St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

October 18, 2026

The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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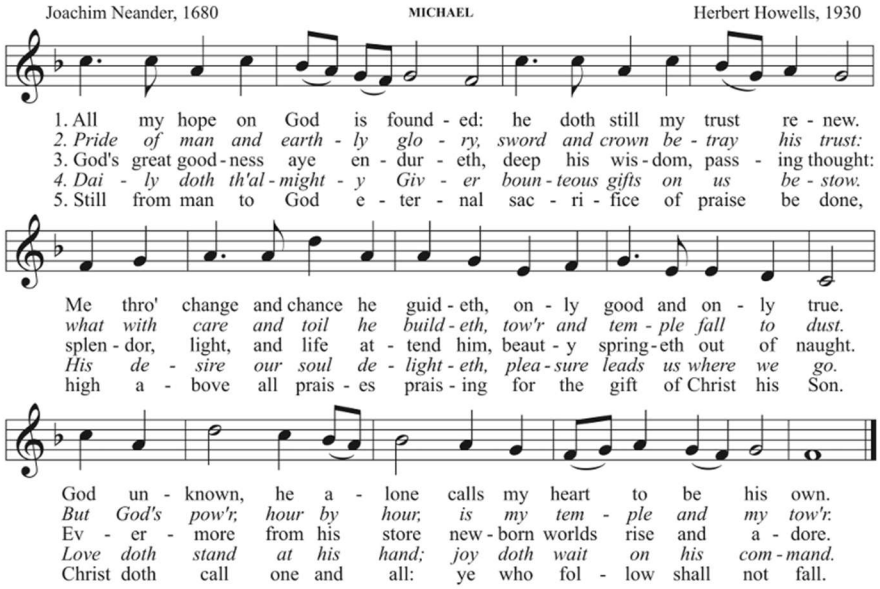
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Songs Without Words Op.102 no.2 in D Major **Mendelssohn**

