

WELCOME!

Welcome to Christ Church - the Episcopal Church in Portola Valley
The Rev. Beth Phillips, Rector
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We will begin with a musical prelude in a few moments.





The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome!

January 17, 2021

Prelude

Toccata cromatica per l'Elevazione Alio modo Girolamo Frescobaldi(1583-1643)

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 #707

Take my life

While on mute, please join in singing:



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 Gloria S 277



The Collect of the Day

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

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Reader A reading from First Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
- Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!
- If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Reader A reading from First Corinthians.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader Here ends the Epistle.

Sequence Anthem

What wondrous love is this

arr. Geoff Weaver

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

The Gospel – John 1:43-51

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Leader With all our heart and mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who feed the believing community throughout the world, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Marc, and our priest Beth, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship,

let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader For leaders of nations, for those who serve us in government, for

reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us;

for the gifts of unity, peace and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader For the consolation and support of all who are in prison, physically,

spiritually, and emotionally, especially for Jean Bertelsen, the Condon family, Amy Tribble, Ashley, Stephen Placido, Ken Garrett, and Alexander Morse and those we name now either silently or aloud (pause), let us pray to

the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader For the dead and the bereaved and those who minister to them including

Fern Brown Wilson, Debra Ferguson, Owen Taylor, John Hooper, Claudia Patronik, Peter Schmidt, Ted Carter, Eleanor Boushey, Melinda Rogers, Robert Anderson and those we now name either silently aloud (pause), let us

pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader For the joys and concerns on our hearts today that we pray either

silently or aloud (pause), let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Holy God, lover of the human family and helper of all in need, hear the prayers

we offer in faith, and strengthen us in your love. We ask this through Christ our

Lord. Amen.

People Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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.

Blessing

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Closing Hymn #535

Ye servants of God

While on mute, please join in singing:



Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stay for coffee hour!