



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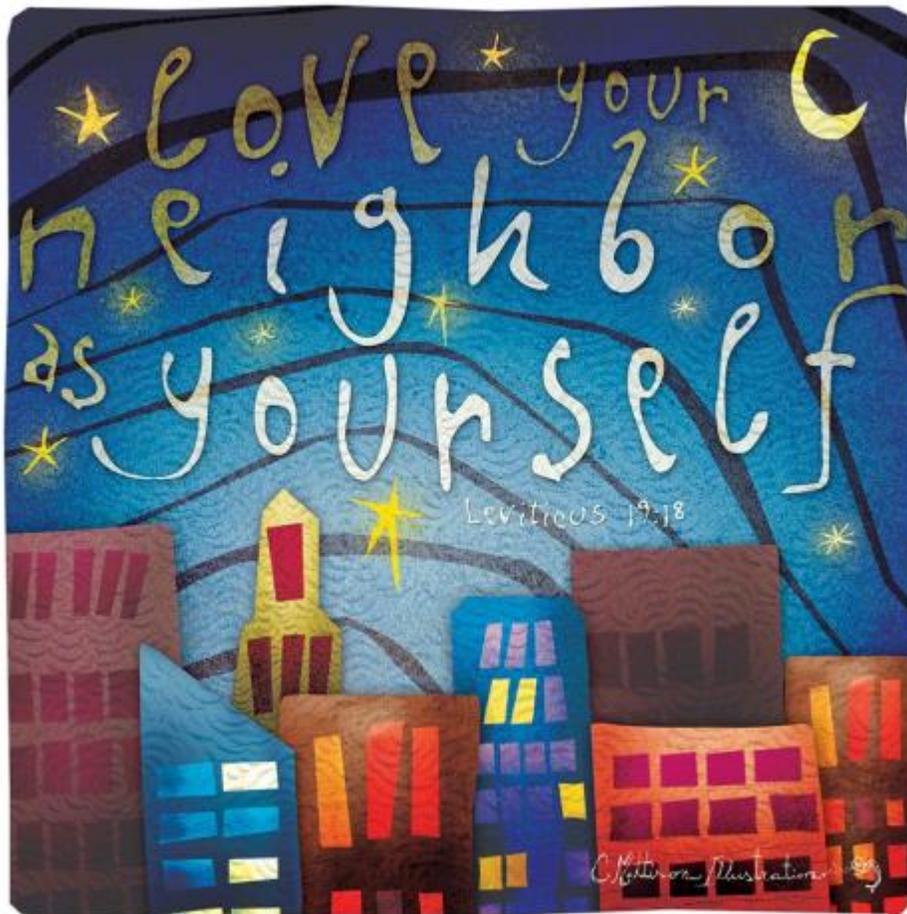
We will begin with a musical prelude in a few moments.





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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome!

October 25, 2020

Prelude

Improvisation on St. Anne

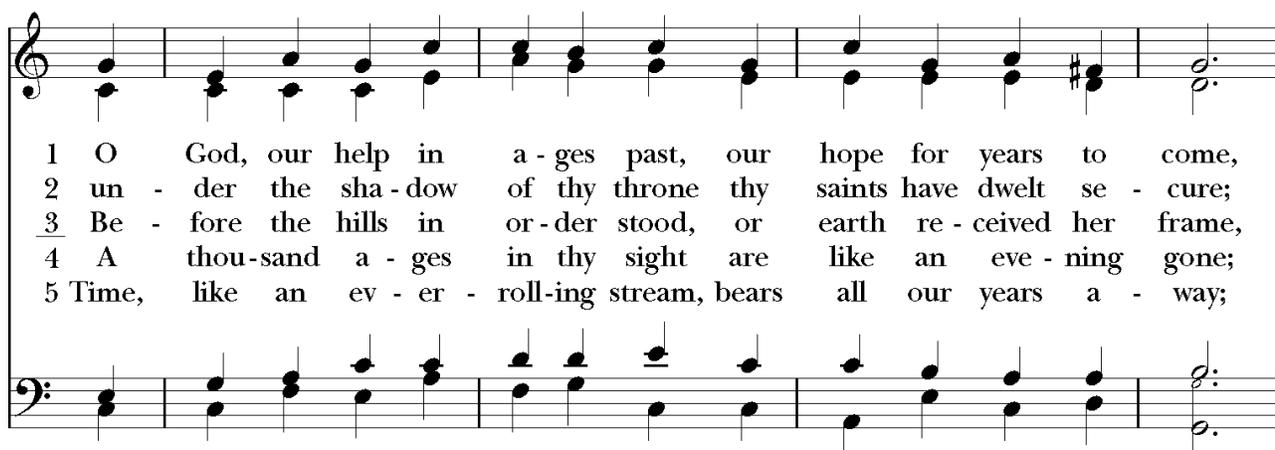
Lighting of Candle(s) *After the prelude and before the opening hymn, an acolyte lights a candle in place of the candles we light each week on the altar and says*

