



St. Ambrose Episcopal Church
November 19, 2023,
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude: Sinfonia IX in F minor

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn #820 | We Are Called

SOCIAL CONCERN

We Are Called 820

1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O - pen your heart!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are
called to love ten - der - ly, we are called to
serve one an - oth - er; to walk hum - bly with
God!

Text: Micah 6:8; David Haas, b.1957
Tune: David Haas, b.1957
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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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever *Amen*

First Lesson Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” Their wealth shall be plundered, and
their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they
plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud
there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and
devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the
blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the
day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a
full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Hymn Celtic Alleluia – *one time through*

Sermon

Mr. Daniel Tate

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: Once To Every Man and Nation

Doxology

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.

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


Announcements

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn #665 | All My Hope- #665

All My Hope in God Is Founded

Joachim Neander, 1680 MICHAEL Herbert Howells, 1930



1. All my hope on God is found - ed: he doth still my trust re - new.
2. Pride of man and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray his trust:
3. God's great good - ness aye en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom, pass - ing thought:
4. Day by day our might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on us be - stow.
5. Still from man to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done,

He, my guide through chang - ing or - der, on - ly good and on - ly true.
what with care and toil he build - eth, tow'r and tem - ple fall to dust.
splen - dor, light, and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of naught.
In his will our souls find pleas - ure, lead - ing to our home a - bove:
high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ his Son.

God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
But God's pow'r; hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r:
Ev - er - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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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
Mr. Daniel Tate
Frank Saunders, Organist

Worship Leader Rota:

Intercessor
Eugene Hetzer, Warren Wong/ Lectors
Usher
Alison LeBlanc, Livestream Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship 2024

This year we kicked off a delayed, shortened Stewardship Campaign for the coming year 2024. Please join us after the 10:00 Worship on **November 19, 2023** for Coffee hour and **November 26, 2023** for Potluck Brunch!

All Parish Christmas Cookie Sale- December 10

This year, the Altar Guild invites everyone to join our beloved bake sale tradition. On **December 10th**, we welcome bakers and/or buyers to contribute 2-4 dozen holiday cookies or treats (non-perishable only, please) for our festive coffee hour. Enjoy filling holiday boxes with 18 delightful cookies, available for \$15.00 per box. Payment can be made by cash or check.

Throughout our 25-year tradition, this fundraiser has been crucial in supporting our weekly altar flowers, which now cost \$120.00 per week. As we evolve with time, let's uphold this cherished tradition. All proceeds directly fund our altar flowers, ensuring their presence each week.

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.

Rector Discretionary Fund

1st 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 Hamilton Fong at the service or email: [hfongster@gmail.com](mailto:hfangster@gmail.com)

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.

Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 1:00pm, we meet for Bible Study on Zoom and discuss the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday Service. Join us! For questions, please contact Daniel Tate at 650-799-7084, or dtate@ses.cdsp.edu

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, 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.]

| Presider | Date |
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| Mr. Daniel Tate | Sunday, November 19, 2023 |
| Mr. Daniel Tate | Sunday, November 26, 2023 |
| tbd | Sunday, December 03, 2023 |
| tbd | Sunday, December 10, 2023 |