



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
February 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rt. Reverend Austin Rios
Priest: The Reverend Matthew McDermott
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

WELCOME!

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE A Dance Prelude

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN 93 Angels, from the realms of glory

Regent Square

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

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.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Malachi 3:1-4*

Reader A reading from Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the

offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84 (*Read in alternation*)

Reader How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

People **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

**O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

THE EPISTLE *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Reader A reading from First Corinthians.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

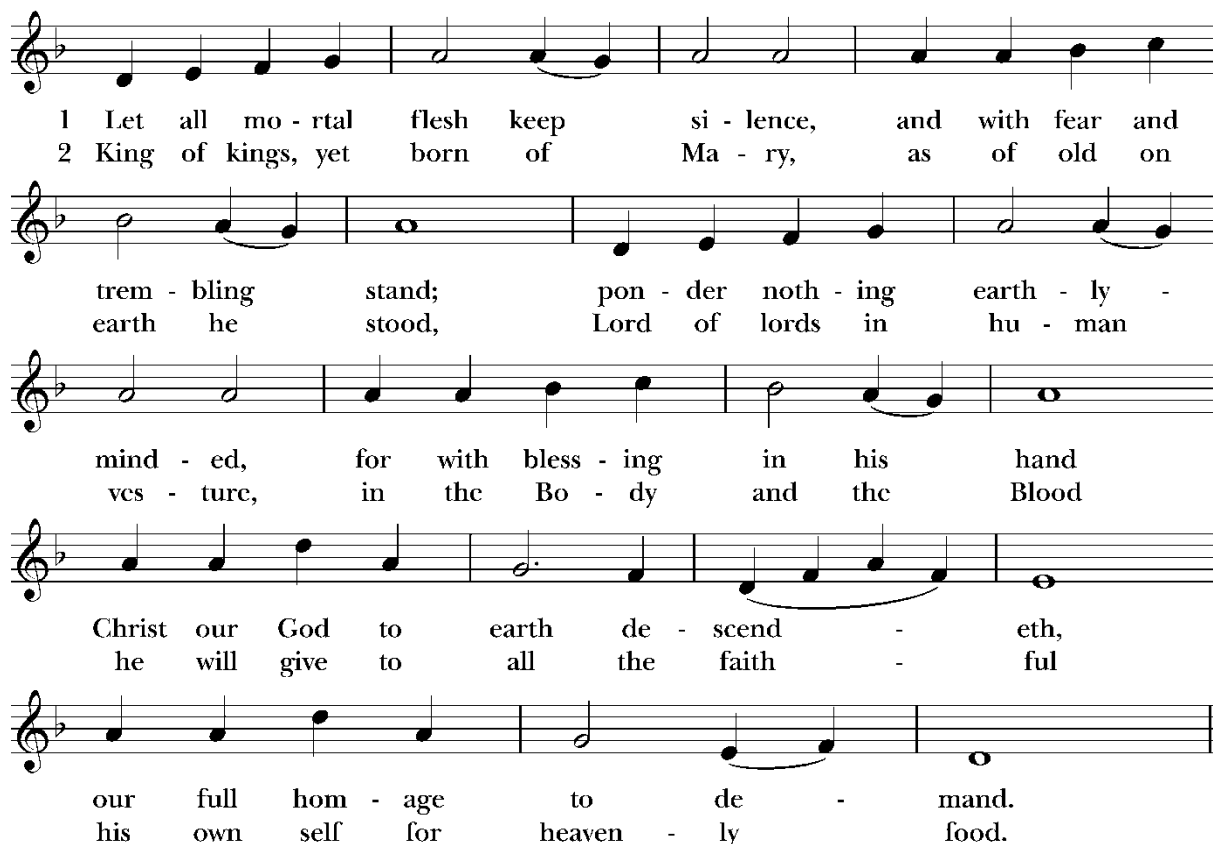
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on
trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing earth-ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu-man
mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand
ves-ture, in the Bo-dy and the Blood
Christ our God to earth de-scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
our full hom-age to de-mand.
his own self for heaven-ly food.

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

THE GOSPEL *Luke 2:22-40*

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

THE SERMON *The Rt. Reverend Austin Rios*

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*)

Prayers of Thanksgiving will be offered after the Confession of Sin.

