

**First Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 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: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*      *J. S. Bach*

*Welcome*

*The Introit Hymn: Mendelssohn*

*Hymnal #87*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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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 Gloria in Excelsis*

*Hymnal #S280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## ***The Collect of the Day***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. . *Amen.*

## ***The Old Testament: Isaiah***

*61:10-62:3*

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.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

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Hallelujah! Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion;  
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.  
He has established peace on your borders;  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth,  
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;  
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them;  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation;  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

**The Epistle:** *Galatians*

3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by

faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

***The Gradual verse:*** ***Hymnal #96 (vs 4)***

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.  
*Glo-ria in Excelsis Deo. Glo-ria in Excelsis Deo.*

***The Gospel:*** *St John*

*1:1-18*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**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:*

Emmanuel, God-with-us, we are overwhelmed with your presence, humble yet divine.

Our hearts are filled with longing for the day when all people will see your glory, when none of your people will know hunger, loneliness, or fear; when each of us will know the peace of your presence.

*Pray for all whom God has made.*

Our hope is for peace for all nations, and leaders whose desire is for justice and equality.

*Pray for the peace of the world.*

Our yearning is for wholeness for those who ache, whose lives are shattered, whose hope is lost. We especially remember in our prayers this morning, Peggy Redmond, Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Charlene Adolph, and for all those who asked us to pray for them.

***Pray for those who suffer and  
for the end of their suffering.***

Our hope is for those who have died and entered that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

***Pray for those who have died.***

Our deepest prayer is that we may learn and grow in your love, and bear witness to the world that God is with us.

Pray that the One who has given us these desires, give us also the grace and power to work toward their fulfillment. 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***

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:*** God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*The Offertory Hymn: Raise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

*Gather Hymn 360*

Verses



1. There's a star in the East on Christ-mas morn,  
2. If you take good heed to the an - gel's words,



Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low, It will lead to the place where the  
Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low, You'll for-get your flocks, you'll for-



Christ was born, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.  
get your herds, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.

Refrain



Fol - low, fol - low, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low,



Fol-low the Star of Beth-le - hem, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.

Text: Traditional  
Tune: African-American spiritual

*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**

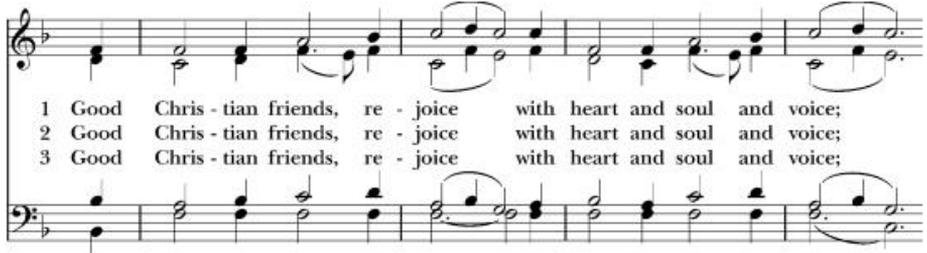
*The Announcements*

*The Benediction:*

May He who by His Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, (+) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn: In Dulci Jubilo*

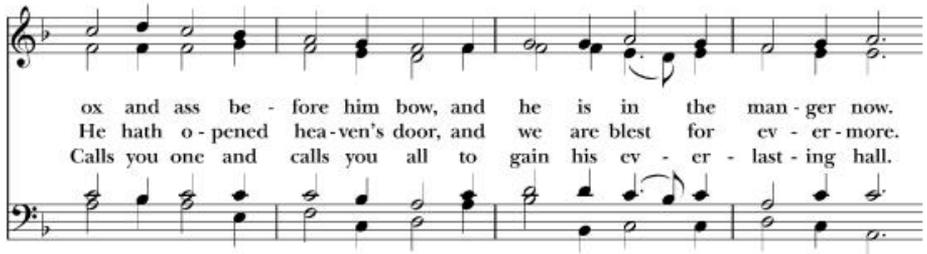
*Hymnal #107*



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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**The Dismissal**

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** *Go, Tell It On The Mountain*      *Spiritual*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Sunday	Dec 27	10:00 am	<a href="#">Worship Service</a>
		11:00 am	<a href="#">Zoom Coffee Hour</a>
		4:00 pm	<a href="#">Zoom Youth Group Meeting</a>
Monday	Dec 28	1:00 pm	<a href="#">Zoom Bible Study</a>
Tuesday	Dec 29		
Wednesday	Dec 30	10:00 am	Contemplative Mediation
Thursday	Dec 31		
Friday	Jan 1		
Saturday	Jan 2		
Sunday	Jan 3		

**TODAY**

**Sunday, December 27, 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 27, 4:00 pm** Zoom Youth Group Meeting

For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at [ym\\_stambrosefc@att.net](mailto:ym_stambrosefc@att.net) or 650-799-7084

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 28, 1:00 pm** Zoom Bible Study. For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at [dtate@ses.cdsp.edu](mailto:dtate@ses.cdsp.edu) or 650-799-7084

## **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](mailto:hfongster@gmail.com)) or to Nilda Chong ([nchongmd@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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 Altar Flowers are given by**

The Altar Guild to the Glory of God

## **In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:**

Christians in other denominations, and the work of the ecumenical movement, Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Fort Worth (both in the USA); Dioceses of Fredericton (Canada) and Freetown (Sierra Leone); Dioceses of Gahini (Rwanda) and Gambia; Dioceses of Gasabo (Rwanda) and Gboko (Nigeria); Diocese of George (South Africa) and Georgia (USA); and the Dioceses of Lagos, Lagos Mainland, and Lagos West (all in Nigeria)

## **In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:**

Cn. Frances Tornquist, Sharon Wagner, Ronnie Willis, and Ruth Meyers

## **In the Diocesan cycle of California**

St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco, St. John's Oakland, St. John's Ross, St. John's Clayton, Holy Innocents, San Francisco, Holy Innocents' Corte Madera

## *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*  
*Jim Neubert/Yvonne Sidell, Lectors*  
*Daniel Tate, 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:**

*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)*  
*31 Jan (R) Cathy Rincon/Shelley Keefe*  
*David McIntyre (I)*

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