



CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# Last Sunday after the Epiphany



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
February 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME!**

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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## Thank you to today's volunteers!

Usher	Daniel Alegria
Altar Guild	Betsy Alexander/Lena Perkins
Acolyte	Louise Delafield
Lesson	Lenore Lovoi
Epistle	Paul Lovoi
Prayers of the People	Sarah Halsey

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE A Dance Prelude

Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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## 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 S278

*William Mathias (1934-1992)*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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** 2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader A reading from Second Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

**PSALM 50:1-6** (*said in unison*)

**The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God reveals himself in glory.**

**Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.**

**He calls the heavens and the earth from above**

to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;  
for God himself is judge.

**THE EPISTLE**      *2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

*Reader*      A reading from Second Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

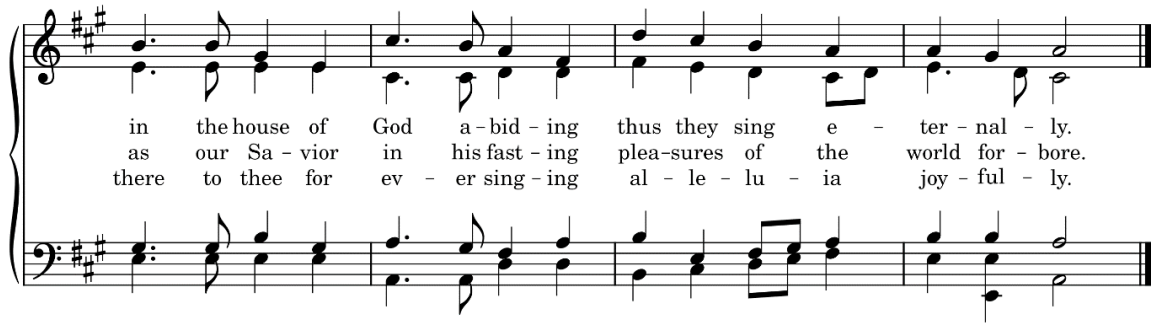
*Please stand as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** Alleluia, song of gladness

*Regent Square*

Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for ev - er - more  
There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing, let us for a while give o'er,  
at the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith - ful saints on high;



**THE GOSPEL**      *Mark 9:2-9*

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**    *The Reverend Michael Barham*

*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*)

*Leader* With all our heart and mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who feed the believing community throughout the world, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For leaders of nations, for those who serve us in government, for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity, peace and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the consolation and support of all who are in prison, physically, spiritually, and emotionally, especially for *Chris O'Connell, George Mallinckrodt, Betsy Alexander, Kelly, Mary Jennings, Maria Chicas, Robert Redfern-West, Gabriella, Hugh Sawyer, Peggy Dubes, Richard Stinnette, Tom Schneider, Denise Pagan, Julian, Ron Larson, Don "Jake" Jacobson*, and those we name now either silently or aloud (pause), let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the dead, especially *Douglas Soffey, Francis Mack, Eleonor Boushey, Melinda Rogers, Robert Anderson*, and those we now name either silently aloud (pause). For the bereaved and those who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the concerns on our hearts today, we pray either silently or aloud (pause), let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* *Holy God, lover of the human family and helper of all in need, hear the prayers we offer in*



*faith, and strengthen us in your love. We ask this through Christ our 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**ANTHEM** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*T. Frederick Candlyn (1834-1953)*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.  
  
Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,

Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes and warm my heart.  
  
Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, Radiency Divine;  
Skatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day. Amen.

