



CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# First Sunday of Advent



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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Matthew McDermott

**WELCOME!**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE** *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN 59** Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton*

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- spect- ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;  
4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last- ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Officiant* Blessed are you, holy, and living God.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

## ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

*Officiant* Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning.  
This first candle is hope.

*The first candle is lit.*

*Reader* We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

**All** **Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*  
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.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

*Officiant* Lord have mercy.

**People** **Christ have mercy.**

*Officiant* Lord have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*Reader* A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 25:1-9 (*Read in alternation*)

*Reader* To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

***People* Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**THE EPISTLE** *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

*Reader* A reading from First Corinthians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

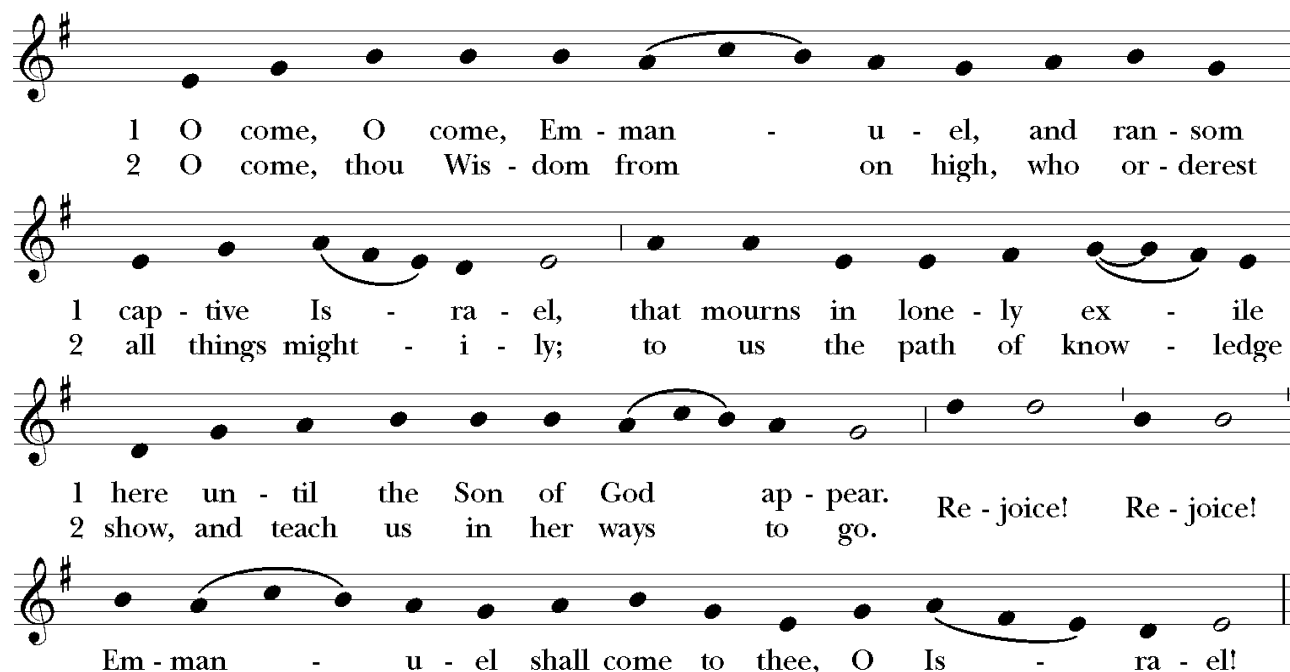
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE GOSPEL *Luke 21:25-36*

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

*Please stand as you are able*

THE CREED *From E Creeds and Authorized Affirmations of Faith, E8*

*Ton-y-Botel*

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al<sup>3</sup> might-y, by whose plan  
Christ, who on the cross for - sak - en, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,  
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:

earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.  
suf - fered un - der Pon - tious Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.  
saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.

We be<sup>3</sup> - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame,  
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's King to rule and reign,  
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend,

vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry u - pon whom the Spi - rit came.  
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.  
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, pages 392-393)

Leader Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader Lord of life, during this Advent time of hopeful waiting, stir up in your people the desire to know you, serve you, and make your love known in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Help us who wait for the coming of the Prince of Peace to work to build communities where your reconciling love is known. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Inspire the hearts of the leaders of the nations to seek justice, mercy, and kinship above power and dominion. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader You come to dwell among us, and share our humanity. Pour out your healing love on all who suffer, especially *Anne Wittine, Marina Bermudez, 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*). Bring them comfort, light and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader We give you thanks, O God, for the abundant blessings you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those who have died, who put their hope and faith in your goodness and who enjoy your presence forever, especially *Lawrence McAdam, Paul DeMerchant, Virginia Michos* and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Birthdays: *Mary Paine*

## **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** Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming *Hugo Distler (1908-1942)*

Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.  
It came a Flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, When half-spent was the night.

This Flow'r whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God! From sin and death He saves us and lightens ev'ry load.



*At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand as you are able.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' featuring three staves. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

*Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)*

Musical notation for 'Sanctus' in 4/4 time, featuring four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bles - sed is he that com-eth 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 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,  
*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 E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come *Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,

For Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;

They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

*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.

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

**CLOSING HYMN 61** "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us

*Wachet auf*

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the  
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her  
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -  
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*



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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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