



St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost:

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Non la sospiri la nostra casetta* (from Tosca)

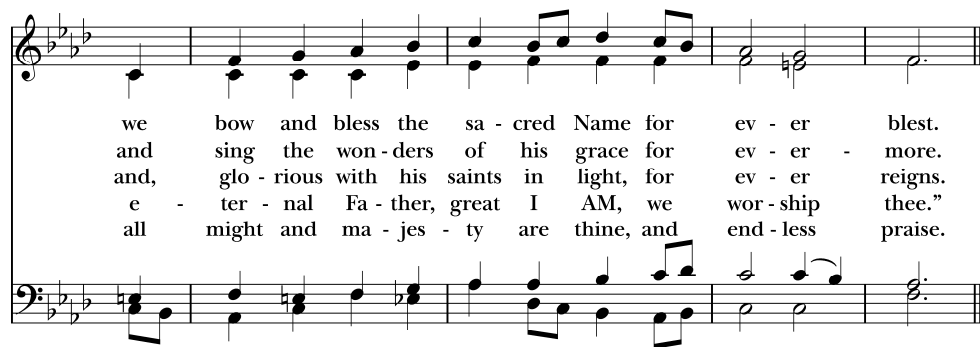
G. Puccini

Processional Hymn 401 *The God of Abraham Praise*

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. *Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

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. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 50:7-15

Deus deorum

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your
sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my
sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in
it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most
High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what

he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Caribbean Alleluia – *two times through* RS 396



Holy Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s

house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn Caribbean Alleluia – *one time through* RS 396

Sermon The Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green

THE NICENE CREED

**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
and the Son.**

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.

INTERCESSION A BEATITUDE PEOPLE

Lord Jesus Christ,

we pray once more for your Church and for its ministry to the world.

May it be a source of love, hope and comfort, compassion, challenge and inspiration.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May your followers in every place find the faith and courage,
vision and commitment, to live as beatitude people,
poor and humble in spirit, merciful in attitude,
pure in heart, hungry for peace and thirsty for righteousness,
and so, as individuals and together, may your Church testify to your redeeming love
and renewing power, speaking through word and deed of your care for all,
your desire for justice, and your willingness to show mercy.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Reach out through all you specially call to proclaim your name -
those gifted as evangelists, those working abroad as missionaries
or here in our own country, each seeking to share their faith
and to make your love known. But reach out also through everyday believers such as us,
ordinary Christians telling others about their experience of your goodness
and about the difference you have made to their lives.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to all your people the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
and the light of Christ in their hearts.
Help them to recognise the opportunities you provide,
to respond to your guidance and so faithfully to proclaim the good news.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For we ask it in your name. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader and People

**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. *Amen.***

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all
your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in
eternal life; through Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn Rejoice in the Lord Always

Gieseke

The Great Thanksgiving Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2 (S2)

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying

Sanctus - Land of Rest R442

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and

4 might, heav - en and earth are

6 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

9 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -

15 san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O Holy One. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river Babylon and carried them home. At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope. Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. *Amen.*

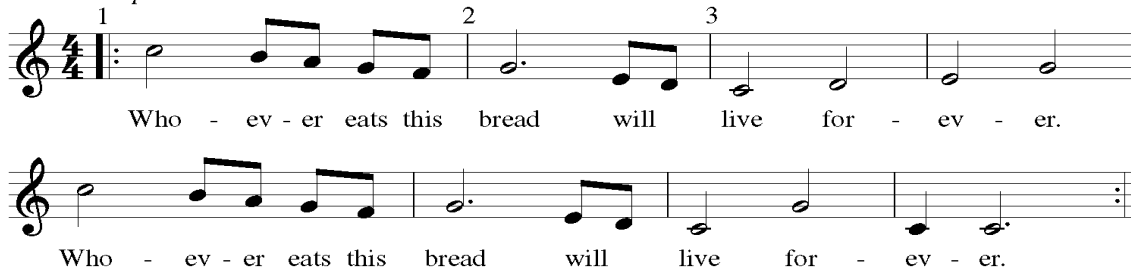
The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

WLP 874

Principal Canon



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Secondary Canons



A 1 3 2
This is the true bread which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.

B 1 3 2 3
Who - ev - er be-lieves in me shall not hun-ger or thirst, for the
bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Invitation

Spiritual Communion

(Those watching at home, may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion.)

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of our Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessing of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me: (Here, those watching at home may add particular blessing for which they wish to give thanks). I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

Communion Hymn Let Us Be Bread #816

816 Let Us Be Bread

Refrain

Descant:
One faith, one hope, one
Melody:
Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,

sym - bol of love giv - en to us in this
bro - ken and shared, life for the world.

one bread, one cup. O let us be
Let us be wine, love free - ly poured. Let us be

Last time
one in the Lord.
one in the Lord.

