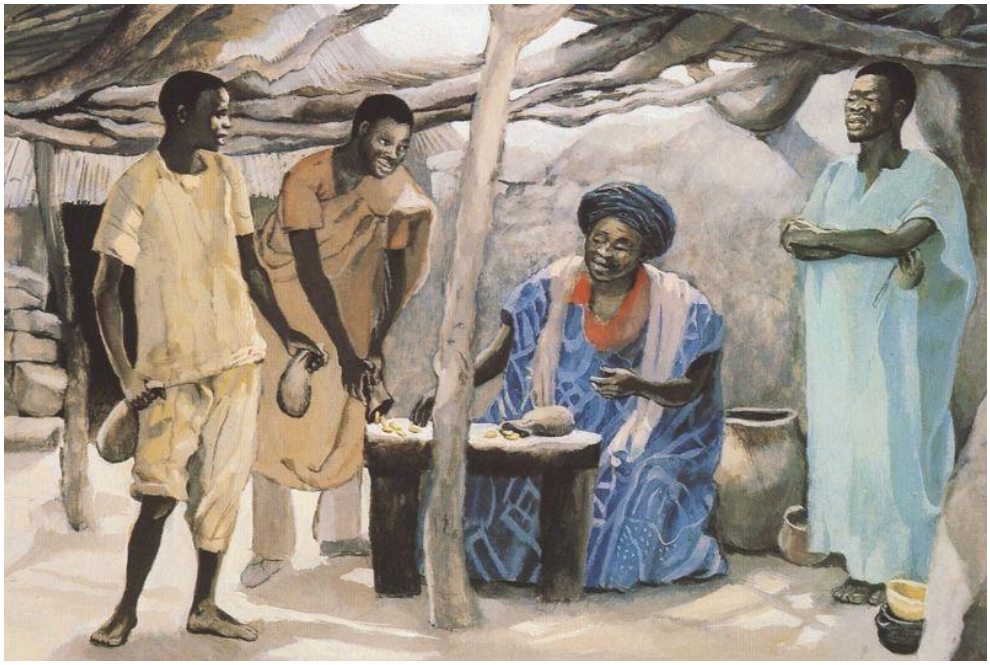
CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

November 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Matthew McDermott
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

WELCOME!

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *St. Anne*

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past *St. Anne*



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), all.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), all.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's 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)





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Zephaniah 1:7,12-18*

Reader A reading from Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;

the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

PSALM 90:1-8, 12 *(read in alternation)*

Reader Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

People **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

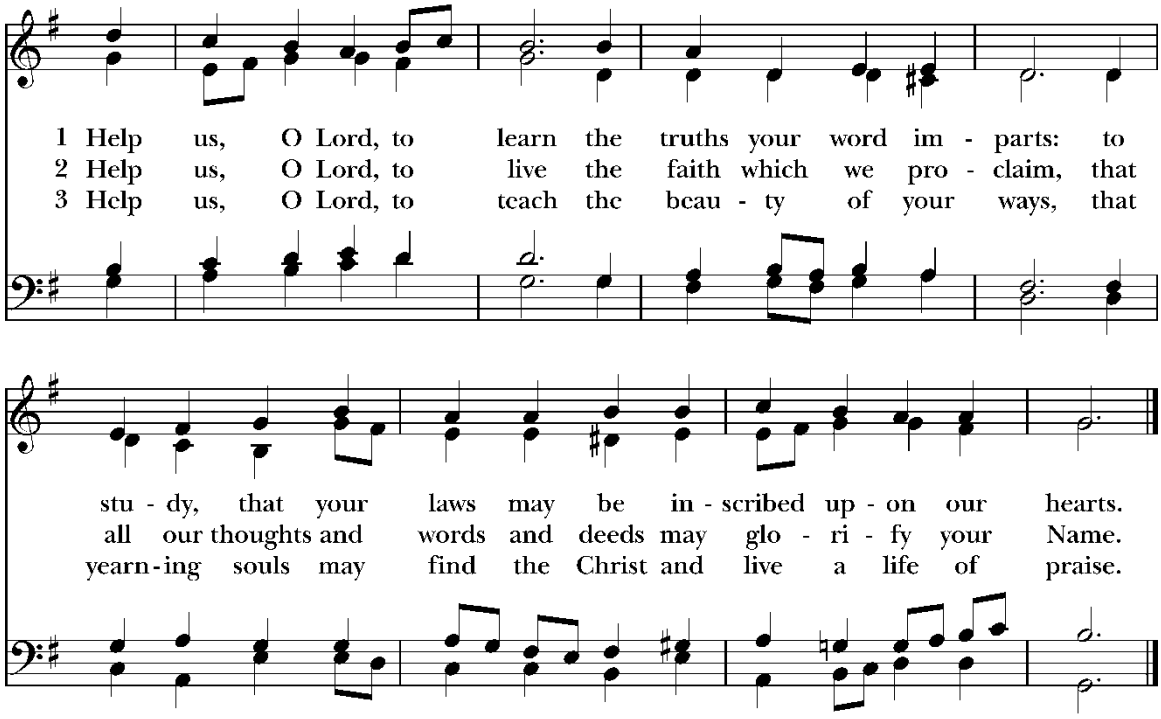
Reader A reading from First Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

SEQUENCE HYMN 628 Help us, O Lord, to learn *St. Ethelwald*



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THE GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you

did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

Please stand in body or spirit and say together:
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader Let us declare our faith in God.
People **We believe in God the Father,**
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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.

