



CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
September 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME!**

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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**Due to inclement weather, we may need to move inside the sanctuary.** Per diocesan guidelines, everyone over 12 years of age who enters a church building must be vaccinated. If directed to move inside, you will be asked to show proof of vaccination at the door, or a signed release from your doctor.

The following guidelines are in place for your safety, and particularly for the safety of our younger members for whom the vaccine has not yet been approved:

***Masks** must be worn at all times by persons over 2 years of age, except when consuming communion.*

***Social distancing** must be maintained between households during the service. For your convenience, chairs have been set up in groups six feet apart. Please remain in your seats as directed by an usher.*

***Bathrooms** are available off our breezeway for public use. Please follow the one-way arrows on the ground when entering or leaving the courtyard. The parish hall, office, and church building are closed at this time.*

***Hand sanitizer** can be found at the entrance and exit of the courtyard and at the doors of the bathrooms.*

*Please **pray aloud** and **sing** with us! Local guidelines recommend that during sung or recited prayer, you keep your voice at a reduced volume and maintain social distancing.*

### **Thank you to today's volunteers!**

Coffee hour host	Penny McCulloch
Greeter	Mary Hufty
Usher	Tim McAdam
Altar Guild	Norma Cance
Lesson	Danny Alegria
Epistle	Vinie Miller
Prayers of the People	Sarah Halsey

# THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

*Phillip Keveren (b. 1961)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN 408** Sing praise to God who reigns above

*Mit Freuden zart*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

## 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

*Reader* A reading from Jeremiah.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 54** *(said in unison)*

**Save me, O God, by your Name;  
in your might, defend my cause.**

**Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

**For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.**

**Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

**Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**

**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

**THE EPISTLE** *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

*Reader* A reading from James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain

it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION A Repeating Alleluia**     *Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)*

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.

**THE GOSPEL**     *Mark 9:30-37*

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way

they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**    *The Reverend Beth Phillips*

*Please stand as you are able and say together:*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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.***

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People and Sundays and Seasons* 2018)

*Leader* Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, we pray for those in need, and all of God 's beloved creation. Lord in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Gracious God, you gathered together people of faith in every time and every place to be the risen body of Christ and the world. Enliven the church to nourish its members, to love the earth, and to serve its neighbors. Lord in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Holy God, you weave together the fabric of the universe. Forests and fields bear the banner of your abundance. Give us wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of our resources. Lord in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Creative God, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, painters and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Sovereign God, you bless people with intelligence and compassion. Inspire citizens to raise up good leaders who seek peace and reconciliation among nations and who long to repair the world. Lord in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Compassionate God, you desire health and wholeness. Reconcile the conflicts and disputes among us. Teach us to heal the trauma of all kinds of abuse. Soothe the suffering of the abused and forgive all those who abuse. Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Loving God, you house the homeless, free the captives, and heal the sick. Make our hands your hands in service to strangers and friends. We pray especially for *Sue (mother of Beth), Maria Dalila, Duane, Jennifer and Anna*, and those we now name either silently or allowed (pause). Lord in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Everlasting God, you bless us with a cloud of witnesses. With gratitude we recall the lives and deeds of those who have gone before us, in particular *Martha Wheaton, Arla Middleton, Heber V. Tilden, John Liddicoat, Eleanor W. Tilden*, and those we name either silently or aloud (pause). Lord in your mercy:

**People** Hear our prayer.

*Leader* We now lift to you the concerns on our own hearts, either silently or aloud (pause).  
Lord, in your mercy:

**People** Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* *Almighty and loving God we look to you in hope and trust knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*During the peace, please maintain your six feet of social distance from other households. You are encouraged to share your peace with others using a bow, an air hug, a wave, or some other neighborly gesture!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*As directed by the ushers, we invite all to now come forward and place an offering or a prayer request in our collection basket.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 472 Hope of the world

*Donne secours*



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est hea - ven,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



1 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
2 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
3 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,  
4 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
5 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



1 Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
2 still let thy Spi - rit un - to us be giv - en  
3 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
4 we rend - er back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
5 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



1 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
2 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.  
3 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
4 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.  
5 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for ev - er reign!

*At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand as you are able.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we say:

*People* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you our Creator for our salvation through Christ. When we sinned and turned away, you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and

ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

*All*            **All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*     And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*     Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please be seated until it is your turn to come forward for Communion.*

## THE COMMUNION

*All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion at this Church. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. To receive the bread, hold out your hands and the clergy will place it on your palm without touching your hands. **Do not consume the host immediately upon receiving it.** Please return to your seats. Once all have received their hosts and are sitting in their socially distanced pods, the clergy will direct the congregation to consume the bread. The celebrant will then take a sip of the wine on behalf of the congregation.*

*If you prefer not to receive the Communion, you may come forward placing your hands over your chest, and the clergy will be glad to offer you a blessing.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lamb**

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,  
By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing woolly, bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice?  
Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is callèd by thy name,  
For He calls Himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and He is mild:  
He became a little child.  
I a child, and thou a lamb,  
We are callèd by His name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

*Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us forth a people, forgiven, healed and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING** *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.*

HYMN 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

*Finnian*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*One* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Minuet 1 from Partita No. 1 in B flat Major*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

# DIRECTORY

## CLERGY AND STAFF

<i>Rector</i>	Beth Phillips
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<i>Parish Dog</i>	Tomás

*All active clergy and staff may be reached by email at <firstname@ccpvw.org>*

## THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our weekly email\* for more details.

### Sunday, September 19

*After the service*

Flower arranging and music making for SpiritCare seniors.

### Sunday, October 3

*10 a.m.*

Blessing of the Animals special service (bring your pets to church!)

### Thursday, September 23

*8-9 a.m.*

Zoom conversation with Steve Kerr hosted by Life Moves.

### Saturday, October 9

*4-6 p.m.*

Youth ministry makes blankets for homeless teens

### Sunday, September 26

*Noon*

Delivery deadline of groceries for homeless families

### Saturday, October 30

Cooking dinner for 110 residents of Maple Street Shelter

**Orange:** Outreach events

**Green:** Church events

**Yellow:** Youth events

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