Verse 1

1. I am the bread of life, bro - ken for all.
Eat now and hun - ger no more. *D.C.*

Verse 2

2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands,
no long - er ser - vants but friends. D.C.

Verse 3

3. See how my peo - ple have noth - ing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you. D.C.

Verse 4

4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.
Go and live on in my love. D.C.

Text: Thomas J. Porter, b.1938
Tune: Thomas J. Porter, b.1958
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Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, your Son at supper prayed that the disciples might be one, as he is one with you. Draw us daily closer to him, that in common love and service to you we may be united with one another in your Spirit through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Go now,
Not to serve yourself,
But to serve others;
Not to seek your glory, but the glory of God the Father;
And so may all you are and do make him known,
And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Be with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn 344 | *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system includes three verses of text. The second and third systems continue the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 Ask - ing that the world a - round us
 May your care and mer - cy lead us
 And, a - mid the cares that claim us,

With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 Clos - er in com - mun - i - ty;
 Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
 To a just so - ci - e - ty;
 Hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us

For the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b.1934, © 1978, Hope Publishing Co.
 Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH, 8 7 8 7 D; Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991, © 1942, 1970, Hope Publishing Co.

Postlude Gaudeamus, igitur

Traditional

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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:

The Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green, Rector
Frank Saunders, Organist
Maureen Fromme, Choir Director

Worship Leader Rota:

Intercessor
Lector
Usher
Daniel Tate, Eucharist Minister
Alison LeBlanc, Livestream Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Visits

Fr. Jason would love to come and visit you. If you would like a visit with Fr. Jason please use this link <https://calendly.com/frjason-1> or you can email him at Frjason@stambrosefostercity.org. Now that the holidays are over my goal this year is to meet and get to know the parish better.

Choir and Music Directors

Friends, with Frank announcing his retirement I have taken a look over our current staffing for our music directors. The common practice in the diocese is that the choir and music director be the same person. With that said, in our search for a new music director, we will be looking for a person who can do both organist as well as direct our choir. With that said, our amazing Choir director will be leaving us. Her last day will be August 31. I am so thankful to Maureen and Frank for the many amazing years of service to our community.

If you would like to be apart of the search committee for our new music director please let me know. frjason@stambrosefostercity.org

Bayview Mission Outreach for the Summer

Our outreach focus for this summer will be dental supplies for our friends at Bayview Mission. We are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste (Travel size preferred), floss, and mouthwash (travel size). Please bring in your items and I will transport them to Bayview.

We also have purchased 60 laundry bags for our unhoused friends served by Bayview Mission. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Sunday School is back!

Teacher Fe and Teacher Raphaelle will conduct the class outdoors every week for children Pre-K and up. Class will offer story time, songs, and lots of fun! We are looking forward to seeing your kids, with their big smiles!

To support this program, we would like to engage our community. We are calling for helpers as we (Fe and Raphaelle) will each teach every other week and **will need one helper every week** (no special skills required).

Please reach to saintambrosesundayschool@gmail.com for more information.

St. Ambrose Choir

The choir will resume rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. 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 Maureen know so she can prepare a folder for you. You may contact her at mhfromme@yahoo.com OR 415.990.6758.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for coffee hour, summer days and stewardship dinner. If you are interested, please contact me at valentin_fe@yahoo.com! *Thank you*

Coffee Hour

Join us for Coffee Hour after mass at 11:00 am in the courtyard. Coffee hour will be hosted by the Vestry on the first Sunday of the month. Please volunteer for the other weeks by using the link below or by the signup sheet in the Narthex by the Reflections & Gratitude Board:

Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-coffee1>

Worship Leaders Needed

Please sign up as a Lector for our 8:30 am and 10:00 am Mass by emailing office@stambrosefostercity.org or the Church signup sheet.

We also need Worship Leader volunteers for our 10:00 am Mass. There are openings for Intercessors, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers and Acolytes, and Livestream Technicians. Contact us at office@stambrosefostercity.org or use the following link to signup: [Signup Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship) or Click on the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship>

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.

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

Prayer list: We pray especially for Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Charlene Adolph, Miles Martin, Barbara Milligan, Ed Avakoff, Max Gumbert, Isabella, Jerry Boykin, Carol Newman, Clara Padilla, Bettie Davis, Arjun Katyan, Janet Mc Annally, Elliott Dun, Alison LeBlanc, Ronnie Rosen, Leo Gauthier, Alice Deckel, Mike Frisch, and the pupils and staff of Sea Breeze School. ***For those who have died:*** Judi Guilford, John David Tate, Martin Gardiner

The Altar Flowers are donated by:

Charlene & Keith Adolph - In loving memory of Kevin Adolph

[Please contact the parish office to add any names of the sick and suffering to be prayed for in our monthly cycle of prayer.]