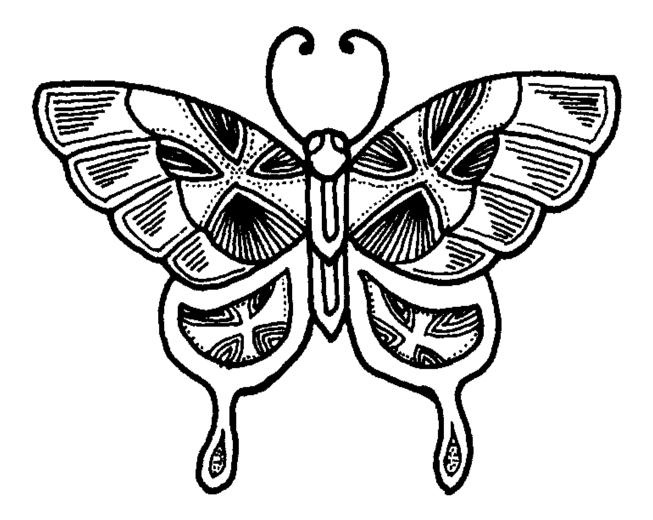


St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

A community where ALL are WELCOME, ALL are FED and ALL are LOVED

> MARCH 31, 2024 Easter Day



Welcome to St. Ambrose Episcopal Church a faith community where all are welcomed, all are fed, and all are loved.

HOLY EUCHARIST

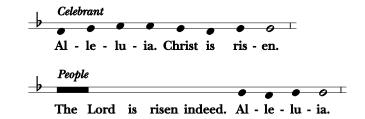
PRELUDE

SANCTUS! SANCTUS!

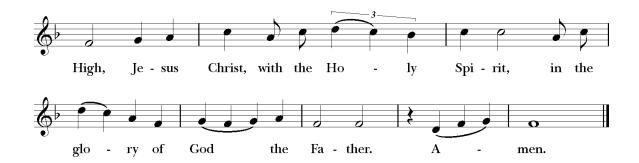
MUSIC BY: Christopher T. Gabel SUNG BY; Star Valley Chorus PIANO: Christopher Pluntke



EASTER ACCLAMATION



GLORIA S280 1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace earth. 2. Lord to his peo-ple on God, heaven - ly King, God and Fa - ther, we al - might - y wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus 90 0 0 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you 2 10 take a - way the of the world: have sin mer су 0 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -()0 Ø. . a-lone are the ceive our prayer. 6. For you Ho - ly One, Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most you a - lone are the



COLLECT OF THE DAY

| Presider | The Lord be with you. |
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| People | And also with you. |
| Presider | Let us pray. |

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

| Reader | The Word of the Lord |
|--------|----------------------|
| People | Thanks be to God. |

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 - "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.

- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
 but he did not hand me over to death.
 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
- I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
 - he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
 - and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND READING

John 20:1-18

Peter began to speak to the gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

ReaderThe Word of the LordPeopleThanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia



GOSPEL READING

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia



SERMON

The Rev. Rebecca Goldberg

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who brings us light, joy, hope, love, and peace. Alleluia, Christ is risen. **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

We pray for the church as it spreads light, joy, hope, love and peace throughout the world. Alleluia, Christ is risen. **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

We pray for an end to war, violence and oppression. Alleluia, Christ is risen. **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

We pray for all who are in need that they may be touched by Christ's light, joy, hope, love, and peace. Alleluia, Christ is risen. **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

We give thanks for our abundant blessings. May we share generously with those in need as we carry Christ's light, joy, hope, love, and peace out into the world. Alleluia, Christ is risen. **THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

