



# St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

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*All Saints Sunday after Pentecost*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude: Praeludium VIII in E flat minor**

**J. S. Bach**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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



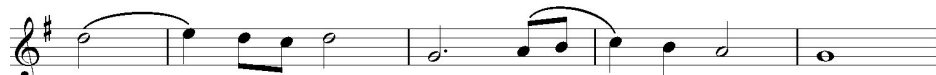
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_



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 feeb - 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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*

## **First Lesson Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 34:1-10, 22

### *Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the Lord at all **times**; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my **mouth**.

2 I will glory in the **Lord**; \*  
let the humble hear and **rejoice**.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of  
the **Lord**; \*  
let us exalt his Name **together**.

4 I sought the Lord, and he **answered**  
me \*

and delivered me out of all my **terror**.

5 Look upon him and be **radiant**, \*  
and let not your faces be **ashamed**.

6 I called in my affliction and  
the Lord **heard** me \*  
and saved me from all my **troubles**.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses  
those who **fear** him, \*  
and he will **deliver** them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is **good**; \*  
happy are they who trust in **him**!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his **saints**,  
\*

for those who fear him lack **nothing**.

10 The young lions lack and  
suffer **hunger**, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack  
nothing that is **good**.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of  
his **servants**, \*  
and none will be punished who trust  
in **him**.

## Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn** Celtic Alleluia – *two times through*

## CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*  
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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### Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*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: Jerusalem**

**H. Parry**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

*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:



## 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;**

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.

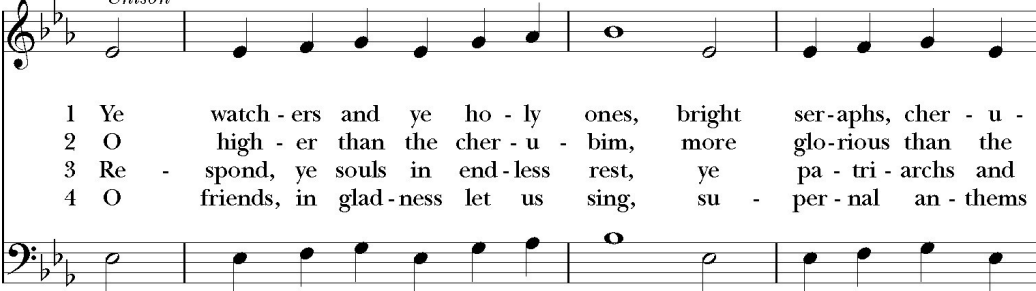
## Post Communion Prayer

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 - a - phs, 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 - tyrs 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: Go Now In Peace**

**N. Sleeth**

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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*  
*Warren Wong, 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@stambrosefoftercity.org](mailto:Frjason@stambrosefoftercity.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@stambrosefoftercity.org](mailto:frjason@stambrosefoftercity.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@stambrosefoftercity.org](mailto:office@stambrosefoftercity.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@stambrosefoftercity.org](mailto:office@stambrosefoftercity.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
Mr. Daniel Tate	Sunday, November 12, 2023
Mr. Daniel Tate	Sunday, November 19, 2023
Mr. Daniel Tate	Sunday, November 26, 2023