

PATRONAL FEAST OF S. AMBROSE
Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020
10:00 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Word: Rite II



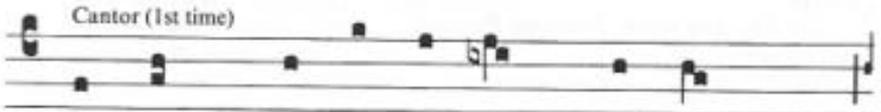
We are delighted to welcome you to our online liturgy. During this time of Shelter in Place, we regret our worship will not include Holy Communion. Nonetheless, we remain one in the Spirit.

*The Prelude: Magnificat
Welcome*

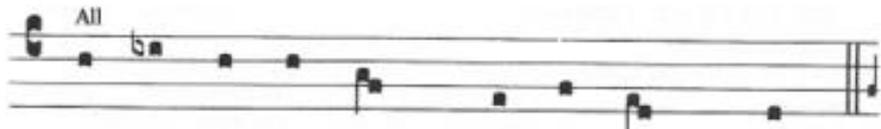
John Michael Talbot

The Introit Hymn: Advent Prose

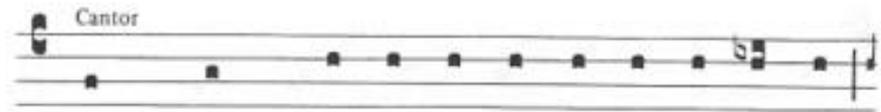
The New English Hymnal #501



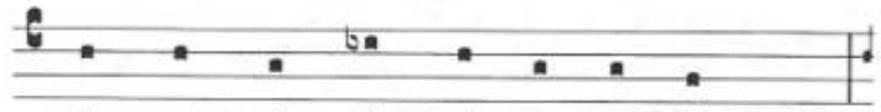
*Drop down, ye hea - vens, from a - bove,**



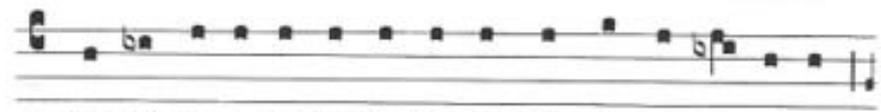
and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness.



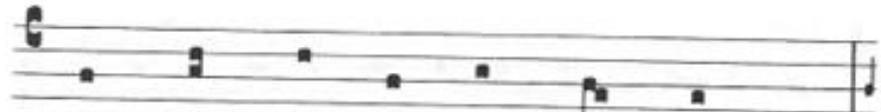
2. We have sin - ned, and are as an un - clean thing,



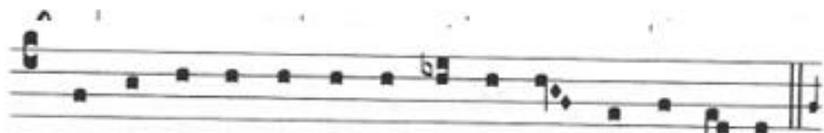
and we all do fade as a leaf:



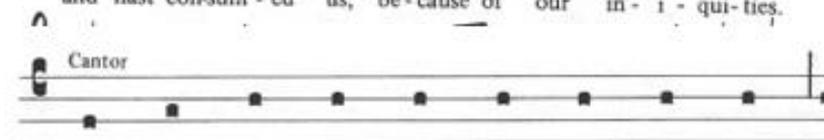
and our in - i - qui - ties, like the wind, have ta - ken us a - way;



thou hast hid thy face from us:

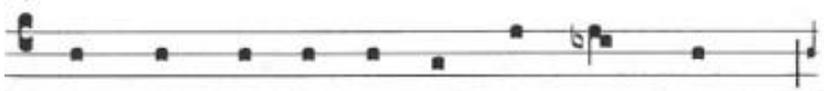


and hast con-sum - ed us, be-cause of our in - i - qui-ties.

