

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 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.

Welcome

The Introit Hymn: Gabriel's Message

Hymnal #265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - al!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al!

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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:* O God of love, you are the true sun of the world,
Evermore risen and never going down.**

**We pray you to shine in our hearts,
that the darkness of sin and the mist of error being driven away, we
may this day, and all our life long,
walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, which
is Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God in glory everlasting. Amen.**

The Kyrie

(Congregation Repeats each line)



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament: 2 Samuel

7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

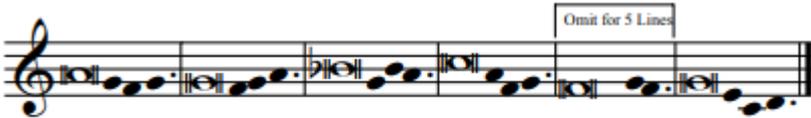
But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will

make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 *Magnificat* St Meinrad Mode I (6-line)



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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Epistle: *Romans*

16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Hymnal #56 (vs 6)

The Gospel: *Luke*

1:26-38

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was

said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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:

Come, all who labor in the vineyard of God’s grace, let us join together in the offering of our prayers, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

That our commitment to justice may extend to those we employ in our households and businesses, paying a fair and living wage, clarifying expectations, and seeking honest work in return; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may bridle our tongue against the urge to complain, channeling our energy to generously participate in the building up of the community of faith; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may receive the sacramental Meal of the Eucharist as a foretaste of God's heavenly banquet, responding to its grace by helping those who are the weakest among us; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our homes may be schools of religious faith, where God's loving presence is revealed through personal sacrifice, ongoing forgiveness, and mutual joy; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may rejoice in the beauty of the season, and honor the extraordinary diversity of plant and animal life; let us pray.

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 Judy Marshal, Ding Jai Li, Jerry Boykin, and Sylvia Brooks. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died may join in the company of the angels and archangels, all the saints in heaven, and rest in the blessed arms of him who is the first and the last, Jesus our Redeemer; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

With the steadfast love of God to guide us, we continue our prayers. 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

A voice of one crying 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: The angel Gabriel said to Mary, “nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”

The Offertory Hymn: Each Winter As The Year Grows Older

Gather Hymn 339



1. Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, We
2. When race and class cry out for trea - son, When
3. Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing, That
4. So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing, To
5. O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O



each grow old - er too. The chill sets in a lit - tle
si - lens call for war, They o - ver - shout the voice of
life can spring from death; That growth can flow - er from our
jour - ney to the north, The liv - ing flame, in se - cret
Prince of peace and pain, Bright - en to - day's world by to -



cold - er; The ver - i - ties we knew Seem
rea - son, And scream till we ig - nore All
griev - ing; That we can catch our breath And
burn - ing, Can kin - dle on the earth, And
mor - row's, Re - new our lives a - gain; Lord



shak - en and un - true.
we held dear be - fore.
turn trans - fixed by faith.
bring God's love to birth.
Je - sus, come and reign!

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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.**

The Recessional Hymn: Helmsley

Hymnal #57

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, causc of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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The Dismissal

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

The Postlude *My Soul In Stillness Waits*

Gather Hymn 328

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 20	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Zoom Coffee Hour
		4:00 pm	Zoom Youth Group Meeting
Monday	Dec 21	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec 22		
Wednesday	Dec 23	10:00 am	Contemplative Meditation
	Dec 23	7:00 pm	Zoom Vestry Meeting
Thursday	Dec 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass & Pageant
Friday	Dec 25		Christmas Day
Saturday	Dec 26		
Sunday	Dec 27		First Sunday after Christmas

TODAY

Sunday, December 20, 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 20, 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 21, 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study. For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at dtate@ses.cdsp.edu or 650-799-7084

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass & Pageant

Contemplative Meditation

We're very excited to announce that Father Shane will be guiding a thirty-minute weekly contemplative meditation on Wednesdays at 10am. 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, Judy Marshall

[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 Christmas Altar Flowers are given by

Teresa Murakami and Elliott Dun, Susan Sullivan, Bettie Davis Daphna Rhodes, and Kay Ballantyne

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

The mission and ministry of the Mother's Union throughout the Anglican Communion, the Dioceses of South West Tanganyika (Tanzania) and Esan (Nigeria); Dioceses of Etche and Etsako (both in Nigeria); Dioceses of Evo (Nigeria) and Exeter (England); Dioceses of Ezo (South Sudan) and Faisalabad (Pakistan); Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem; Dioceses of Fianarantsoa (Madagascar), Floria (USA), and False Bay (South Africa)

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

Carol Bowen, Dr. Matthew Fox, Paul Fromberg, George Ross, Laina Casillas, Jeffrey Frost, Susan Champion, Dr. Sumner Walters Jr and Todd Bryant

In the Diocesan cycle of California

Incarnation, San Francisco, Nativity, San Rafael, and St. Stephen's Beledere

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*
Cathy Rincon/Shelley Keefe, Lectors
David McIntyre, 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:

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)
24 Jan: (R) Warren Wong/Yvonne Sidell
Jim Neubert (I)

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