PROCESSIONAL #665 All My Hope On God Is Founded *Hymnal 1982*

All My Hope on God Is Founded
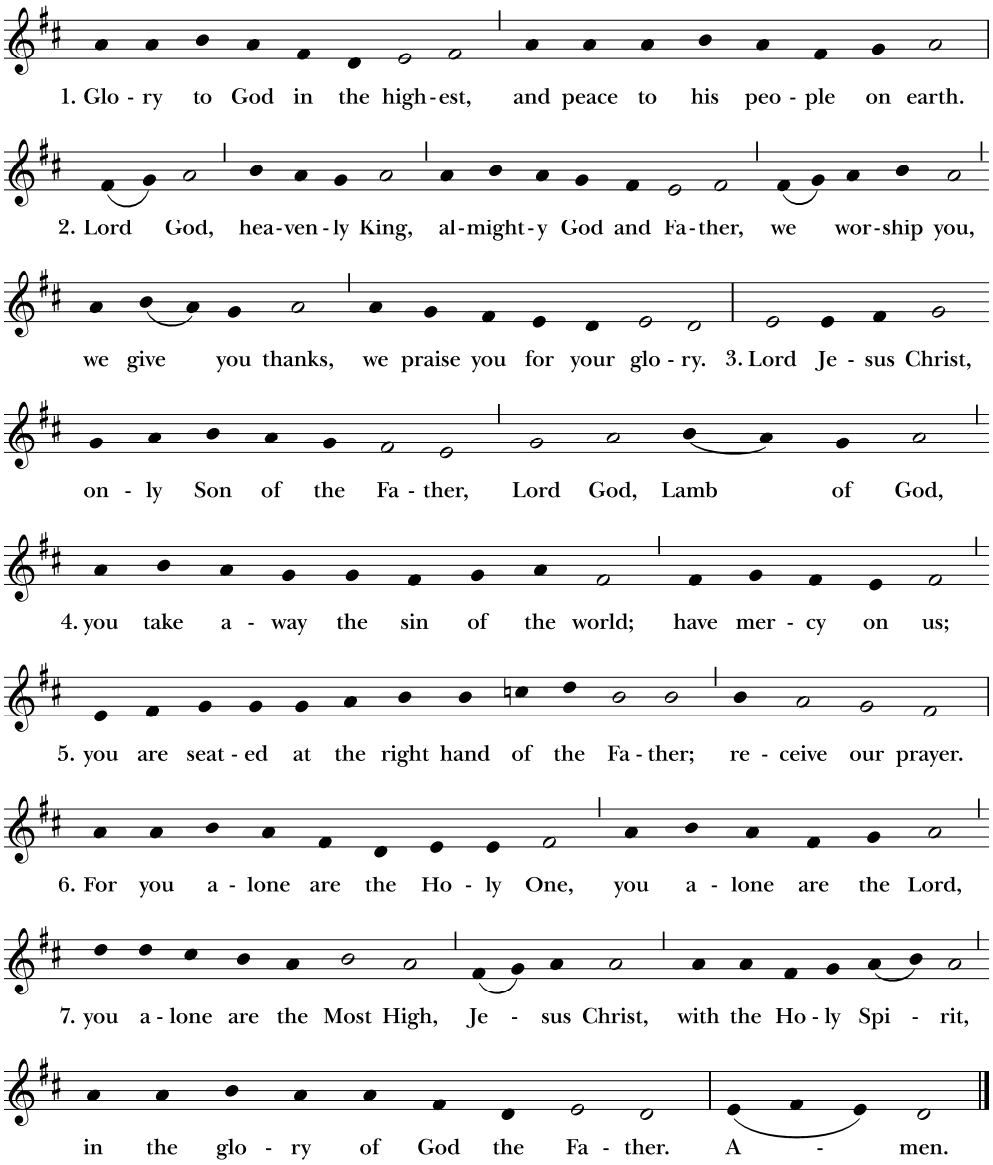


Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People*:** **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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**

S277 Gloria



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you..
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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.***

First Lesson Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People*: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be
praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 [Tell it out among the nations:
"The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.]

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
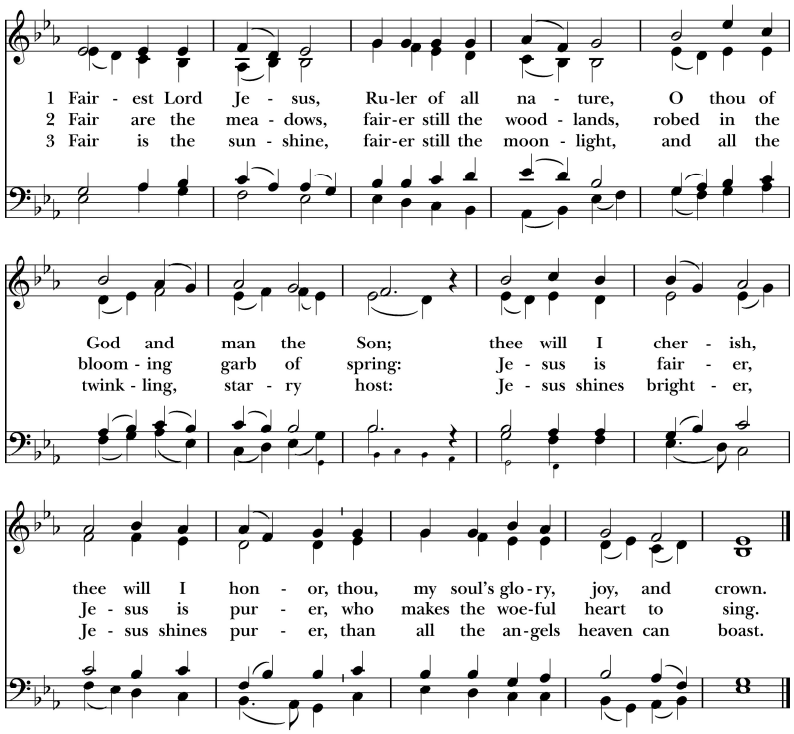
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
***People*: Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn #383 Fairest Lord Jesus, *v. 1-2*



Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt. Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sequence Hymn #383 Fairest Lord Jesus, *v. 3*

Sermon **Chaplain Daniel Tate**

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

Form I

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Foster City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Ambrose and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.*

The Peace

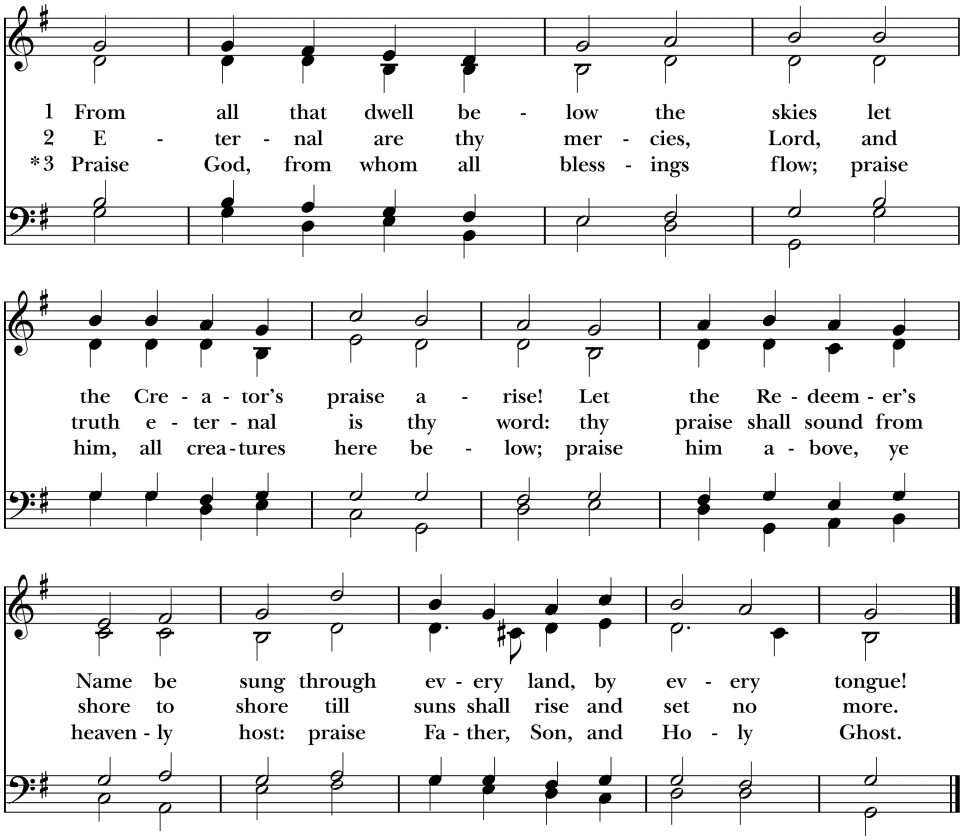
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Offertory Hymn: Improvisations

Doxology

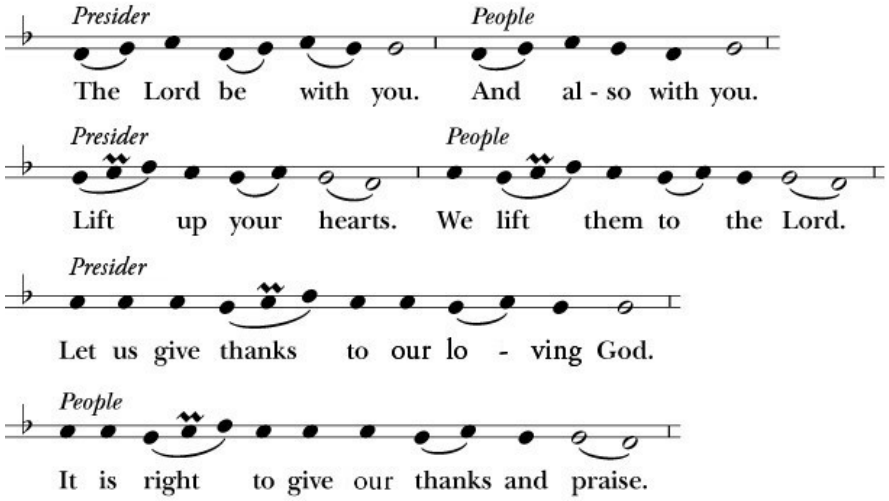
Hymn 380 From All That Dwell Below the Skies Verse 3



