

St. Ambrose Episcopal Church September 10, 2023, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Melodie in C major **R.** Schumann **Processional Hymn 174** At the Lamb's high feast we sing At the Lamb's high feast praise to vic - to - rious King, 1 we sing our 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an gel sheathes his sword; vic - tim 3 Might - y from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie; 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - strov. flow - ing from his pierc - ed side; who hath washed us in the tide Is - rael's hosts tri um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe. thou hast con-quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: thou set From sin's power do free souls new - born. 0 Lord. in thee. gives him, di - vine Blood for wine. whose love his sa - cred praise we Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed. Pas - chal vic - tim. Pas - chal bread: now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en - thrall; Hymns of glo songs of praise, Fa - ther. thee ry, un to we raise: gives his Bo - dy for the feast. Christ the vic -Christ the priest. tim. eat with sin - cer - i ty and love we man . na from а bove. thou hast o-pened par - a saints shall rise. dise, and in thee thy ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi rit ev er be. Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann

Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Opening Sentences

Celebrant:Blessed be the God, Father, Son, and Holy SpiritPeople:And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. 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:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.*People*: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Legem pone

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.	37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.	38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.
	39 Turn away the reproach which I
35 Make me go in the path of your	dread, *
commandments, *	because your judgments are good.
for that is my desire.	
	40 Behold, I long for your
36 Incline my heart to your decrees *	commandments; *
and not to unjust gain.	in your righteousness preserve my life.

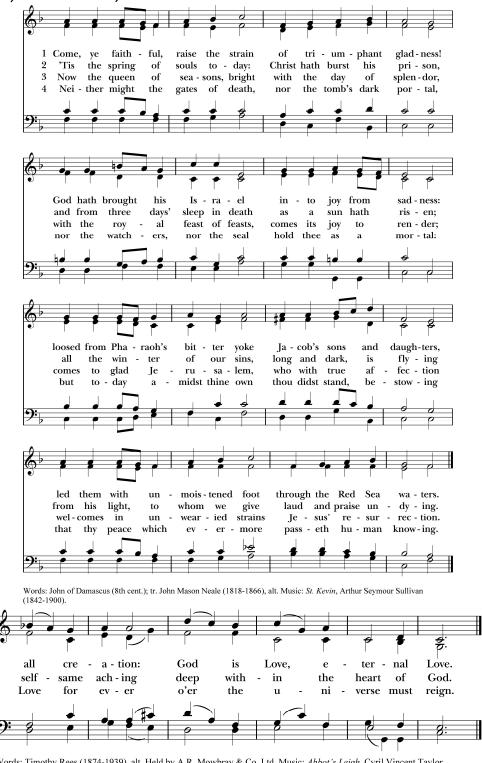
Second Lesson Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord*People*: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 199



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Holy Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 199

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.

Form IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.*

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

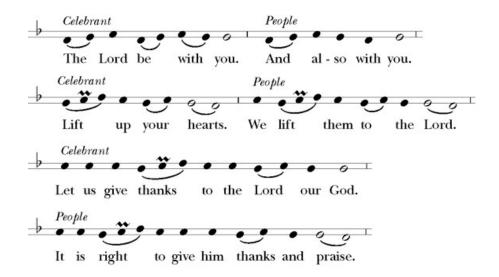
The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People*: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: Variations on Hymn 693, Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Eucharistic Prayer B

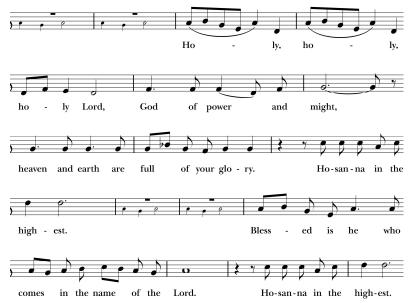


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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The people stand

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with <u>Ambrose</u> and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

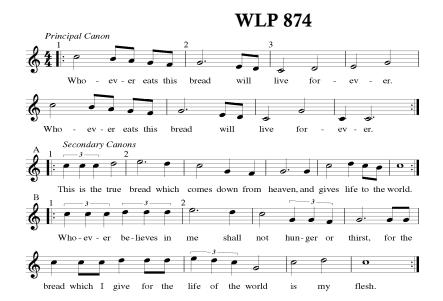
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