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 Grant to the President of the United States, the wisdom and strength to know and to do *God's* will. Fill him with the love of truth and righteousness, and make him ever mindful of his calling to serve all people honoring the laws that our Nation was

originally founded on, 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 *Kim Pham, Bruce McCombs, Caroline Huntley, Anne Wittine, Marina Bermudez, Joan Klappert, David Riggs, Alyssa Hardbarger, Tyler Britton, Dede Jamison, Catherine Aragon, George Mallinckrodt, Peggy Dubes* 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 and the bereaved and those who minister to them including especially *Robert Jamplis, Marian Huggins, Leia Johnson, Frank Losey, Mary Peterson*, and those we now name either silently aloud (pause), 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 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.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Christopher White, Julie Seipp, Tucker Reimund, Dede Jamison*

Anniversaries: *Ross & Mary Soubirous*

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

THE OFFERTORY

At this time, a collection will be taken for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to "Diocese of California."

ANTHEM From All the Earth Send Up the Song

Robert J Weaver (b. 1941)

Trumpet: Alex Groth

From all the earth send up the song
Shout glad hosannas loud and long!
Serve joyfully! Our God adore.
Acclaim God's honor evermore!

The gates of glory beckon here.
Come, bless God's name. Give thanks. Draw near.
God's mercies last through all our days.
New psalms, spring forth in grateful praise!

Great God, Creator, Source of all,
both keeps and guards us when we fall.
One flock in our Good Shepherd's fold,
we feast on bounties yet untold.

Our God is true from age to age.
Our God is good beyond our gauge.
Our God is faithful, ever sure.
God's kindness, love, and grace endure!

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

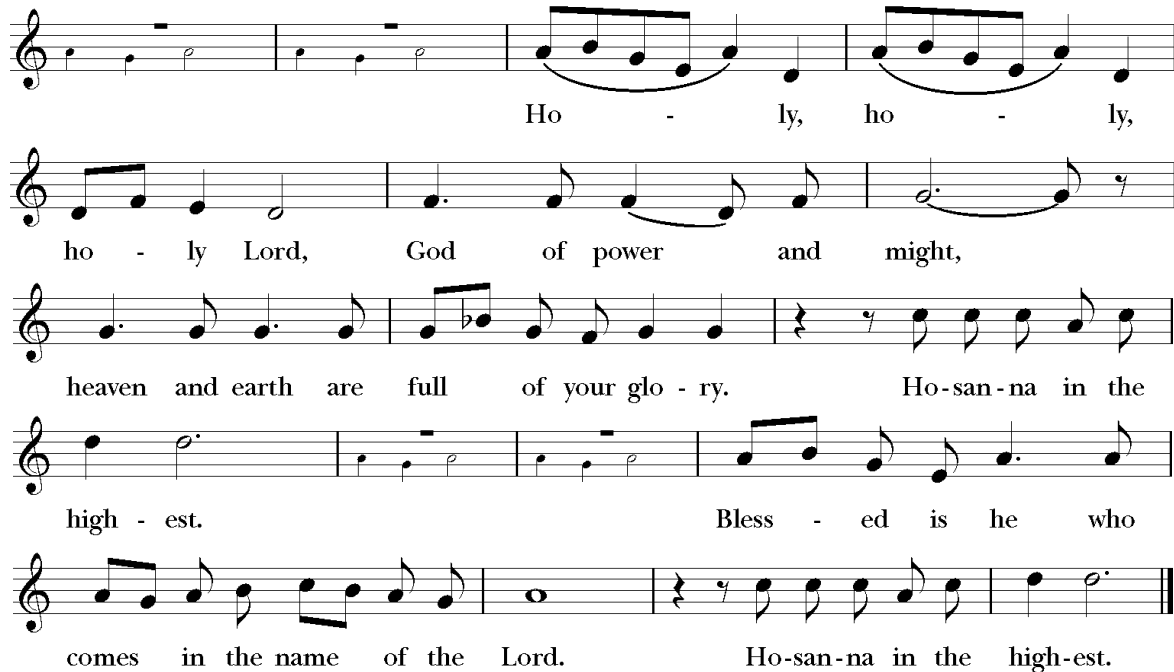
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to

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,
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 *Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart. Amen.*

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.***

CLOSING HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Verse 2 is a repetition of the text of verse 1 in Spanish.

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 Só - lo ex - cel - so a - mor di - vi - no, Go - zo, ven del
 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 cie - lo a nos: Fi - ja en nos tu ho - gar hu - mil - de, De fe
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 da - nos ri - co don. Cris - to, Tú e - res com - pa - si - vo,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 - ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Pu - ro y a - bun - dan - te a - mor; Con tu sal - va -
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 ción vi - si - ta Al con - tri - to co - ra - zón.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Prelude in a Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919-1998)



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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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