



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
September 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Reverend Claire Dietrich Ranna
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

WELCOME!

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

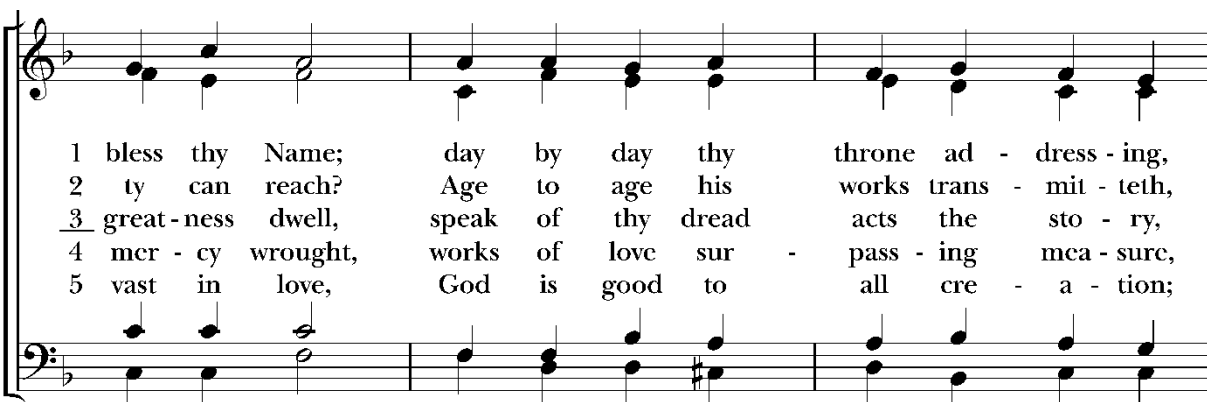
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN 414 God, my King, thy might confessing

Stuttgart



1 God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I
2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,



1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,
2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - surc,
5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
 4 works of mer - cy his pass - ing thought.
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848); para. of Psalm 145:1-2. Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Anächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.; desc. John Wilson (1905-1992). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that

the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

PSALM 15 (*read in unison*)

Leader Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
 who may abide upon your holy hill?

People **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
 who speaks the truth from his heart.**

**There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

**In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

**He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.**

**He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.**

THE EPISTLE *James 1:17-27*

Reader A reading from James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton (1983-1984)

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem

gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

THE SERMON

At the Deacon’s instruction, 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

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 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: Transforming God, we pray that you will help us to seek renewal of ourselves in this new season. Let your Holy Spirit challenge us to new goals and achievements in our spiritual lives, so that we may become the persons you have intended us to be. 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 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 Loving God, you house the homeless, feed the hungry, free the captives, and heal the sick. Make our hands your hands in service to strangers and friends. We pray especially for *Joan Klappert, David Riggs, Alyssa Hardbarger, Tyler Britton, Dede Jamison, Catherine Aragon, Carl Cheney, George Mallinckrodt, Robert Redfern-West, Peggy Dubes* and those we now name either silently or aloud (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 *Forrest Anderson, Agneta Turner, Nicole Sprague, Beverly Stewart, Francis Blake LeBaron, A. Michael Stewart, Mollie Nielsen, James Witson, Betsy Pieren*, 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.**

Officiant *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.*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Alice Hill*

Anniversaries: *Tim & Wendy McAdam*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant 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.

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

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! Please join us in the parish hall for coffee after the service.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 547 Before thy throne, O God

St. Petersburg



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.

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

Please stand as you are able.

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:

SANCTUS S130 *from Deutsche Messe*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — hea-ven and earth are
full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you our Creator for our salvation through Christ. When we lost our way, 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,
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.

*When Communion is to be sent out and administered to the sick from the service, the Eucharistic Visitors may be sent with this or some other charge: N., we send you to N. that they may share with us this day in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Pray with them and share with them this sacrament with our blessing. *The people respond: **Amen.****

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**

CLOSING HYMN 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



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Our parish is a loving community that, in addition to traditional liturgical worship each Sunday, focuses on ways we can live out our faith together through outreach, fellowship, education, and more.

As a member of The Episcopal Church we embrace a legacy of inclusion and aspire to exemplify God's love for every human being. People of all genders, races, sexual orientations, and backgrounds are welcomed with open arms.

If you are interested in learning more about Christ Church, please fill out a pew card and place it in the collection basket during the service.

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