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A



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.
P*eople* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

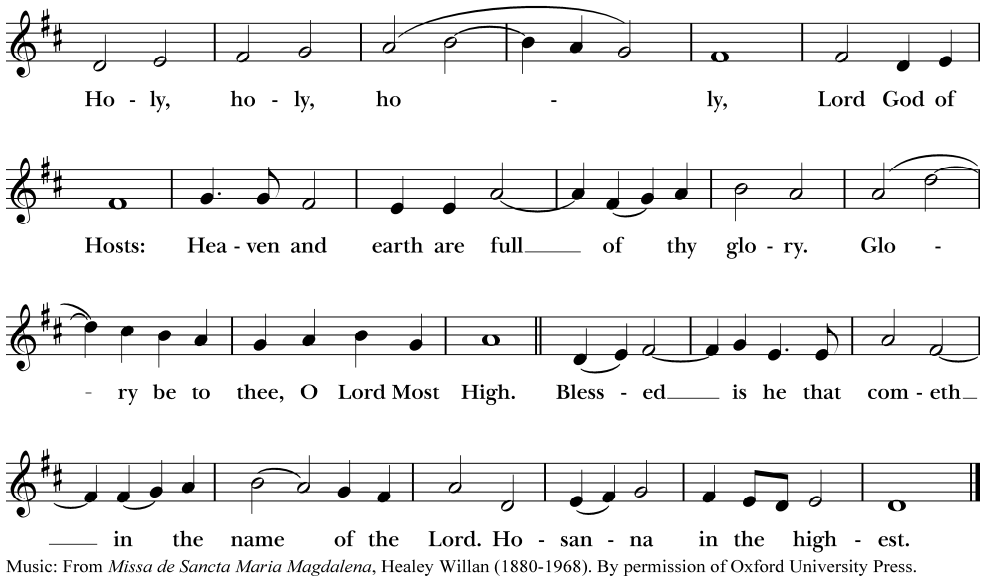
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus

