



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
November 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE Nun danket alle Gott

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679-1735)

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN 397 Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - unc God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

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 S280

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

Reader A reading from Zephaniah.
 Be silent before the Lord God!
 For the day of the Lord is at hand;
 the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
 he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion

the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-8, 12 (*Read in alternation*)

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

People **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.**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Reader A reading from First Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in

darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

St. Petersburg

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,

to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

THE SERMON *The Reverend Rebecca Goldberg*

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 *Mary Jennings, Maria Chicas, Carl Cheney, Robert Redfern-West, Gabriella, Hugh Sawyer, Peggy Dubes, Richard Stinnette, 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 *Buelah Hatter, Marguerite Motney, Phebe Gregorian, Alice Dodge, Tad Cody, Lorily Brogan, John Gaman*, 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 *Ave Verum*

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!*

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S125 from *A Community Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



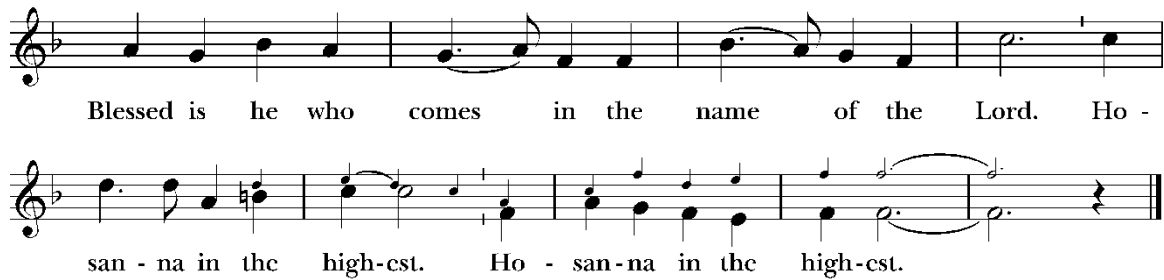
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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 to the Lord of Harvest *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness the deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall,
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

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 312 Strengthen for service, Lord

Malabar



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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THE DISMISSAL

One Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Introduction-Choral from Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 19

1:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Eucharist and the Annunciation during a SpiritCare visit to 43 senior residents of Silver Oaks Memory Care. Singers and angels needed. Contact Angela Hey.

Help make dinner for 82 adults and families at Life Moves' Coast House Shelter in Half Moon Bay. Sous chefs and bakers are needed on Saturday too. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke

Sunday, December 10

After the 10 a.m. service

Please join us for our annual gingerbread house decorating and lunch.

Please RSVP to Nicole at admin@ccpvw.org

Sunday, December 17

5:00 p.m.

Please join us for our annual Christmas Banquet. Dinner, festivities, and caroling! \$35 for adults and \$30 per child for childcare during the event with pizza and movie night. RSVP to Nicole at admin@ccpvw.org

Ongoing

Until November 19: Fall linen drive for 87 local Life Moves homeless families in 4 shelters. We need new or gently used & clean blankets (Twin/Full), sheet sets (Twin/Full), bath towels, kitchen towels and NEW pillows. A lot of them. Signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AE2DA13-45210445-fall> Bring items to the marked box in the breezeway. Most urgently need blankets and sheet sets (twin or full). Questions, contact Kathy Kennedy.

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...