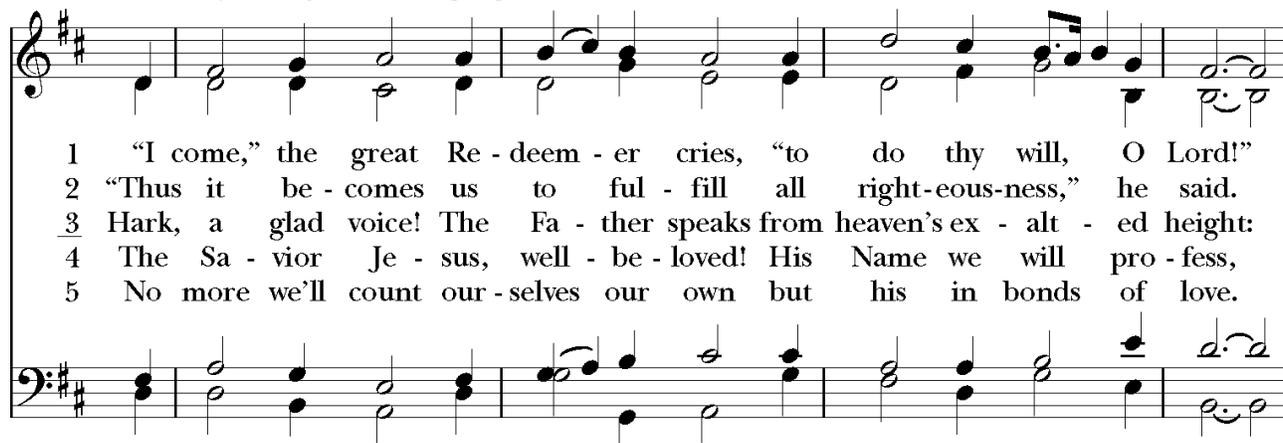
## Blessing

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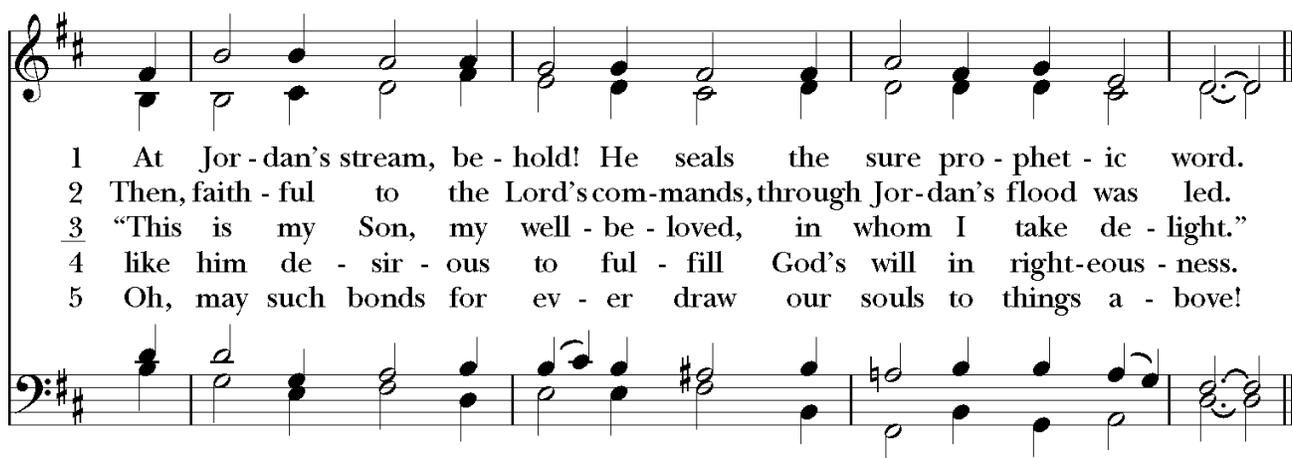
## Closing Hymn #116

“I come,” the great Redeemer cries

*While on mute, please join in singing:*



1 “I come,” the great Re - deem - er cries, “to do thy will, O Lord!”  
2 “Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness,” he said.  
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven’s ex - alt - ed height:  
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,  
5 No more we’ll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.



1 At Jor - dan’s stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.  
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord’s com - mands, through Jor - dan’s flood was led.  
3 “This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light.”  
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God’s will in right-eous - ness.  
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

## Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Please stay for coffee hour!**