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Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
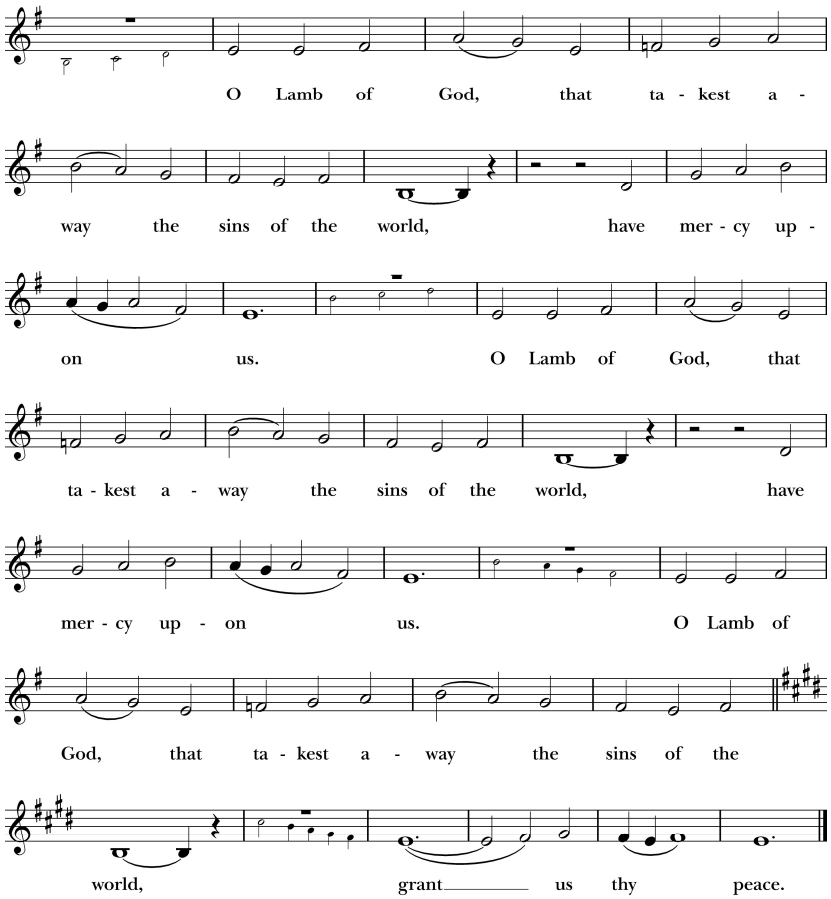
As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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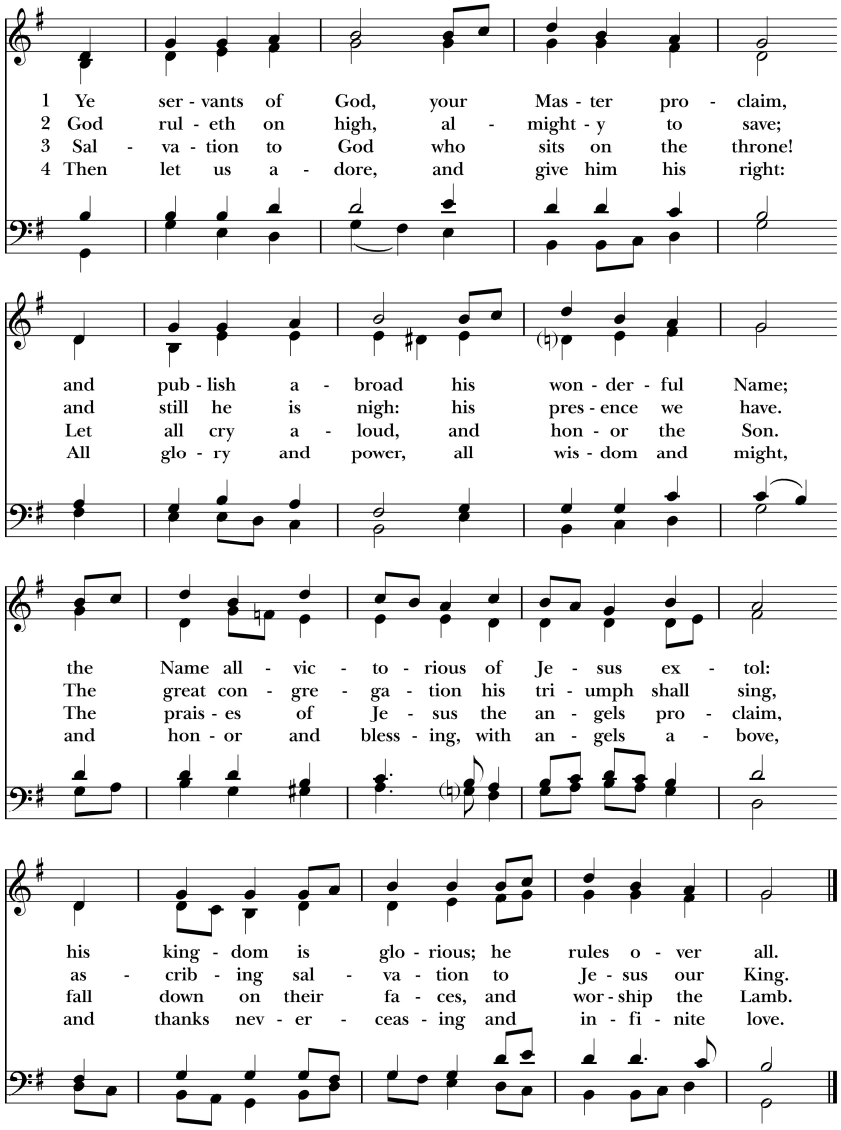


