



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





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# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



**Welcome!**

**October 18, 2020**

**Prelude**  
St. Denio

*J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)*

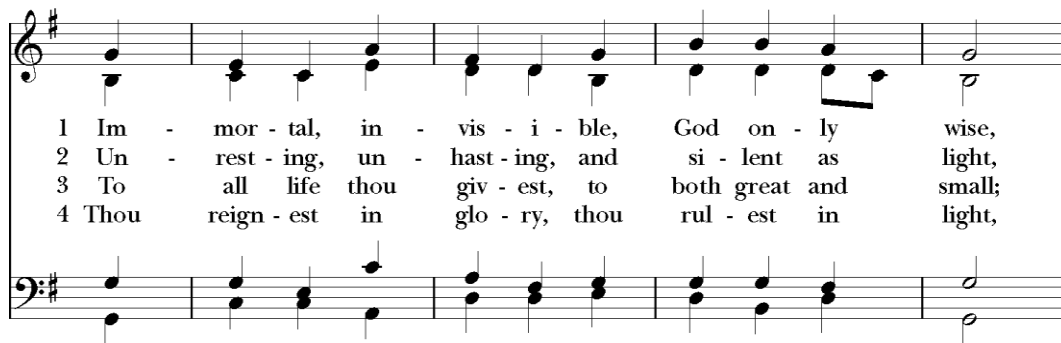
**Lighting of Candle(s)** *After the prelude and before the opening hymn, an acolyte lights a candle in place of the candles we light each week on the altar and says*

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 #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

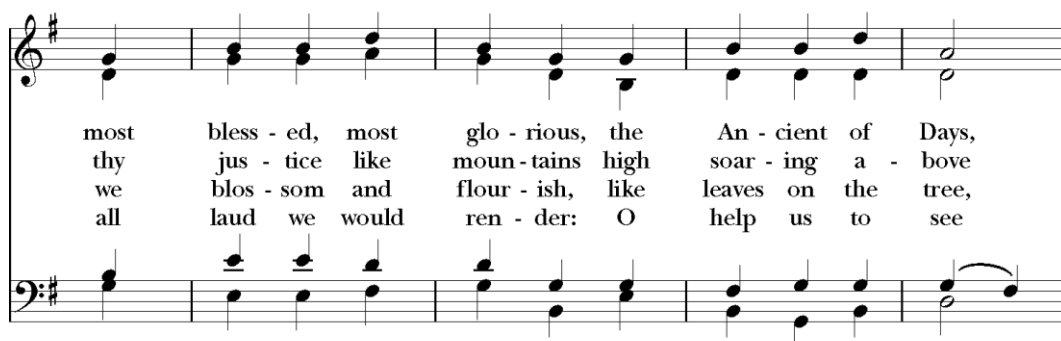
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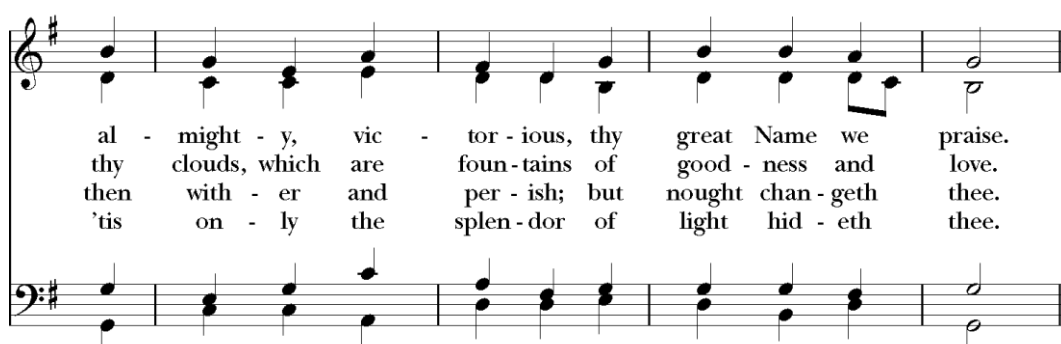
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his 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.**

## Gloria

“Gloria Deo” from *Taizé: Songs for Prayer*

While on mute, please join in singing the following refrain:

Glo - rí - a De - o! Glo - rí - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
De - o! Glo - rí - a,

glo - rí - a De - o! 5. For

*Last time*

Music: Joseph Gelineau, SJ  
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Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone the Lord, alone the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

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## The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lesson – Exodus 33:12-23**

Reader A reading from Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reader Here ends the reading.

## Psalm 99

The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble;  
    he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
    let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;  
    he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;  
    he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
    you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool;  
    he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,  
    they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
    they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
    you were a God who forgave them,  
    yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill;  
    for the Lord our God is the Holy One.



## The Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Reader** A reading from Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**Reader** Here ends the Epistle.

