

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 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: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

F. Saunders

Welcome

The Introit Hymn: Advent Prose

The New English Hymnal #501

Cantor (1st time)

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

All

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

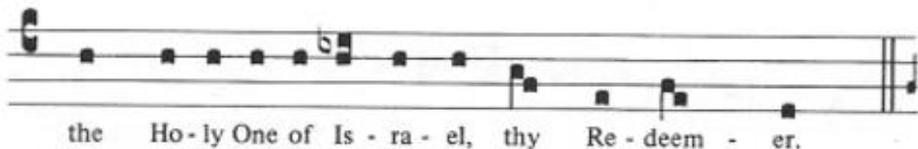
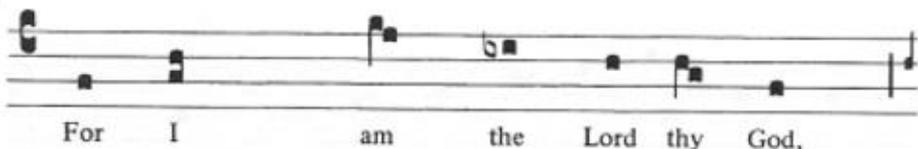
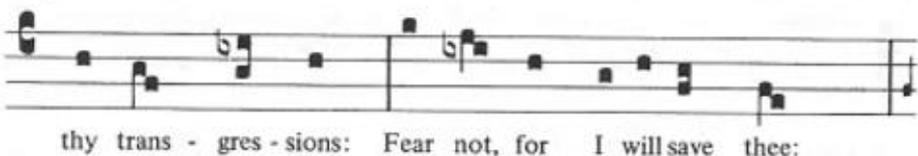
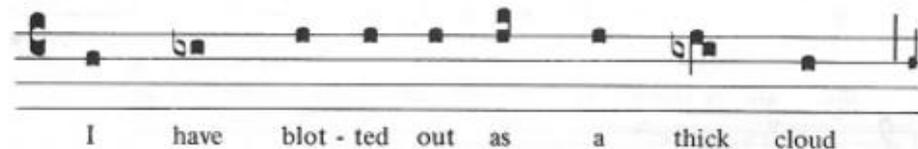
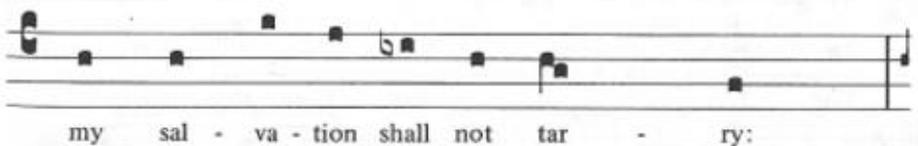
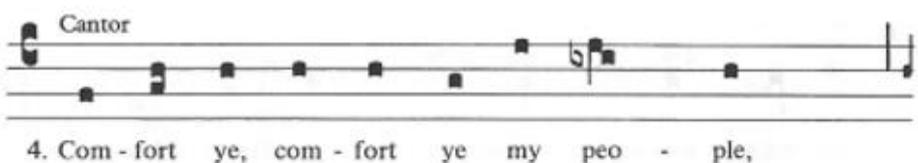
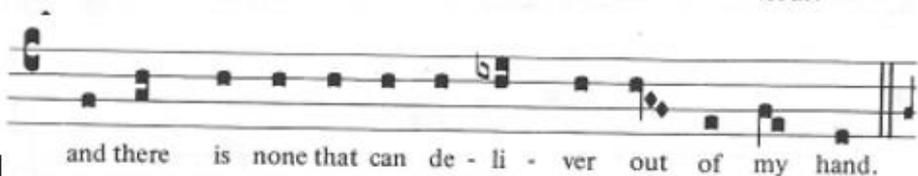
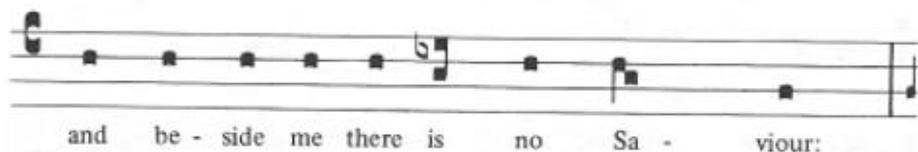
Cantor

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,



Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament: Isaiah

61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Canticle of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus* Hymnal S#248

Antiphon

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come
 to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us
 a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us
from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

4. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his
holy covenant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father
Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6. Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the
days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, 8. To give
his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall
break up on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

11. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. [Ant.]

The Epistle: *1 Thessalonians*

5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Hymnal #56 (vs 5)

The Gospel: *John*

1:6-8,19-28

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."

“Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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:

As witnesses to your light and truth, we come to you in prayer, O Lord.

Infuse the heart of your church with your Spirit and focus it on your mission. Renew your people and their leaders as they serve your purpose. Remind us continually whose we are. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Turn the hearts and actions of all the world's leaders to justice and peace. We pray for our President; *Gavin* our Governor, the Congress and courts of this land. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open our eyes to what is going on around us. Open our hearts to our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Move us to open our hands in love when they are in need and to stand up for them when they are oppressed. We pray for those suffering from natural disasters, from unjust economies, from hunger and want. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We know people around us who are suffering from anxiety, scarcity, illness, and loneliness, those known to us and those unknown. We ask that you assure them of your presence and sustain them with your grace. We pray especially for Peter, Joseph, Grace, and Isabella. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph and Peter and for all those who are now upon that far-distant shore. May we be a comfort as we walk with their grieving loved ones; may their souls and the souls of all the faithful, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 Baptist's voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord," he who will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclose the purposes of the heart.

As salvation dawns upon us, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (*Silence*)

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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.

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: As The Hills Are Round About Jerusalem

F. Saunders

Prayer of Stewardship pledges and offerings of time and talent:

Accept, we beseech you, O Lord, these gifts which we here bring to you as the token of our love and gratitude; and grant that they may be so wisely used that by them the work of your Church may be prospered and your kingdom enlarged; for the glory of Jesus Christ our Saviour

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:

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 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call,
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe,
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Go Now In Peace*

Natalie Sleeth

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 13	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Zoom Coffee Hour
		4:00 pm	Zoom Youth Group Meeting
Monday	Dec 14	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec 15		
Wednesday	Dec 16	10:00 am	Contemplative Meditation
	Dec 16	7:00 pm	Zoom Vestry Meeting
Thursday	Dec 17		
Friday	Dec 18		
Saturday	Dec 19		
Sunday	Dec 20		

TODAY

Sunday, December 13, 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 13, 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 14, 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 Falkland Islands, the Dioceses of Sodor & Man (England) and El Camino Real (USA); The Dioceses of Sokoto (Nigeria) and El Salvador; Dioceses of South Ankole (Uganda) and Eldoret (Kenya); Diocese of South Dakota (USA) and El-Obeid (Sudan); Dioceses of South Kerala (India) Ely (England) and Embu (Kenya); Dioceses of South Rwenzori (Uganda), Engu, and Enugu-North (both in Nigeria)

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

Carol Cleland and Christopher Chase

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*
Warren Wong/Yvonne Sidell, *Lectors*
Jim Neubert, *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:

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)

17 Jan: (R) David McIntyre/Cathy Rincon

Shelley Keefe (I)

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