



CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



**Welcome!**

**August 23, 2020**

**Prelude**

*Adagio and Larghetto*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

**Lighting of Candle(s)** *After the prelude and before the opening hymn, an acolyte lights a candle in place of the candles we light each week on the altar and says*

Acolyte    We light a candle to remind us of the light that came into this world with Jesus. It symbolizes the light of Christ.

# Opening Hymn #521

*While on mute, please join in singing* Put forth, O God:

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and  
2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -  
3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be  
4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in  
fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -  
ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our  
Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.  
ment - ing fear pass with the pass - ing night.  
u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.  
ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

Word.

## 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

“Gloria” from *Mass of the Angels*

*Traditional Chant*

*Glory in the highest to God. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We give you glory. We thank you on account of the greatness of your glory. Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father all-powerful. Lord only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Who takes away the sin of the world, receive our supplications. Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone are most high, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson – Exodus 1:8-2:10

Reader A reading from Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of

the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader      Here ends the reading.

## Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord!  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## The Epistle – Romans 12:1-8

**Reader** A reading from Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Reader** Here ends the Epistle.

## Sequence Anthem

*Tu es pastor ovium*

*Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)*

## **The Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20**

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

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

**Celebrant** When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Beth Phillips

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Although this will be read by one person, you are invited to say the creed aloud at home while on mute.*

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.

*You are invited to unmute yourself and join in the Prayers of the People. If the tech moderator mutes you, then it is because there is an echo or background noise that you may not be able to hear.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (from *Intercessions for the Christian People*, p. 38 and 109)

*Leader* Inspired by the Spirit we now offer our prayers to God in the name of Jesus Christ, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the fulfillment of the mission of the church, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the liberation of the children of God from the bondage of fear, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For renewed witness to the gospel among Christian people in positions of public trust, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the leaders of the church and for the leaders of nations, that they may discern the ways to overcome divisions in mistrust, and may reflect your unity in every aspect of common life, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For our families, our households, and our communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which build us up and strengthen us in grace and truth, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the power to live out the promises of our baptism, let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all of the sick and the suffering especially *Joan Gray, Ken Garrett, Alexander Morse, Chuck Harwood, Julie Leonard Griffith, Jim Holley*, and those we now name either silently or aloud (pause), the lonely and the dying or on the anniversaries of their death, *Lee Leach, Oliver Wilhelm, Susan Miller, Hillary Jordan, Charmain Kolar Hilleary* and those we now name (pause), let us pray to the Lord:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant *Gracious God, whom Jesus called Abba, father, accept our prayers this day. By the inner workings of your Spirit, deepen our communion with you, the source and goal of our life, and make us more and more signs of your enduring love. This we pray through Christ who lives and works with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever, **Amen.***

## **The Peace**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

## **Blessing**

### **Announcements**

*If you have any announcements regarding church matters, please select the “raise hand” icon under the participants tab at the bottom of your screen, and a host will unmute you.*

You are invited to join in singing Glorious things of thee are spoken:

## Closing Hymn #522



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -



of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -



bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
daugh - ters and all fear of own want re - move.  
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
Who can faint, when such a riv - er, ev - er will their  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn



round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
prais - es each for a thank - of - ferings brings.

## **Dismissal**

Acolyte     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People     Thanks be to God.**

**Please stay for Coffee Hour!**