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader For leaders of our nation, including the President, the Supreme Court, Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, ICE agents, police officers, all who exercise legal authority, all who witness in the name of civil rights, and all who long to repair the world.
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially *Mark Flegel, Eric Midiere, Ward Paine, Barbara Creed, Chet Wrucke, Trish, Allison Grey, Rev. Davidson Bidwell-Waite, John Terwilliger, Lisa Bonfield, Stannye Llewellyn, Bruce McCombs, Dede Jamison, 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.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Reader For those who have died, especially *Steve Millard, Mary Jo Hossfeld*, and *Courtney Terwillige;* those we remember on the anniversary of their deaths, *Matred D. Carey, George Milton Welles Badger, Buelah June Hatter, Marguerite Motney, Phebe Ballou Gregorian, Alice Dodge, Tad Cody;* and those we now name silently or aloud *(pause)*.
Hear us, Lord.
People **For all who mourn.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation *(pause)*. Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

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: *Sally Fenton, Andy Pflaum, David Gorsulowsky, Grace Hunter*
Anniversaries:

THE PEACE

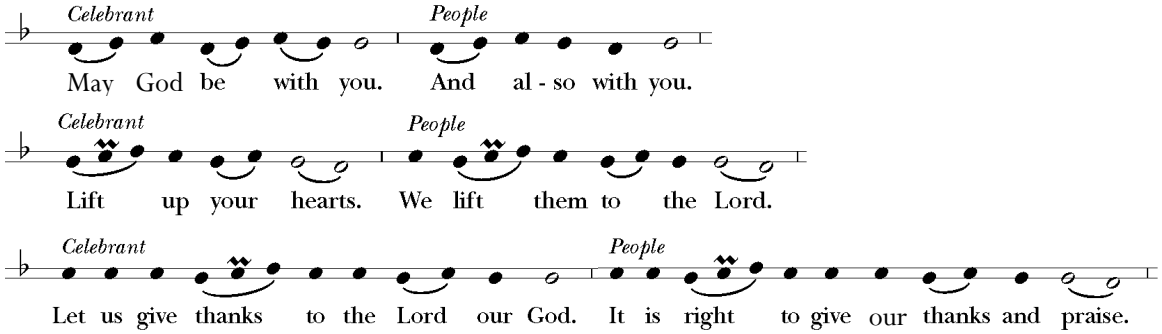
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Thou Knowest, Lord *Henry Purcell (1658-1695)*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour
For any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.

At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand in body or spirit.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

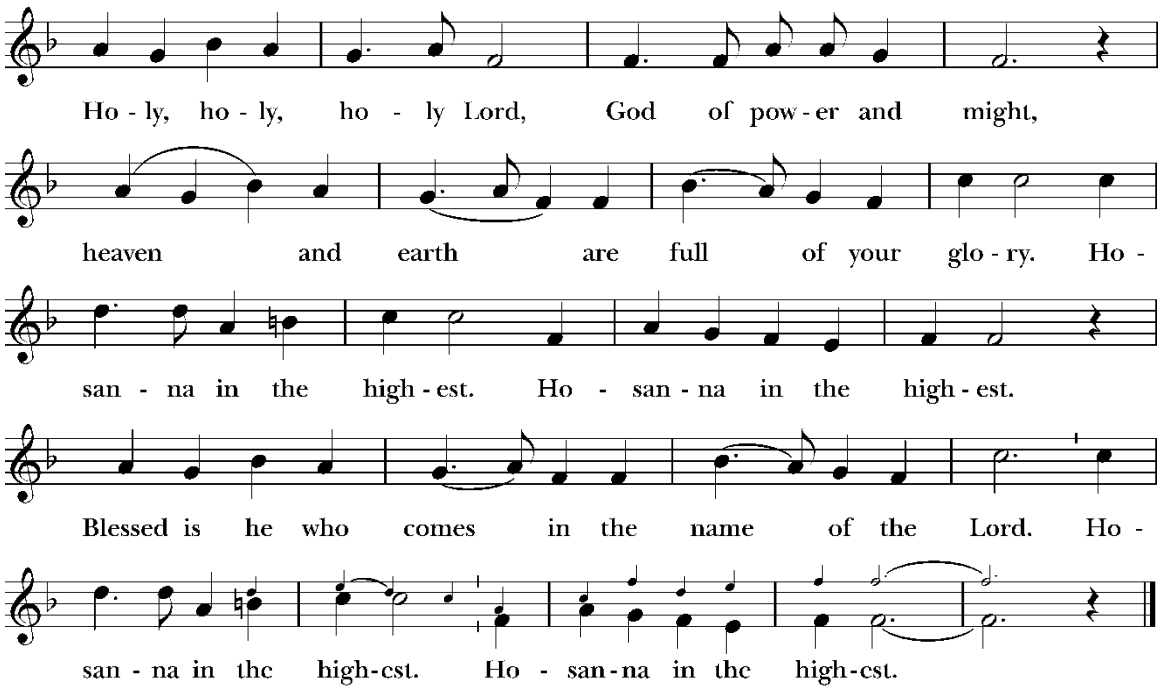
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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)*



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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 forebearers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; 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.

