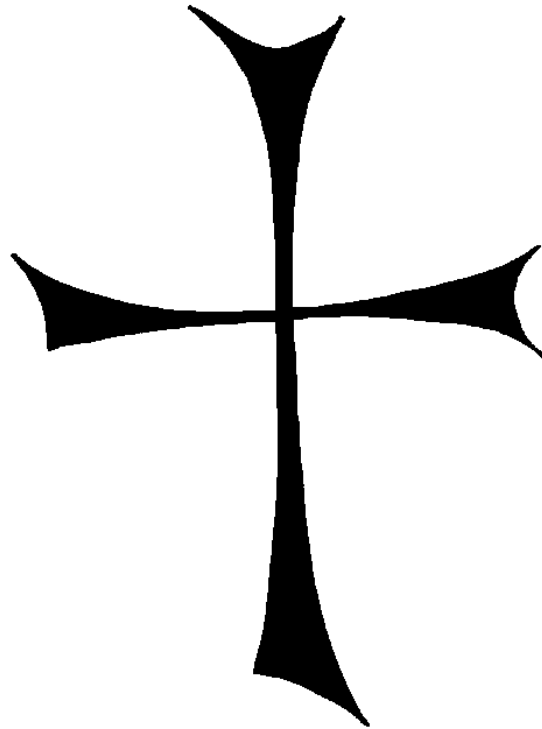




CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

Fourth Sunday in Lent



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
March 30, 2025, 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

Andante

Elfrida Andrée (1841-1929)

Please remain seated as the altar party enters in silence. We observe a minute of silent reflection before our worship begins.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Please remain standing or kneel as you feel comfortable.

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

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

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

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

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

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

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

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

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

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

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.
People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant 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.**

HYMN 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

Old 124th

Lo, dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church

so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,

we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,

know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:

so we are dead and live with you in God.
far off yet here, the goal of all de - sire.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Joshua 5:9-12*

Reader A reading from Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32 (*read in alternation*)

Reader Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

People **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;**

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader A reading from Second Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 467 Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
 what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
 and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - Rit pure.
 praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house,

he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Leader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from Philippians 2:6-11*

Leader Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

People **Though he existed in the form of God,
he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
Taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader In this holy season let us turn to God in prayers, saying: Lord, Hear our prayer.

Reader For our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice and peace, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For this nation and all nations, that we may generously share the produce of the land, both in plenty and in want, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For the church, that during this holy season God's grace may produce in us the fruit God seeks, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For this congregation, that we take this time to read, ponder and cherish the Scriptures, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For our own needs and those of others especially *Mary McCann, Mark McNulty, Collins Anderson, 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 now name either silently or aloud [pause], that God may be our hope and consolation, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For all who have died, especially, *Charles Park, Janice Marie Lovoi, Barbara Stewart, Wayland Leonard, Sheila Llewellyn, Elizabeth Huey*, and those we now name, silently or aloud [pause], that they be at peace, we pray:

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant *God of mercy and compassion, bring us back to you when we stray, and give us again the joy of proclaiming among the nations your saving deeds. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Matt Van der Staay*

Anniversaries: *James Mack & Lena Perkins*

Congratulations to the Scammell family on the birth of Chloe Marjorie and Adelaide Theodora!

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Panis Angelicus*

César Franck (1822-1890)

Soloist: Von Bringhurst

*Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed! the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.*

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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, O God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 S113

John Merbecke (1510?-1585?)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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. 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 not 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 Deep River

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Soloist: Lorenzo Murillo

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.
O, don't you want to go to the Gospel Feast,
That Promised Land, where all is peace?

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, O God, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! Please join us in the parish hall for coffee after the service.

CLOSING HYMN 411 O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams)

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Wen wir in höchsten Nöthen sein*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



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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.

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