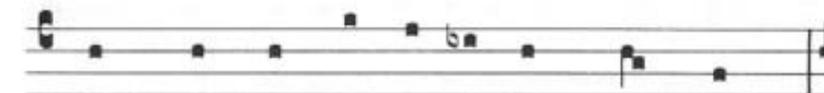


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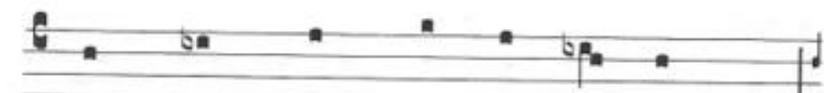
3. Ye are my wit - ness - es, saith the Lord,



and my ser - vant whom I have cho - sen;



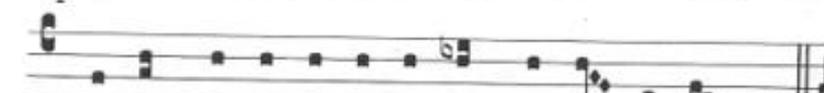
that ye may know me and be - lieve me:



I, e - ven I, am the Lord,



and be - side me there is no Sa - viour:



and there is none that can de - li - ver out of my hand.

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The people standing

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *BCP, Page 355*
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

***All:* 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.**

The Kyrie

(Congregation Repeats each line)

Ky-ri - e - le - i - son

Chris-te - le i son

Ky-ri - e - le - i - son

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Rend the heavens and come down, O God of all the ages! Rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways, and form us into a watchful people, that, at the advent of your Son, he may find us doing what is right, mindful of all you command. Grant this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

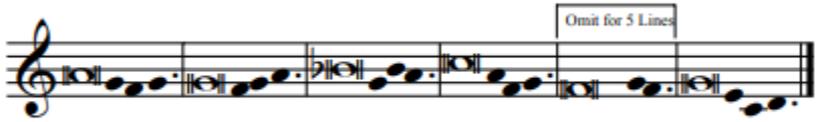
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
 “Here is your God!”
 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,
 and carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

The Psalm: *Benedixisti, Domine 85:1-2, 8-13* *Mode I (6-line)*



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You have been gracious
 to your land, O LORD,
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
 You have forgiven
 the iniquity of your people
 and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near
 to those who fear him,
 that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle: *2 Peter*

3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: *The Great 'O' Antiphons.*

Hymnal #56 (vs 3)

The Gospel: *Mark*

1:1-8

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

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. 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 Intercessions:

Let us lift up our voices to God in strength, saying, Be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.

Together as your Church, we long to see your face. Speak to us, Lord, as we walk through the wilderness listening for the sound of your voice. Give our leaders patience, wisdom, and a heart for your will: for Michael, our presiding bishop; Marc, our bishop; and Shane, our priest. In your mercy,

be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.

We pray for all who govern, especially our president and Joseph our president-elect, and for the Congress and courts of this land. Guide the leaders of the nations as they work for the welfare of their people and the good of all. In your mercy,

be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.

Awaken us to the suffering of people near us and those far from us. Call forth in us a spirit of generosity and kindness. Equip us to respond to their needs. Arouse in us a sense of urgency to demonstrate your Good News in our lives and voice it, that all may hear. Make us messengers of your love. In your mercy,

be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.

We ask you to comfort those who have lost hope, who struggle with anxiety about the future, who live in fear. Bring healing to Ed Avakoff,

Peter Gee, Nellie Wong, Max Gumbert and Sylvia Brooks and all those who have asked us to pray for them. We pray for those who have died, that their memories be blessings in our lives. In your mercy,
be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.

For what else shall we pray?