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

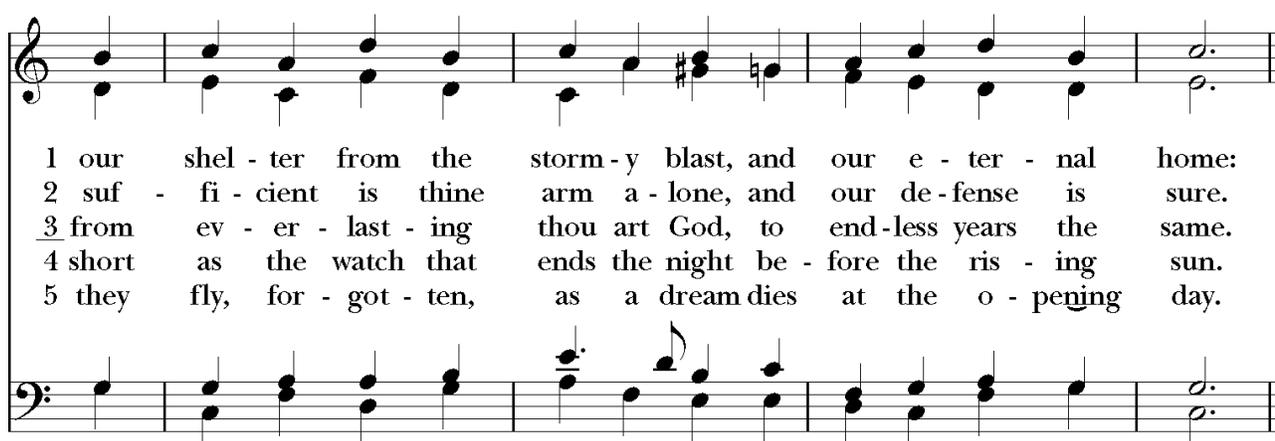
Opening Hymn #680

O God, our help in ages past

While on mute, please join in singing:



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader A reading from Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader Here ends the Epistle.

Sequence Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (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.

The Gospel – Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

Celebrant When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?’

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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, *Betsy Alexander, Sally Randall, Lori Palazzolo, Bruce & Jan Beekley* 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, Stephen Placido, Kaethe Langs, 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 and on the anniversaries of this death, *Maude Schroll, Carolyn Sprinkle, Leonard Spalding, Nancy Stanwood, Robert Newton, Edmond Littlefield, Michael Miller, Arnold Fenton* 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

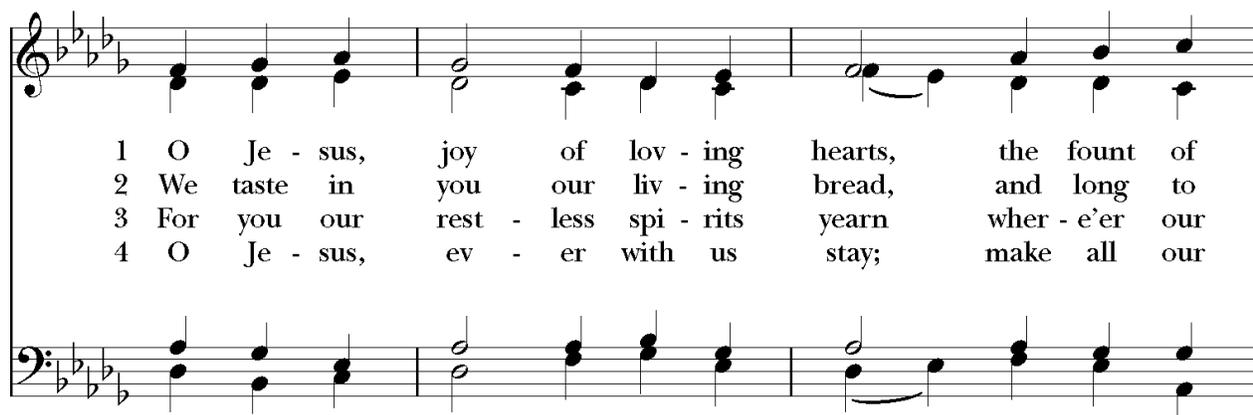
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Closing Hymn #649

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

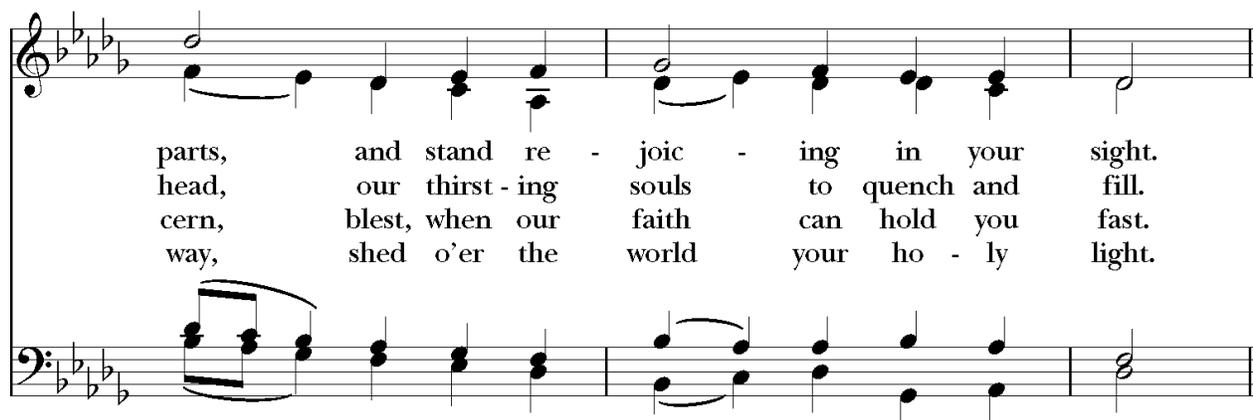
While on mute, please join in singing:



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our



life and our true light, we seek the peace your love im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis -
mo - ments calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts, and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.
head, our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.
cern, blest, when our faith can hold you fast.
way, shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stay for Coffee Hour!