



CHRIST CHURCH

PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

WELCOME!

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

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

During this time of preparation, we invite you to share your prayers and petitions in the Zoom chat.





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The Last Breakfast by Caroline Christensen

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome!

April 18, 2021

Prelude

Low in the Grave

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

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 #205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

While on mute, please join in singing:

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson – Acts 3:12-19

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Epistle – 1 John 3:1-7

Reader A reading from First John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader Here ends the Epistle.

Sequence Anthem

Hear the Voice and Prayer

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants,
that they make before thee this day.
That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day,
ever toward this place,
of which thou hast said, "My name shall be there."
And when thou hearest, have mercy on them.

The Gospel – Luke 24:36b-48

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

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

Celebrant Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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.

The responses will be read by one person, but you are invited to join in saying them aloud at home while on mute.

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 Bless those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially *Wesley Holthaus, Anne Dauer, Josie Miller, Katie Miller, Chris Ramming, Sarah Crawford, Norma Cance, Bud Hoffacker, and Andrew Geenen*. We also pray for *Paul and Julie Seipp* who are celebrating their anniversary.

People **May they continue to walk with God and grow in God's grace.**

Leader Comfort all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially *Jennifer, Anna, Howard Middleton, the Gardner and Holthaus families, Ron Larson, Maria Dalila*, and those we now name either 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 *John Gardner, Don Herbert, William Thomas Zdeblick*, and those we now name either silently or aloud [pause]. 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

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer

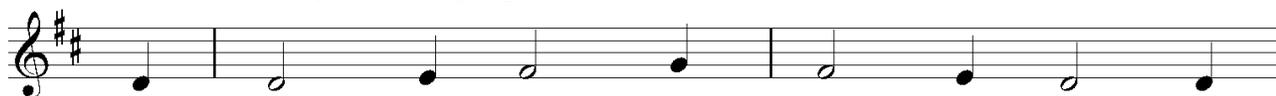
Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against 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.**

Announcements *If you have any announcements regarding church matters, please select the "raise hand" icon under the participants tab at the bottom of your screen, and a host will unmute you.*

Closing Hymn #193

That Easter day with joy was bright

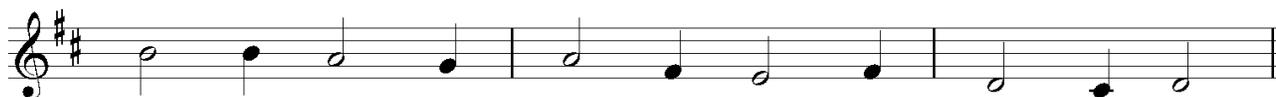
While on mute, please join in singing:



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Please stay for coffee hour!