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Invitation

COMMUNION HYMN

#535 Ye Servants of God Your Master Proclaim #535 *Hymnal 1982*



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

Post communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

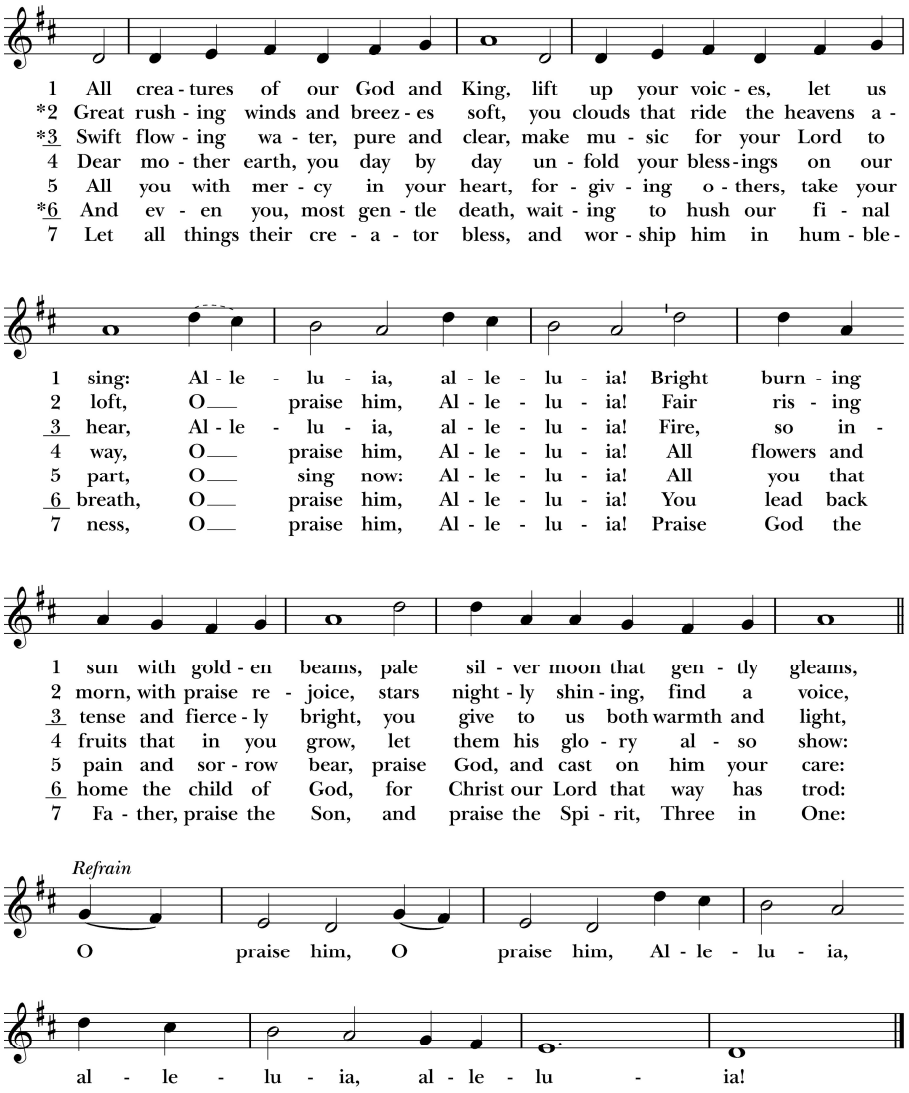
Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. The Blessing of God: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you always. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL

#400 All Creatures of Our God and King *Hymnal 1982*



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Sheep May Safely Graze **Bach**

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The Mission of St. Ambrose Church of Foster City

Is to proclaim the Good News of God in Jesus Christ as we care for each other and our larger community. We worship in the Episcopal and Anglican tradition, extending an open and inclusive invitation to all people, welcoming children into our church family and serving those in need.

