



CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
September 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Reverend Cal Payne-Taylor  
Deacon and Preacher: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

**WELCOME!**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN 546** Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

*Siroë*



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -  
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice that calls thee from on  
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and  
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and  
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to  
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.  
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.  
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: *Siroë*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

### 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 - 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.

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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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

*Reader* A reading from Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 19:7-14** (*Read in alternation*)

*Reader*           The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
                  the testimony of the Lord is sure  
                  and gives wisdom to the innocent.

*People*           **The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
                  the commandment of the Lord is clear  
                  and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever;  
                  the judgments of the Lord are true  
                  and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
                  sweeter far than honey,  
                  than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends?  
                  cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
                  then shall I be whole and sound,  
                  and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
                  O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**THE EPISTLE** *James 5:13-20*

*Reader* A reading from James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN L178** Sweet hour of prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a  
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -  
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make  
2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -  
3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I

1. all my wants\_ and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -  
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me  
 3. view my home\_ and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.  
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By  
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And  
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

1. thy re - turn,\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer.  
 2. wait for thee,\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer.  
 3. well, fare - well,\_\_\_ sweet hour of prayer!"

Words: William Walford (1772-1850). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

**THE GOSPEL**      *Mark 9:38-50*

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do

not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

**THE SERMON**    *The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs*

*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 *Joan Klappert, David Riggs, Alyssa Hardbarger, Tyler Britton, Dede Jamison, Catherine Aragon, Carl Cheney, George Mallinckrodt, Peggy Dubes*, 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 *Robert Redfern-West, Agneta Turner, Forrest Anderson, Ralph H. Hartwig, Howard Middleton Sr, Helen Pepper, Arthur Dauer*, 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.**

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Elsie Kruberg, William Holthaus*

Anniversaries: *Carl Cheney & Sherry Lund*

## 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

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Teach Me, O Lord

*Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

*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.  
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.*

*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.***

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM Hear My Prayer**

*Moses Hogan (1957-2003)*

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the mornin' when I rise.  
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.  
Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say "well done."  
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. 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.**

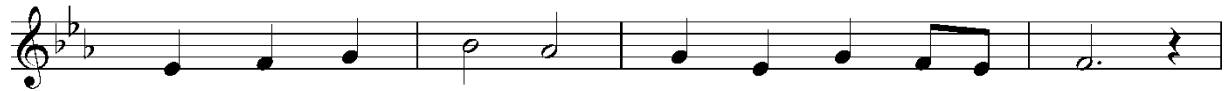
**THE BLESSING** *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN 347** Go forth for God

*Litton*



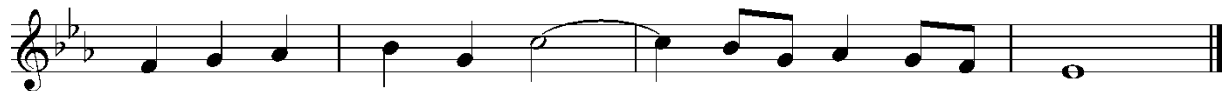
1 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold his face.  
his love sup - plies the grace \_\_\_\_\_ and power we seek.  
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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**THE DISMISSAL**

*One* 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.

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