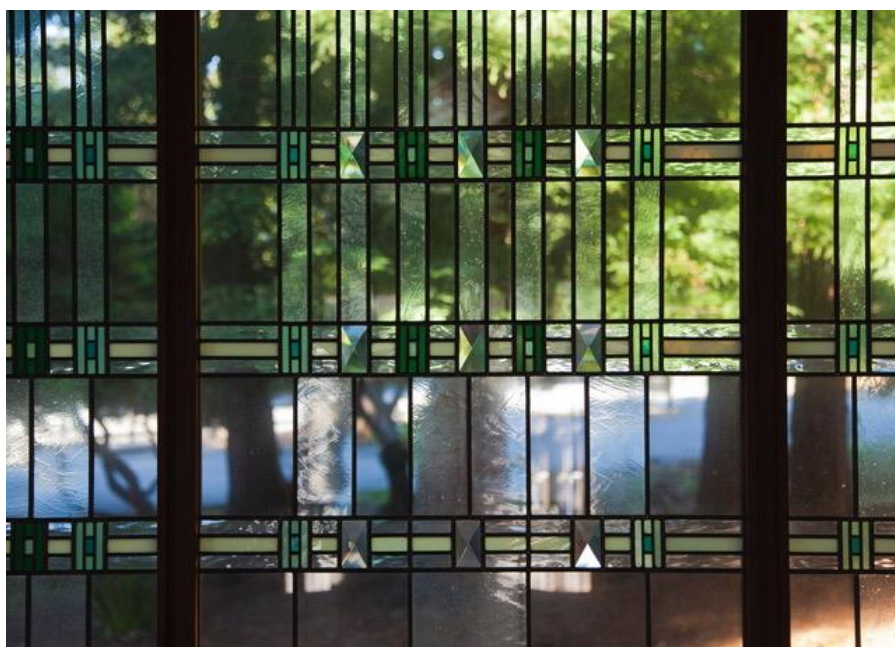




CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
September 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME!**

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## Thank you to today's volunteers!

Usher	Danny Alegria
Altar Guild	Mary Soubirous
Acolyte	Louise Delafield
Lesson	Anne Bertenthal
Epistle	Casey McKibben
Intercessions	Danny Alegria

## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE** *London New*, played on the carillon bells

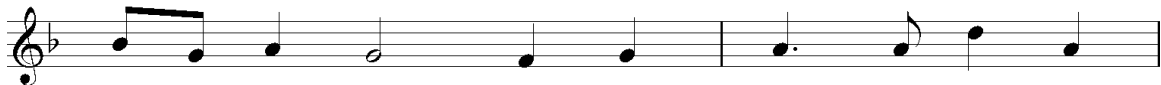
*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN 665** All my hope on God is founded

*Michael*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

## 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 IN EXCELSIS M5**

*James Capers (b. 1948)*

*Refrain:*

Glo-ry to God \_\_\_\_\_ in the high - est, and \_\_\_\_\_ peace  
 1. to God's peo-ple on earth. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. to God's peo-ple on earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ God, heav - en - ly King, al - - - might - y  
 God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks,  
 we \_\_\_\_\_ praise you for your glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
 Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way the sin of the world: have \_\_\_\_\_  
 mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther: re - - - ceive our \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. \_\_\_\_\_

## Refrain

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, 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. Glo-ry to  
God in the high - est. A - men, a - - - men.

Words: from The Book of Common Prayer (1979) of the Episcopal Church USA.  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Officiant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING *Genesis 50:15-21*

Reader A reading from Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to



We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 677** God moves in a mysterious way

*London New*

*Unison or harmony*

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form:  
2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines, with nev - er - fail - ing skill,  
3 Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread

1 he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.  
2 he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.  
3 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.

**THE GOSPEL**     *Matthew 18:21-35*

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

**THE SERMON**     *The Reverend Stacey Grossman*

*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 *The Book of Common Prayer*, pages 392-393)

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially *Robert Redfern-West, Gabriella, Hugh Sawyer, Peggy Dubes, Richard Stinnette, Bill Pflaum, Francis Mack, Tom Schneider, Denise Pagan, Julian, Ron Larson, Don "Jake" Jacobson*, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). Hear us, Lord.

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For all bishops and other ministers;

**People For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Leader For those who have died, especially *Joseph Soffey, Harold Hoss, Betty Concannon, Martha Wheaton, Arla Middleton, Heber Tilden*, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). Hear us, Lord.

**People For all who mourn.**



Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (*pause*). Hear us, Lord;  
**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (*pause*). We will exalt you, O  
God our King;  
**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People Who put their trust in you.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** The Eyes of All

*Jean Berger (1909-2002)*

The eyes of all wait upon thee;  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand,  
and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing.



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

## 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.**

*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.*

*The common cup will be offered to all, and you may choose to sip or not as you feel comfortable. Please **do not** receive by intinction (dipping the bread in the wine).*

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

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** Sing Aloud to God our Strength

*Eugene Butler*

Sing aloud to God our strength. Shout for joy to Him!

Raise a song and sound the timbrel.

Praise is due to thee, O God in Zion!

Blessed be the Lord, Our God who alone does wondrous things!

Sound the trumpet at the feast day!

Blessed be His glorious name forever!

Great and mighty are His works! Amen and Amen.

*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.*

## CLOSING HYMN 411 O bless the Lord, my soul!

*St. Thomas (Williams)*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our weekly email for more details.

### Sunday, September 17

*1:30 p.m.*

Singers, readers and senior hand-holders needed at Silver Oaks Memory Care for a communion and memorial service for those who died last month from COVID. Contact Angela Hey.

### Sunday, September 24

*9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

The **Vital and Thriving** team are hosting a Parish-Wide Spiritual Discernment Event. This is an opportunity to discuss what we have learned over the past year. Lunch Following (Grab n' go...or stay and socialize)

### Saturday, September 30

*10:00 a.m.*

Rise Against Hunger. Help make 75,000 meals in two hours for the hungry worldwide. Invite everyone you know to help. We need 40 more volunteers! Event at the PV Community Center with a celebratory lunch at Christ Church afterwards. Contact Mary Soubirous for more information. Or signup here: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/CCPVW2023>

### Ongoing

Teens/College students needed for **Fall tutoring** of homeless kids staying at Life Moves family shelters in San Mateo or Santa Clara counties. Minimum 1 hour a week. To signup <https://lifemoves.tfaforms.net/f/falltutoring2023>. Questions, contact Lynnelle Bilsey of Life Moves.

**Toiletries for the Homeless** - drop off hotel-sized toiletries in the green box in the church breezeway and Outreach will transport them to Coast House shelter in Half Moon Bay. Shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant.

Starting Sunday October 1 - **Fall linen drive** for local homeless families. Material to make 10 fleece hand-tied blankets is available now in the church shed. If you are interested in making blankets, contact Kathy Kennedy.

