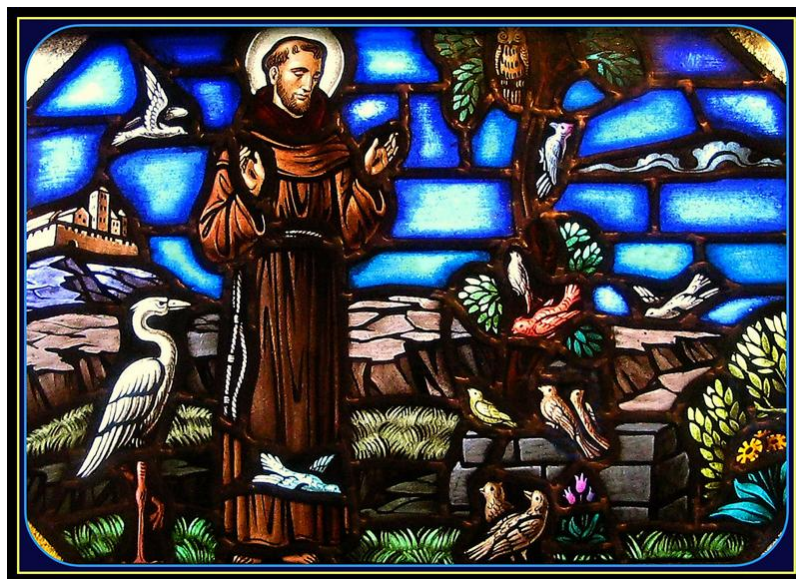




CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Feast of Saints Francis and Clare,
The Blessing of the Animals and The Holy Eucharist
October 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

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

WELCOME!

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Epistle	Annemarie Redmond
Intercessions	Annemarie Redmond
Audio-Visual	Angela Hey
Flowers	Deacon Lauren

THE WORD OF GOD

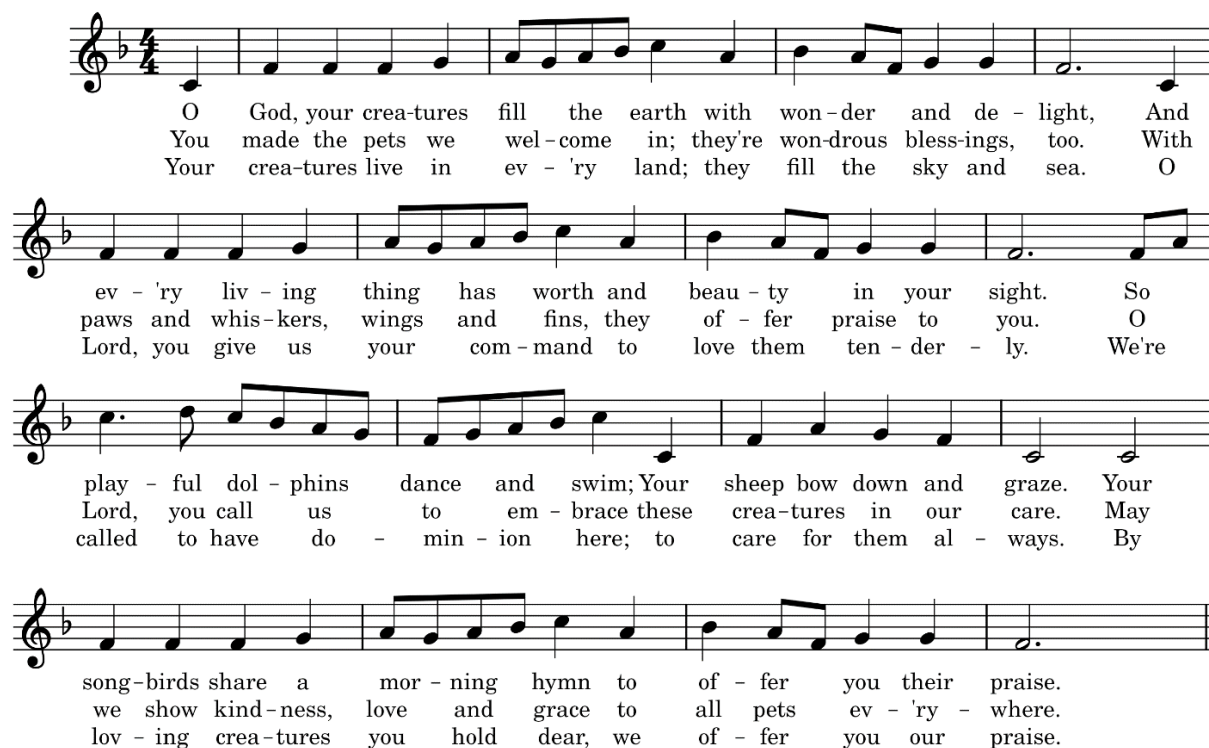
PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. Wendy Stevens

Please stand in body or spirit.