## **Sequence Anthem**

Benediction

*Will Schneider*

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
And give you peace.

## **The Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22**

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

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

**Celebrant** The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Beth Phillips

## **The 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 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.

*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: God of love, we pray for your Church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Marc, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love,

**People Hear our prayers for the Church.**

Leader God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, creed, socio-economic situations and political parties; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom,

**People Hear our prayers for the world.**

Leader God of justice, we pray for your creation entrusted to our care: For the plants and animals, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice,

**People Hear our prayers for the earth.**

Leader God of peace, we pray for this community: For our in-person and online students and teachers and families, and for our neighborhoods, small businesses, and workplaces. Kindle in us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. We give thanks for all those in our parish family who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week, *Lily Mallinckrodt, Tricia Christensen, Chet Wrucke, Henry Styer* and for all the blessings of this life. God of peace,

**People Hear our prayers for this community.**

Leader God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice, for firefighters, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray especially for *Sue Phillips, Anneliese Mabie, Stephen Placido, Kaethe Langs, Joan Gray, Ken Garrett, Alexander Morse, Julie Leonard Griffith*. For whom and for what else do we pray this day? (*Pause*). Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy,

**People Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Leader God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially *Peter Llewellyn, Robert Avery* and others that we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*). Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints. God of grace,

**People Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*Celebrant Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*All 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**

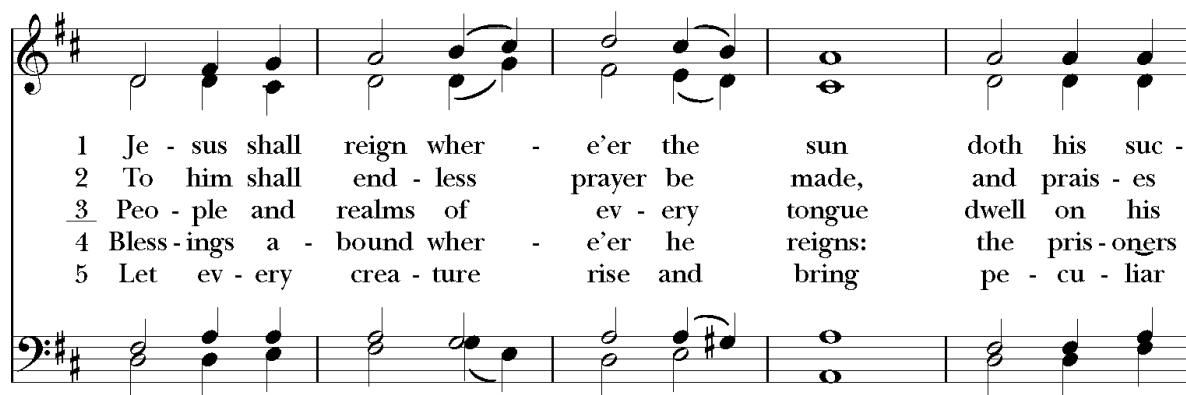
### **Announcements**

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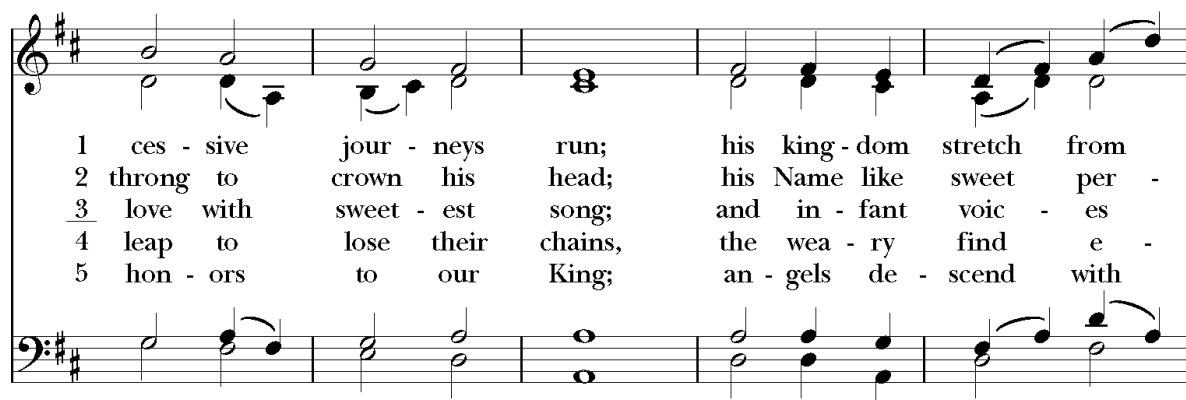
# Closing Hymn #544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

*While on mute, please join in singing:*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 thro' to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Please stay for Coffee Hour!**