



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent takes place in the four weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a time of waiting and preparation for Jesus' birth. Advent is represented by the colors purple or blue.



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
November 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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Please socially distance and wear masks for indoor services.

(Masks are available on the table in the Narthex as you enter the Church)

All eligible people need to be vaccinated.

**Please be smart, stay safe, care for others,
and stay at home if you don't feel well.**

Thank you to today's volunteers!

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| Greeter | Paul & Lenore Lovoi |
| Usher | Danny Alegria |
| Acolyte | Louise Delafield |
| Altar Guild | Betsy Alexander |
| Lesson | James Coker |
| Epistle | Louise Delafield |
| Intercessions | Betsy Alexander |

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

Merton

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed are you, holy, and living God.

People You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT OF PURITY

Collects, which began to be included in the liturgy in the 6th century, gather us in a prayer at the beginning of worship. This collect, written in the 11th century, was translated from Latin to English by Thomas Cranmer for the 1549 Prayer Book. It invokes the Holy Spirit and prepares us for worship.

People **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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*
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.*

KYRIE ELEISON

Officiant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Officiant Lord have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Collect of the day often gathers or “collects” the themes from the readings or the gospel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Readings for worship are taken from various books of the Bible. The first reading is almost always drawn from the Old Testament. The Prophet Isaiah is often read during Advent because his prophecies often foretold of the birth of Jesus.

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

 the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

 Many peoples shall come and say,

 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

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

PSALM 122 (*read in alternation*)

The Psalm is a song or poem addressed to God, meant to be recited or sung in the context of worship. The content of the psalms varies from praise to petitions and laments. Laments are more common in psalms 1-90, but as the book progresses, more and more of the Psalms focus on praise, symbolizing how prayer can change our hearts and heal our troubled world.

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People **Now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

**For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."

THE EPISTLE *Romans 13:11-14*

Epistle is the Greek word for letter. Thus, a reading from an epistle is a reading from a letter an apostle wrote to an individual or an early Christian community. Today's reading comes from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Reader A reading from Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 24:36-44*

Gospel is simply the Greek word for "Good News." In this context, however, it means a reading from one of the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The "Lectionary" or prescribed order of readings, runs in a three-year cycle. Today is the first day of year A, where we focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah

entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

THE SERMON

Please stand as you are able and say together:

A TRIUNE CREED

Typically, we recite The Nicene Creed – a communal declaration and ancient statement of the Christian faith formulated in the 4th century. It is sectioned into three parts: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. At the heart of each section is the power and work of each person of the Trinity. This is a modern version:

**We believe in God, who loves us and wants us to
love each other.**

This is our God.

**We believe in Jesus, who cared for children and
held them in his arms. He wanted a world
where everyone could live together in peace.**

This is Jesus Christ.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps working
with us until everything is good and true.**

This is the Holy Spirit.

**We can be the church, which reminds people of
God because we love each other.**

This we believe. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People*)

Leader In the midst of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have

mercy. That our gracious Savior may rouse us from our sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may always be new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader That there be peace in the world, and a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, among them *Fiona Robin, Chuck Harwood, Steve Millard, Don "Jake" Jacobson, John, Larry Stafford, Stu Langs, Gavin Christensen, Grandma Kathy, Sue Phillips, Robert, Matthew, Amy Tribble* and those we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*); that they may live in joy, peace, and health, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died, among them *Harry Holland, Jr., Virginia Preston Golden, June Liddicoat, Richard Bruce Todd, Charles Baker, Sr., Virginia Michos*, and those we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*); that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates for many of our upcoming events can be found on the back of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN L13 My Lord, What a Morning

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing,— O
my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, _____
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, _____ To wake the
3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____
na - tions un - der - ground, _____ Look - ing to my God's right
hand, _____ When the stars be - gin to fall. _____

D.C.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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.**

Please be seated until it is your turn to come forward for Communion. Do not consume the host immediately upon receiving it. Please return to your seat with the sacrament and together we will consume the bread as the celebrant says the following words:

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.

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. The celebrant will 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 E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come *Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,

who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,

For Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;

They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.

HYMN 61

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

THE DISMISSAL

One Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

A PRAYER FOR CELEBRATIONS

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.

Saturday, November 26

10:30 a.m.

Help transform our Narthex into a charming wonderland for Advent. Contact Kathy Kennedy

Sunday, November 27

Maple Street Shelter Dinner: Help wanted to make dinner for 100 at Maple Street Shelter. Talented vegetable choppers are needed on Saturday. Yummy desserts are essential on Sunday by 3PM. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke.

Sunday, December 4

10:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols during Sunday Worship

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Banquet

Please RSVP to admin@ccpvw.org

Ongoing

We are currently collecting small (hotel-sized) toiletries for Maple Street Shelter. Please bring them to the box in the Narthex.

Sunday Nov. 27 - Sunday Dec. 25 - Collecting Warm Outerwear and Underwear for Homeless Adults: Starting Sunday Nov. 27 until Christmas Outreach will be collecting warm outerwear (socks, hats, scarves, gloves) and underwear for both men and women (sizes M - XL). Can you help? Bring items to the marked box in the breezeway. Donated items will be distributed to those temporarily residing at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City