OPENING HYMN O God, your creatures fill the earth

Forest Green



O God, your crea-tures fill the earth with won-der and de-light, And
You made the pets we wel-come in; they're won-drous bless-ings, too. With
Your crea-tures live in ev-'ry land; they fill the sky and sea. O

ev-'ry liv-ing thing has worth and beau-ty in your sight. So
paws and whis-kers, wings and fins, they of-fer praise to you. O
Lord, you give us your com-mand to love them ten-der-ly. We're

play-ful dol-phins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze. Your
Lord, you call us to em-brace these crea-tures in our care. May
called to have do-min-ion here; to care for them al-ways. By

song-birds share a mor-ning hymn to of-fer you their praise.
we show kind-ness, love and grace to all pets ev-'ry-where.
lov-ing crea-tures you hold dear, we of-fer you our praise.

Tune: FOREST GREEN, Traditional English melody; English Hymnal, 1906 ("All Beautiful the March of Days"). Text: Copyright © 2011 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect and readings for the day are drawn from Lesser Feasts and Fasts for the Feast of St. Clare.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray,

God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servants Clare and Francis, might serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; 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 *Ecclesiastes 5:8-15*

Reader A reading from Ecclesiastes.

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter; for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a plowed field.

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep.

There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

SEQUENCE HYMN 405 All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

THE GOSPEL *Luke 12:32-34*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

Give Beauty Back

*(Text based on poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins,
music by Ryan and Matthew McDermott)*

This, all this beauty blooming,
This, all this freshness fuming,
Give God while worth consuming.

*(From the poem "Morning Middy and Evening Sacrifice" written by the Victorian poet and Jesuit priest
Gerard Manley Hopkins)*

Give beauty back,
Beauty, beauty,
Beauty, back to God,
Beauty's self and
Beauty's giver,
Beauty back to God.

(From the poem "The Golden Echo" by Gerard Manley Hopkins)

Please stand in body or spirit and say together:

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

South Indian, adapted by Keld B. Hansen

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
God is the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world.
Christ came to reconcile and renew all things.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 We give you thanks, O God, for animals who live in our homes, on farms, in the wild, and in havens of refuge. Make us ever aware of our stewardship of creation, and help us to be faithful in caring for all you have created.

People **Hear us, O Lord!**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially *Suzy Redfern-West, Courtney Terwilliger, Ward Paine, Barbara Creed, Chet Wrucke, Trish, Allison Grey, Steve Millard, 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 *Dale Perkins* those we remember on the anniversary of their deaths, *Arthur F. Dauer, Asta Johnson, August Schilling*, 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.**

THE BLESSING OF EACH ANIMAL

The clergy will now bless each animal.

ANTHEM God Be in My Head

John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and in my departing.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Officiant Holy Creator, we give thanks for every creature, the large and the small. Bless us all to love your creation, and revere its sacredness. We ask this in the name of the one who was, is, and always will be, our Creator, to whom every creature belongs. **Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Michel Dubes, Mary Jennings, Claire Suvari, Amanda Malinckrodt, Cora Payne, Hannah Azalia Adams

Anniversaries: Carol & Carl Wentworth, Danny Alegria & Mary Hufty, Sandy & Will Patterson, Dave Miller & Kathy Kennedy, Paul & Lenore Lovoi, Katie & Ted Wilson

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Lift My Eyes Unto the Hills *Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)*

I lift my eyes unto the hills;
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "May God be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

Celebrant May God 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 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:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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

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.***

CHOIR ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies,
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and Moon and stars of light,
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

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

CLOSING HYMN 400 All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE All Creatures of our God and King

Phillip Keveren (b. 1961)

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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.

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