*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.**

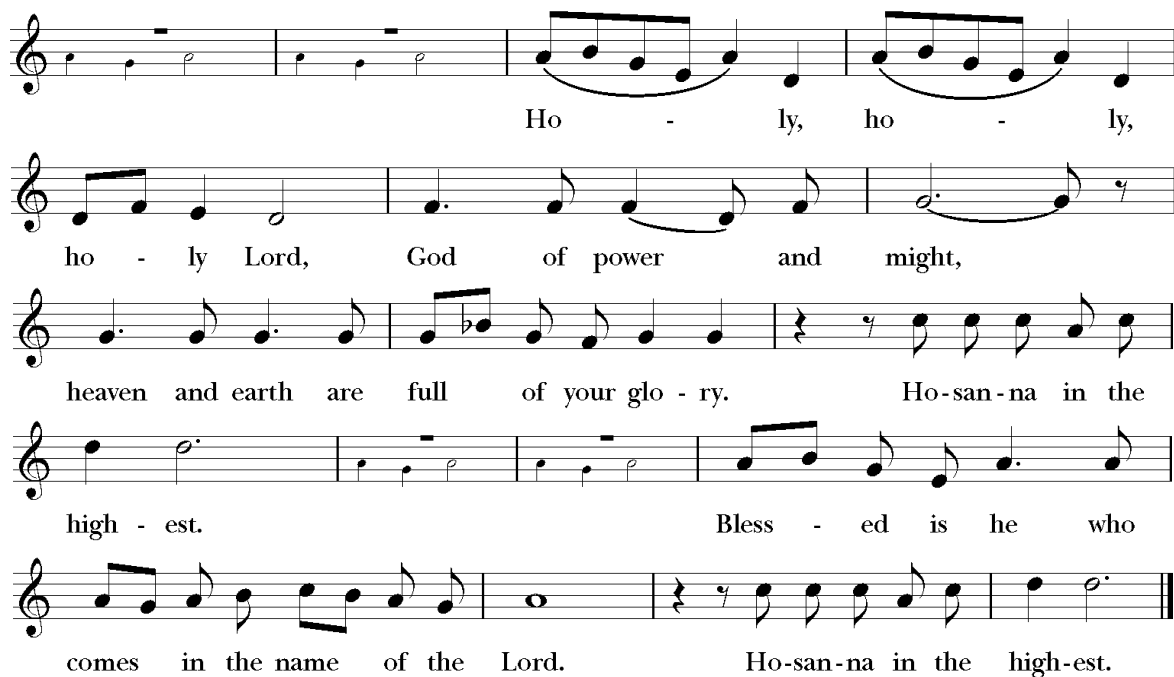
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS S128

*William Mathias*



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your 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 Mary, Joseph, and 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,

**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.

## 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.*

## ANTHEM Concertato on O Wondrous Type!

Carl Crosier (1945-2014)



Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate  
And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great  
O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son and Ho - ly



that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the  
Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the  
vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Spi - rit ev - er one, we pray You bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
Ho - ly One bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
strains we raise the voice of pray'r, the hymn of praise.  
by Your grace to see Your glo - ry face to face.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Mysterious God, we thank you  
for feeding us with yourself;  
and for making yourself known to us  
in the holy child Jesus, the Christ.  
Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit,  
that same Spirit which was in Jesus,  
so that that we may help bring your peace  
to all the earth in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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

HYMN WLP 787 We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamba

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the  
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' -

We are march - ing  
 Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march - ing  
 Si - ya - ham - ba

Oo we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
 Si - ya - ham - ba

Oo we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

## THE DISMISSAL

*One* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Siyahamba

*Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)*

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<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58747>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, February 11th

During coffee hour fill out Valentines Day cards for 46 forgotten seniors at Silver Oaks.

### Tuesday, February 13th

9:30 a.m.

Zoom Outreach planning meeting. All are welcome. Send agenda items to Kathy Kennedy at [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com) by 2/12. Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84382278454?>

### Wednesday, February 14

1:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service.

### Until Sunday, February 25th

Full-sized toiletry drive benefiting Life Moves Coast House Shelter (HMB) and Redwood Family House (Redwood City). Bring items to the marked box in the breezeway. Contact Kathy Kennedy. Click on the Signup Genius to see what is needed: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AE2DA13-47680865-toiletrieslaundry>

### Sunday, February 18

1:30 p.m.

SpiritCare's St. Valentine's Day celebration with seniors at Silver Oaks Memory Care in Menlo Park. Singers, readers and hand-holders are needed. Learn the shocking story behind the creation of St. Valentine's Day. Contact Angela Hey.

## Announcements

Women's Zoom Spirituality Group meets Wednesday mornings 10AM - 11:30AM. We are currently reading and discussing "Into the Mess" by Debie Thomas. Contact Mary Jennings at [emjennings@aol.com](mailto:emjennings@aol.com)

Alter Guild members are urgently needed. Help! It takes 20 minutes before church. Contact Mary Soubirous at 650-224-0277