People 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

Please do <u>not</u> receive by intinction, that is, dipping the bread in the wine.

All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive: the consecrated bread, or both the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

To receive the bread, hold out your crossed hands and the clergy will place it in your palm while saying the words of administration: "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."
To receive the wine simply help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your mouth.
Please do <u>not</u> receive by intinction, that is, dipping the bread in the wine. (Some congregants choose not to drink from the cup and simply touch the base of the chalice, as an act of reverence, while the chalice bearer says the words of administration: "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.")
If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.

All are invited to respond to these reverent options by saying "Amen", translations of which include "It is true!" or "May it be so!".

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Serve bone* *Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)*
Soloists: Katy Darrow and Lorenzo Murillo

Good and faithful servant,
because you have been faithful with a few things, I will set you over many things:
enter into the joy of the Lord your God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

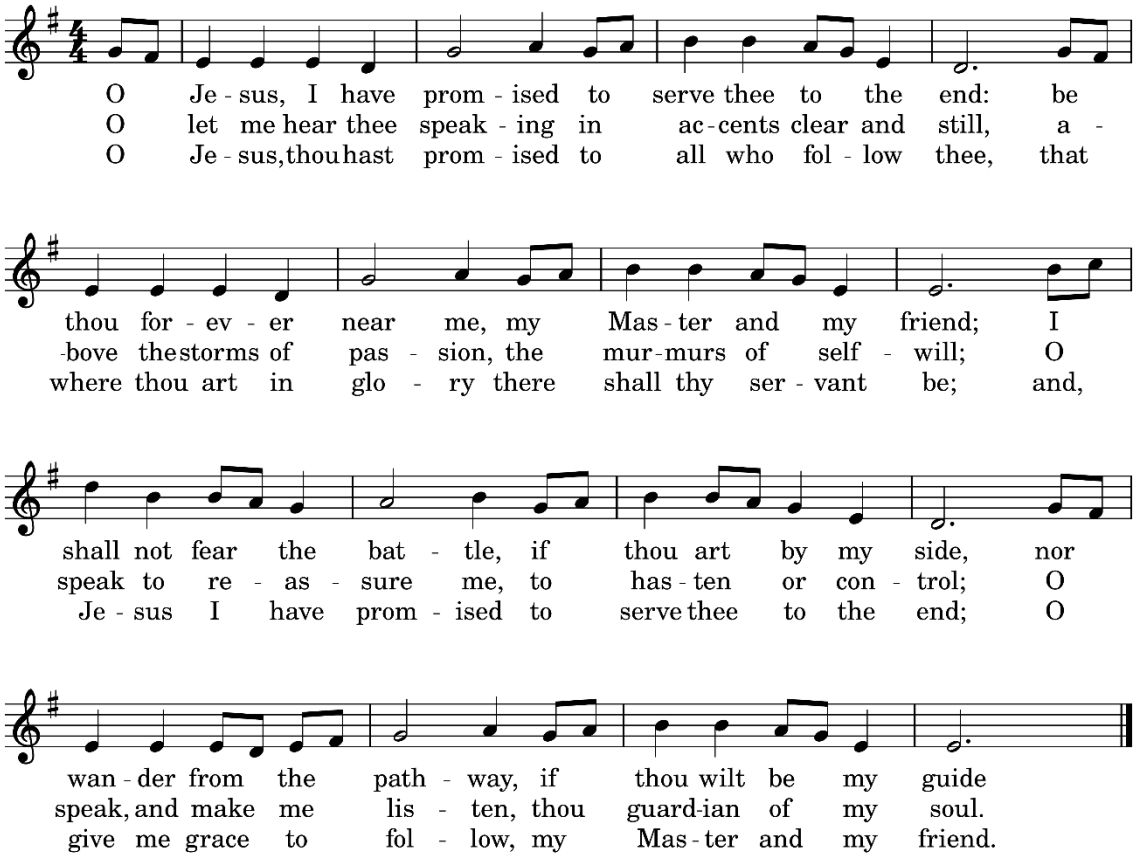
All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image**
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed and renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! If you wish, we invite you to sign our guestbook near the church entrance. Please join us in the parish hall for refreshment after the service.
Special thanks to today's Coffee Hour Host: Linda Millard

CLOSING HYMN O Jesus, I have promised *Kingsfold*



THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Processional* *William Mathias (1934-1992)*

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE!

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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