All: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

The Sun of Righteousness has dawned bringing to light those things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

Priest: (+) 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I leave with you; my own peace do I give you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and grant us peace and unity according to your will, who lives and reigns God throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Offertory Sentence: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Offertory Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

1982 Hymnal 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



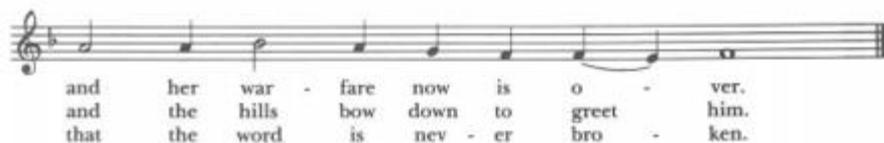
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: Psalm #2, melody Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

87. 87. 77. 88

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say:

**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
forever and ever. Amen**

The Announcements

The Benediction:

Prayer of St. Ambrose

All: O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us hearts of stone: give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love, to adore you, Lord, a heart to delight in you, to follow, to rejoice in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to come among us in great humility, open your eyes to look for his coming again, and the blessing of God Almighty, (+) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for additional Lectors and Intercessors please contact Margie Lee at stambrosefc@att.net if you are interested in joining our Sunday Services to be added to our rotation.

Weekly Calendar

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday	Dec 6	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Zoom Coffee Hour
		4:00 pm	Zoom Youth Group Meeting
Monday	Dec 7	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec 8		
Wednesday	Dec 9	10:00 am	Contemplative Mediation
Thursday	Dec 10		
Friday	Dec 11		
Saturday	Dec 12		
Sunday	Dec 13		

TODAY

Sunday, December 6, 11:00 am: Zoom Coffee Hour, contact Shelley Keefe on 650 787-7614 for questions

Join Zoom Meeting with the following link: [Zoom Coffee Hour](#)

Meeting ID: 842 7401 5203

Passcode: 479439

Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm Zoom Youth Group Meeting

For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at ym_stambrosefc@att.net or 650-799-7084

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 7, 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study. For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at dtate@ses.cdsp.edu or 650-799-7084

Contemplative Meditation

We're very excited to announce that our own Father Shane will be guiding a thirty-minute weekly contemplative meditation on Wednesdays at 10am, beginning on Wednesday, December 9. We're fortunate that in his previous life Father Shane was a monk and are looking forward to sharing this experience with him.

Please send an email to Hamilton Fong (hfongster@gmail.com) or to Nilda Chong (nchongmd@gmail.com) if you wish to be included in the Zoom invitation.

Prayer list: We pray especially for Peggy Redmond, Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Charlene Adolph, Miles Martin, Frank Brown, Barbara and John Milligan, Ed Avakoff, Peter Gee, Nellie Wong, Max Gumbert, Peter, Joseph, and Grace and Isabella, Ding Jai Li, Jerry Boykin, Sylvia Brooks

[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 given by

The Altar Guild to the Glory of God

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, Dioceses of Shyira (Rwanda) and Edmonton (Canada); Dioceses of Shyogwe (Rwanda), Egba, and Lafia (both in Nigeria); Dioceses of Sialkot (Pakistan) and Egba West (Nigeria); Singapore, Egba(Nigeria) and Egypt; Dioceses of Sittwe (Myanmar) and Eha-Amufu (Nigeria); and Dioceses of Ekiti, Ekiti Kwara, Ekiti Oke and Ekiti West (Nigeria)

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

Stacy Williams-Duncan, Gerald Shaon, Scott Denman, Eleanor Woodroffe, Paul Allick, Roberta Kuschel, Mary Greene, and Leslie Nipps

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 Thank You to Each of You

The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen, *Interim Rector*
David McIntyre/Cathy Rincon, Lectors
Shelley Keefe, Intercessor
Hamilton Fong, Cantor
Frank Saunders, Organist
Lydia McIntyre/Shelley Keefe Technicians

Thank you to the Worship Team and virtual congregation for joining in
worship.

Lector/Intercessor Rota:

6 Dec: (R) David McIntyre/Cathy Rincon
Shelley Keefe (I)

13 Dec: (R) Warren Wong/Yvonne Sidell
Jim Neubert (I)

20 Dec (R) Cathy Rincon/Shelley Keefe
David McIntyre (I)

27 Dec (R) Jim Neubert/Yvonne Sidell
Daniel Tate (I)

3 Jan (R)Warren Wong/David McIntyre
Cathy Rincon (I)

10 Jan (R) Maureen Fromme/Jim Neubert
Yvonne Sidell (I)

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