

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

26. DECEMBER. 2021

8:30 am and 10:00 a.m.

Mass: Rite II

We are delighted to welcome you to our online/in-person hybrid liturgy. Fully vaccinated clergy and lay leaders may remove their masks while speaking or singing, according to diocesan guidelines. All other participants are asked to remain masked and maintain a 3-foot distance from members of other households.



*Before the Liturgy, it is our tradition to spend the time in quiet prayer.
As the old adage says:*

“Before Mass, talk to God.

During Mass, let God talk to you.

After Mass, talk to each other.”

The Prelude Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring J. S. Bach

The Welcome

The Introit Hymn: *Divinum Mysterium* Hymnal #82



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, ere the worlds be-
2 O that birth for ev-er bless-ed, when the Vir-gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa-ther, and, O Ho-ly

gan to be, he is Al-pha and O-me-ga,
full of grace, by the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing,
prais-es sing; powers, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing,

he the source, the end-ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa-vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un-wea-ried prais-es be; hon-or, glo-ry

are, that have been, and that fu-ture
world's Re-deem-er, first re-vealed his
earth be si-lent, ev-ery voice in
and do-min-ion, and e-ter-nal

years shall see, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
sa-cred face, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
con-cert ring, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
vic-to-ry, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: 

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The people standing

Priest: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

All: **For the Word became flesh, and lived among us,
full of grace and truth. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

All: **Good and gracious God,
you have given us your Son Lord of the universe,
wrapped in swaddling clothes,
Savior of all, lying in a manger.
Draw us into the mystery of your love.
Join our voices with the heavenly host
that we may sing your glory on high.
Give us a place among the shepherds,
that we may find the one for whom we have waited,
Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

Said at 8:30 am

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,

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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 Sermon

[Seated]

The First Lesson: 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.

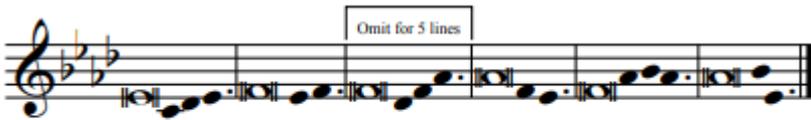
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147 *Laudate Dominum*

[Recited/seated at 8:30 am; Sung/Standing at 10:00 am]

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How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse;
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favor.

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 Gospel: John 1:1-18

(Standing)

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

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, God the Son and Son of Mary:

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Intercessions: (Kneeling)

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.

Abba, Father, you have received us as your children. Make our hearts shine ever brighter with the pure light of Christ, that all people might witness your all-encompassing love.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

Hallelujah!

Almighty God, let all the nations witness your glory. Cause righteousness and praise to cover the earth.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

Hallelujah!

Great Lord, you are mighty in power: you graciously make the earth to burst forth with green plants; you provide food for flocks and herds; you give us the resources to thrive on this planet. May we be thankful in our hearts and generous in our lives.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

Hallelujah!

O God, it is you who establishes peace. Comfort your people with safety and security; assure us that it is not by our own strength, but by your goodness, that we can rest in quiet confidence.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

Hallelujah!

Loving God, you are the healer of the brokenhearted; it is you who binds up their wounds; you lift up the lowly. Clothe your children with the garments of health and salvation. We pray especially for Max Gumbert, Isabella, Jerry Boykin, Carol Newman.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

Hallelujah!

O God, you sent your Son to redeem us from sin and death: draw us closer to your Son Jesus—into your heart, both now and in the life to come. We pray especially for Marilyn Vosberg and Peggy Redmond.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

Hallelujah!

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

Priest: 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. (*Silence*).

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: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw close and (+) cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of the Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Standing)

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.**

Priest: Let us offer one another a non-tactile sign of Peace.

The Offertory Sentence: You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Offertory Motet-Choir:

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly- arr. Proulx

The Eucharistic Prayer [*Standing*] *Scottish Episcopal Church*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ, your Word became flesh, and was born of the Virgin Mary. He emptied himself, taking our human form, that through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature.

Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation moved over the face of the waters, and overshadowed the blessed Virgin at Nazareth, we await with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation. As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the birth of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

The Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal #S125

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us, and lived for a time among us, that we might forever live with you. In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt, and as the carpenter's son, the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.

Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross. When you exalted him on the third day, and bestowed on him the name above all names, he opened the gate of glory that we might be your children, and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command:

**All: We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ’s Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, St Joseph, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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 Fraction:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are One Body, because we all share in one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

[The Eucharist may be consumed]

The Agnus Dei:
[Recited at 8:30 am]

Hymnal #S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of music concludes the phrase. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

In this season, when our whole community of faith cannot all gather together, we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist – a gift that we hold all the more precious in these days when we cannot share the one bread and the one cup. Yet, even in the absence of this sacramental sharing, the mystical Communion between Christ and his church, and among us as members of Christ's body, remains unbroken. And so, mindful of this deep bond of the Spirit, let us unite ourselves to Christ and one another.

