



# St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

October 29, 2023,  
*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude: Le petit berger**

**C. Debussy**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Processional Hymn #287 | For all the saints, who from their labours rest**



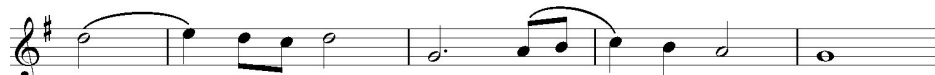
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bours rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_



thee\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with\_\_\_ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are\_\_\_ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



\*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the  
\*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are  
war - riors com - eth rest; — sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

strong.  
blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the  
\*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host —

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Opening Sentences

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People:* **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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

## First Lesson Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 1

### *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in  
the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and  
night.  
3 They are like trees planted by streams of  
water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows  
away.  
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand  
upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the  
righteous.  
6 For the Lord knows the way of the  
righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn Celtic Alleluia – *two times through*

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*

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## Holy Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Hymn Celtic Alleluia – *one time through***

**Sermon**

**Rev. Father Christian Lehrer**

## **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.**

**Offertory Hymn: Pescador de Hombres**

**C. Gabarain**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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*

### Sanctus - S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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 Ambrose 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

## WLP 874

*Principal Canon*

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

*Secondary Canons*

A

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

B

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 #293 | *I Sing a Song of the saints of God*



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and \_\_\_\_\_  
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for \_\_\_\_\_  
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain  
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,

herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of \_\_\_\_\_  
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—  
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just

God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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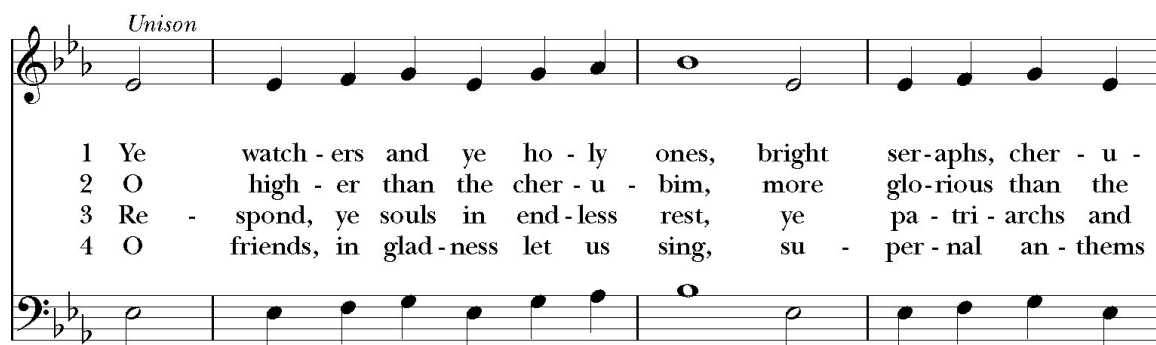
## Post Communion Prayer

**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

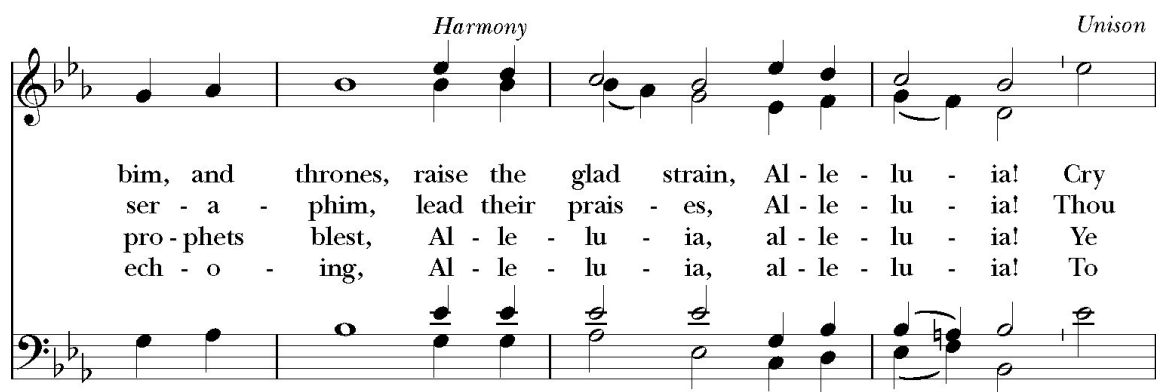
## Closing Hymn #618 | Ye watchers and ye holy ones (v 1, 3)

*Unison*

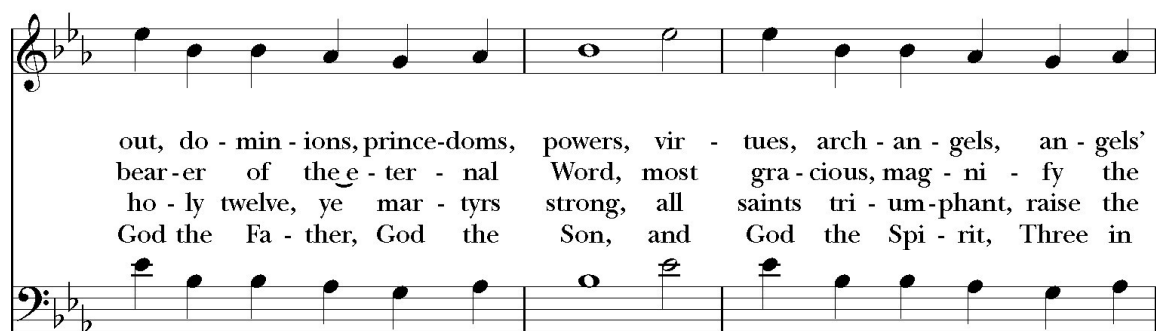


1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser-aphs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*




bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince-doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyr strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

## **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**

## **Postlude: Let Us Break Bread Together**

**American folk tune**

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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:**

Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green, Rector  
Rev. Fr. Christian Lehrer  
*Frank Saunders, Organist*

#### **Worship Leader Rota:**

*Intercessor*  
*Lectors*  
*Daniel Tate, Eucharistic Minister*  
*Usher*  
*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](mailto:Frjason@stambrosefostercity.org).

## **Rector Discretionary Fund**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month: any loose offerings will be designated for the Rector Discretionary Fund.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stambrosefostercity.org) or use the following link to signup: Signup Genius 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](mailto: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, Peggy Chapman, Ronnie Rosen, Leo Gauthier, Alice Deckel, Mike Frisch, and the pupils and staff of Sea Breeze School. ***For those who have died:*** John Miller, Eva Rios Chong, Judi Guilford, John David Tate, Martin Gardiner

**The Altar Flowers are given by:**

The Altar Guild to the Glory of God

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

<b>Presider</b>	<b>Date</b>
Rev. Fr. Christian Lehrer	Sunday, November 5, 2023
Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green	Sunday, November 12, 2023
Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green	Sunday, November 19, 2023
Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green	Sunday, November 26, 2023