Worship Leaders:
Reverend Rebecca Goldberg
Chaplain Daniel Tate
Anqi Pan, Organist
Kay Ballantyne, Sunday School Director

Worship Leader Rota:
Jim Neubert, Intercessor
Lector
Daniel Tate, Eucharistic Minister
Jim Neubert, Usher
Livestream Technician

Next Week's Scripture Lessons
Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Presider	Date
Reverend Rebecca Goldberg	Sunday, October 18, 2026
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	Mary Loretta Davila
	George Gardiner
	Janet Gardiner
	Cathy Rincon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist 10/18, 10/25, and 11/1
We welcome back Anqi Pan as our guest organist for the next 3 Sundays. Amanda was given a wonderful opportunity to conduct 3 choral concerts in China during this time. We are very proud of her, wish her all the best, and are delighted to have Anqi with us once more

Feast of all Saints Sunday, November 1
Please come join us on this special day as we honor and celebrate the lives of those saints of old whose example has inspired us down through the ages right into our own day. We will also remember and celebrate our own saints, our dear loved ones who have gone ahead of us into the nearer presence of God. We will have a remembrance table in the Narthex, beginning **October 11,** where you are invited and encouraged to bring pictures of your loved ones, or written tributes, artwork, or mementoes that express what their lives meant to you. We will also read the names of those dear saints during the prayers of the people, so if there is someone you would like us to remember, please let Mother Rebecca or the office know.

Seasoned Souls of St Ambrose
Our Seniors' group meets the **first Monday** of every month in the Parish Hall from 11:30 am-1:00 pm for a program, meal, and fellowship. Please bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. If you are over 55 and enjoy connecting with other seniors, you are most welcome to join us!

Drum Circle
The St. Ambrose Drum Circle, convened by the Rev. Jay Watan, meets in the Parish Hall the **3rd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m**. Please bring a bag lunch, drums are provided. All are welcome!

Diocesan Convention October 23-24
The 177th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California will be held from **10/23-10/24**. The Saturday in-person session is open to everyone, visitors and delegates alike. If you would like to experience the excitement of fellowship with folks from all over our diverse diocese, and learn about the governance, mission, and ministry of the wider church in the Bay Area, you are warmly welcomed to attend. The Saturday session runs from 8:30-5 and lunch is provided. If you would like to come, please let Mother Rebecca know so we can get you signed up.

Stewardship
Stewardship is a year-round spiritual practice, and this is the time of the year for us to be especially mindful of the gifts God has given us, and how we might offer our time, talent and treasure to share the transforming love of God in our community and in the world. A letter from David McIntyre, Priest's Warden, and the pledge cards, were mailed out earlier this week. You may return them to the church office either by mail or in person or place them in the offering plate at the Sunday service. We thank you for your generosity, and hope you will join us in a festive potluck lunch to celebrate God's abundance on Sunday, **November 15** following the service. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

Lectors and Intercessors needed
Proclaiming the Word and leading the prayers of the faithful are important ministries in the life of our community. We give thanks for those who are currently serving, and we are in need of more volunteers If you would like to read or lead the intercessions, please let Mother Rebecca know. Training will be provided.

Notation of Pledge Contributions

If you are writing a check for your pledge contributions, please indicate "Pledge" in the memo portion of your check. This helps the office accurately account for what is received. Thank you!

Meditation Group

On Monday nights, at 6:30 p.m., St. Ambrose hosts a weekly in-person silent meditation group. The format follows that of the East-West Meditation Program that was offered at Mercy Center, Burlingame, for many years. The format follows the Zen tradition, with a brief introduction and then a 25-minute silent meditation, 5-minute walking meditation (you are not obligated to physically move) and another 25-minute silent meditation. This will be held in the chapel, and bring your own cushion if you wish to sit on the floor. You can also sit in a chair or pew if it is better to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David McIntyre, ntkod@icloud.com

Questionable Text/Emails

There is a text and scam email that is circulating, signed Rev. Rebecca Goldberg, which requests a copy of the Church directory. Please delete it. None of the St. Ambrose or Sea Breeze staff will send you an email asking you to divulge personal information, or contribute funds to a questionable cause. Please let Mother Rebecca know if you have any questions.