If you would like to receive holy communion (under one kind [host] during the pandemic), please:

- 1. Come up the center aisle keeping 6 feet distance*
- 2. Receive the host in your hand*
- 3. Wait until you are socially-distanced to lower your mask and consume the host.*

The Post-communion Prayer:

God our Father, as once your Word came among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, you have come to us again in word and Spirit, in bread and cup; May the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The Benediction:

[Standing]

May the light of the gospel of Christ so shine in your heart and transform your life, that you might be a light to others. and the blessing of almighty God, (+) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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 Dismissal.

Priest: Let us go in peace to love and serve Our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude Go, Tell It On The Mountain J. W. Work

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday	Dec 26	8:30 am	Mass
Sunday	Dec 26	10:00 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Youth Grp Mtg, Courtyard
Monday	Dec 27	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec 28		
Wednesday	Dec 29	10:00 am	Contemplative Meditation
Thursday	Dec 30	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	Dec 31		
Saturday	Jan 1		
Sunday	Jan 2	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Courtyard

TODAY

Sunday, Dec 26, 10:00 am Youth Group Meeting, Courtyard

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 27, 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study. For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at dtate@ses.cdsp.edu or 650-799-7084

Coffee Hour

Join us for Coffee Hour during the first Sunday of the month. It will be at 11:00 am in the Courtyard.

Virtual Sunday School

Virtual Sunday School for preschoolers and kids in elementary school. Starting December, Teacher Fe and Teacher Raphaelae will take your child through the stories of Jesus, with songs and fun!

-Advent Week 3/4 <https://youtu.be/WaW3FsgC70A>

If interested please send an email to
Saintambrosesundayachool@gmail.com

Prayer Support Group

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday after the service at 11:30am, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall 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

Choir Rehearsals

Saint Ambrose Choir will resume rehearsals on **Thursdays at 7:30 PM**. We will be masked and correctly distanced and would be happy for anyone who wishes to join us. If you wish to join us, please let me know so that I can prepare a folder for you. You may contact me at mhfromme@yahoo.com or 415.990.6758.

Worship Leaders Needed

Please sign up as a Lector for our 8:30 am Mass by emailing stambrose@mindspring.com or Church signup sheet

We also need Worship Leader volunteers for our 10:30 am Mass. There are openings for Intercessors, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers and Acolytes, and Livestream Technicians. Contact us at stambrose@mindspring.com or use the following link to signup: **[Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship)** or Click on the following link

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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.

Contemplative Meditation

Father Shane guides a thirty-minute weekly 'Zoom-Zen' contemplative meditation on Wednesdays at 10am, 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 Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Charlene Adolph, Miles Martin, Frank Brown, Barbara Milligan, Ed Avakoff, Max Gumbert, Isabella, Jerry Boykin, Carol Newman, Clara Padilla, Bettie Davis, Arjun Katyan, Janet Mc Annally, Marilyn Canon, Alison LeBlanc, Ronnie Rosen, Leo Gauthier, John David Tate, and Casey McElroy

[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

Eunice and Karen Chee in loving memory of Merilyn Vosberg and Peggy Redmond, beloved members of St. Ambrose & leaders of our Altar Guild.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Diocese of Northern Indiana (The Episcopal Church); The Diocese of Indianapolis (The Episcopal Church); The Diocese of Iowa (The Episcopal Church); The Diocese of Iran (The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East); The Diocese of Irele - Eseodo (Nigeria); The Diocese of Isimbano (Nigeria)

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Revs:

Todd Bryant, Cn. Frances Tornquist, Sharon Wagner, and Ronnie Willis

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
Maureen Fromme/Shelley Keefe Lectors
Shelley Keefe, Intercessor
Hamilton Fong, Cantor
Frank Saunders, Organist
Alison LeBlanc, Livestream Technician

Worship Leader Rota:

26 Dec Lector: Maureen Fromme/Shelley Keefe; Intercessor: Shelley Keefe,
Usher: Larry Buyers; Greeter: Jim Neubert; Acolyte: Daniel Tate
Livestream Technician: Alison LeBlanc

2 Jan Lector: Warren Wong/Maureen Fromme Intercessor: Shelley Keefe,
Usher: Elliott Dun; Greeter: Jim Neubert Acolyte: Daniel Tate, Livestream
Technician: Shelley Keefe

9 Jan Lector: Warren Wong/Eugene Hetzer; Intercessor: Warren Wong,
Usher: Larry Buyers; Greeter: Warren Wong; Acolyte: Daniel Tate
Livestream Technician: Shelley Keefe

16 Jan Lectors: Steve Yuen/ Maureen Fromme; Intercessor: Steve Yuen
Usher: Steve Yuen; Greeter: Raphael Gerber; Livestream
Technician: Shelley Keefe

23 Jan Lectors: Warren Wong, Suzanne Tjandra, Intercessor: Suzanne Tjandra
Usher: Elliott Dun; Greeter: Jim Neubert; Livestream
Technician: Shelley Keefe

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