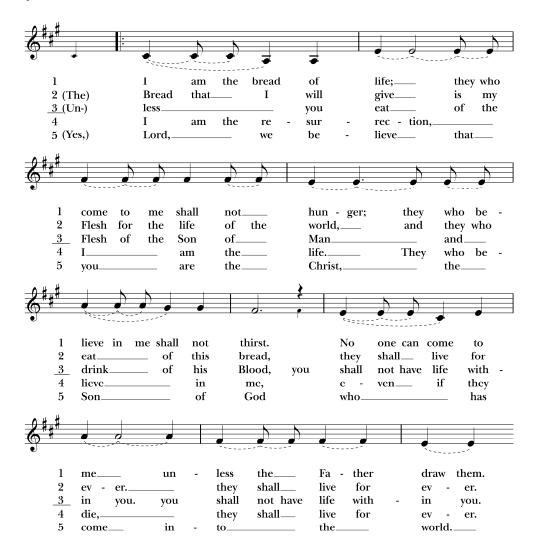


Invitation

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 I am the bread of life 335





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Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn 518 | Christ is made the sure foundation



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Postlude: Peace Is Flowing Like A River

C. Landry

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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*

Worship Leader Rota:

Intercessor Stephen Yuen/Warren Wong, Lectors Stephen Yuen, Usher Alison LeBlanc, Livestream Technician

Presider	Date
Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green	Sunday, September 10, 2023
Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green	Sunday, September 17, 2023
Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green	Sunday, September 24, 2023
Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green	Sunday, October 1, 2023

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 <u>https://calendly.com/frjason-1</u> or you can email him at <u>Frjason@stambrosefostercity.org</u>.

Parking Lot and Plant Sale

The Parking Lot and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00am -2:00pm at St Ambrose Church. Knickknacks, housewares, clothing and more! Beautiful plants for your home or garden! Call or text Brenda at (650) 520-1140 or Call St. Ambrose Church (650) 574-1369 for more information.

Blessing of the Animals:

Bring your pets and beloved stuffed animals to the 10 o'clock service on October 1st. Father Jason will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis by blessing the animal friends who bring joy to our lives. From **12:30 to 2 p.m**. Father Jason will set up shop at the Foster City Dog Park to bless members of the Foster City Community (and St. Ambrose parishioners who couldn't make it earlier) and their pets. If you have questions, please contact Steve Yuen (315-9662, <u>stevebyuen@aol.com</u>)

Bayview Mission Needs (Updated 7/10/2023)

I have been in communication with Deacon Nina at Bayview Mission. Their needs have changed; they are asking if we can supply Peanut Butter, Tuna, and Feminine Hygiene Products. I thank you for your continued generosity of our Outreach Project.

Sunday School 2023-2024

For the upcoming school year, we are looking for:

- Helpers for welcoming new families at the Blessing of the backpack (end of August/ beginning of September)

- Helpers for Sunday School class: Youth and older

- Materials for godly play activities (crafts to illustrate God's creation, Nativity, Protecting our planet etc.) All suggestions of games/songs/activities are welcome.

St. Ambrose Choir

If you wish to join the choir, please contact Father Jason at the service or email: frjason@stambrosefostercity.org

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 <u>first Sunday</u> of the month. Please volunteer for the <u>other weeks</u> 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 <u>office@stambrosefostercity.org</u> 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 <u>office@stambrosefostercity.org</u> or use the following link to signup: <u>Signup</u> <u>Genius</u> or Click on the following link <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship</u>

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 <u>dtate@ses.cdsp.edu</u>

<u>Praver list:</u> 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, Peggy Chapman, Ronnie Rosen, Leo Gauthier, Alice Deckel, Mike Frisch, and the pupils and staff of Sea Breeze School. *For those who have died*: Eva Rios Chong, Judi Guilford, John David Tate, Martin Gardiner

Flowers given and donated by the Altar Guild

In memory of Nilda Chong's mother - Eva Rios Chong

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