Mother Rebecca's office hours

Mother Rebecca will be in her office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30-4:30. She can be reached during office hours at 650-574-1369. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 650 291-5289 revrebecca@stambrosefostercity.org

Coffee Hour

Join us for Coffee Hour after the service at 11:00 am in the parish hall. Please volunteer to contribute (cakes, cookies, finger food or sandwiches) by using the link below or by the signup sheet in the Narthex by the Reflections & Gratitude Board: Sign Up Genius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-coffee1

Worship Leaders Needed

Please sign up as a Lector for our 10:00* am Eucharist by emailing office@stambrosefostercity.org or the Church signup sheet. We also need Worship Leader volunteers for our 10:00* am Eucharist. There are openings for Intercessors, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers and Acolytes, and Livestream Technicians.

Contact us at office@stambrosefostercity.org or use the following link to signup: Signup Genius or Click on the following link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship **No 8:30am service at this time*

Sunday School 10 AM

Sunday school is at 10:00am every week Please contact Kay Ballantyne rose466@earthlink.net or Raphael Gerber raphaele.gerber@gmail.com

Rides for Gene Hetzer
Gene Hetzer a longtime church member and Karl his guide dog need rides on an alternating basis from church members. Please contact Jim Neubert to schedule a day for driving.

Bible Study
Every Tuesday at 1:00pm, we meet for Bible Study on Zoom and discuss the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday Service. Join us! For questions, please Warren Wong at wwong@nd.edu

Contemplative Meditation
Every Wednesday 10am-11am we meet for Contemplative Meditation on Zoom. Currently we are working through "Reading Van Gogh: An Amateur's Search for God" by Elizabeth Barks Cox. If interested, please contact Hamilton Fong. hfongster@gmail.com

Prayer Support Group
Every 1st and 3rd Sunday after the service at 11:30am, we will be meeting in the sanctuary to have a prayer meeting. Please join us any time as you are able. For questions, please contact Daniel Tate at 650-799-7084, or dtate@ses.cdsp.edu

Prayer list: We pray especially for Clara Padilla, Stavros and Helen Chrysovergis, Verna Labrador Cinotti, Belinda Yuen and family, Keith Adolph, Etta Bates, Dulce Lord's sister Divina, Andra Baker Gleinn, Renee Sheldon and family, Darren Su, Carol Frisch and the Frisch family, Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Miles Martin, Barbara Milligan, Ed Avakoff, Mirta Padilla, Isabella, Jerry Boykin, Carol Newman, Arjun Katyan, Janet Mc Annally, Elliott Dun, Alison LeBlanc, Peggy Chapman, Ronnie Rosen, Leo Gauthier, Alice Deckel, and the pupils and staff of Sea Breeze School.

***For those who have died*:** Max Gumbert, Eleanor Hui, Bettie Davis, Pat Cinotti, Juan Francisco Medina, Veronica Rutledge, Paul Rose, Stephen Yuen, Charlene Adolph, David Labrador, Don Peter, Alene Karthas, Diane Robertson, Bob Gleinn, Doreen Yuen, Veneranda Ramirez, Arthur Labrador, Buck Schott, Ercira Puig, Zaw-Sing Su, Mike Frisch, John Miller, Eva Rios Chong, Judi Guilford, John David Tate, Martin Gardiner
[Please contact the parish office to add any names of the sick and suffering to be prayed for in our monthly cycle of prayer.]

The Altar Flowers are donated by
Clara Padilla – In memory of my beloved Max

Birthdays
Eugene Hetzer - October 22

Anniversaries
Christina Brockman and Stan Hui - October 23