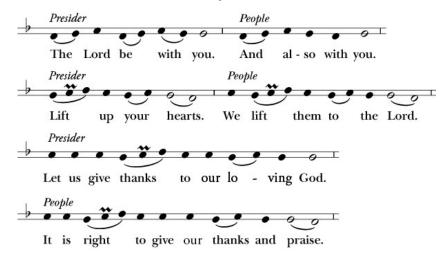
Laudate Dominum

A. Mozart Sung by Tiffany Gao, Soprano Piano, Amanda Dai

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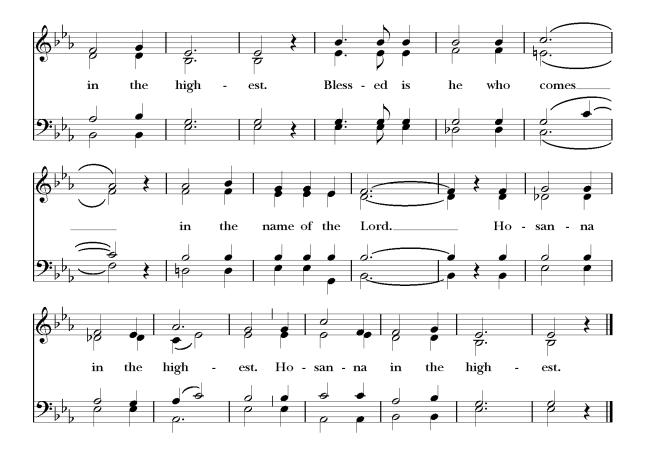
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer A



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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





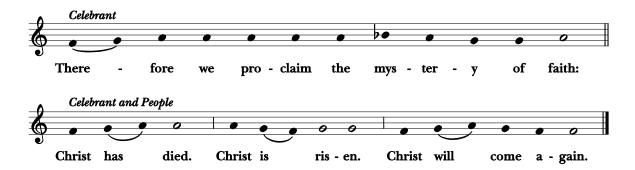
Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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*

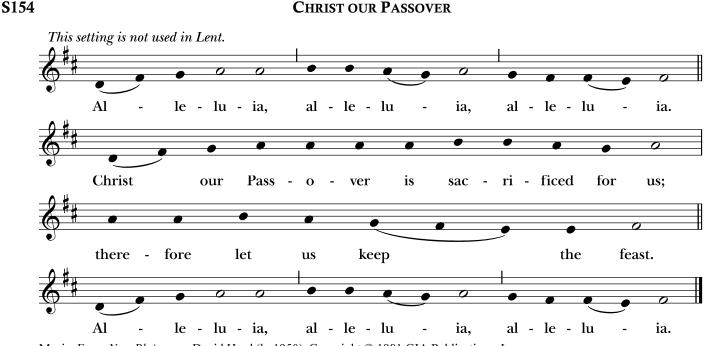
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

S154 THE HOLY EUCHARIST, FRACTION ANTHEM: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER



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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, 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 our glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen



THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living member of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

All Amen.

- *Celebrant*: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.
- All Amen.
- *Celebrant*: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

All Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **AMEN**



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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE Toccata in Seven

Music by: John Rutter Organ: Christopher Pluntke

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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. Rebecca Goldberg Chaplain Daniel Tate Amanda Yuxin Dai, Music Director Star Valley Chorus Christopher Pluntke, Organist

Worship Leader Rota:

Intercessor Eugene Hetzer Lector Chaplain Daniel Tate, Eucharistic Minister Usher Ali LeBlanc, Livestream Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Star Valley Chorus for joining our Easter Celebration!

Special thanks to Christopher Pluntke for playing the organ and piano!

Lenten Offerings:

During Lent we ask parishioners to forego some activities that they may view as "luxuries" (lattes, desserts) and donate those funds to either or both of two worthy causes.

United Thank Offering is a major funding source for the Episcopal Church's international missions. If you are inclined to make a donation please write a check to St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, mark it UTO in the memo section, and drop it in the offering plate.

RIP Medical Debt (ripmedicaldebt.org) buys medical debt for cents on the dollar. The debt is then cancelled, relieving families from financial burdens that many find overwhelming. Debt incurred to pay for hospitalization, medicines, and treatment of chronic conditions is one of the principal causes of personal bankruptcy in the U.S. RIP Medical Debt is a 501(c)(3) organization and is rated 4 out of 4 stars by Charity Navigator. St. Ambrose joins other Peninsula Episcopal churches in this campaign during Lent. Simply write a check to St. Ambrose, mark it RIP Medical Debt, and place it in the offering plate.

The Lenten campaign will end on March 31st, Easter Sunday,

<u>Sandwiches on Sunday – March 31st:</u> We will again assemble the sandwiches and brown bags the day before, i.e., **Saturday, March 30th,** at the church from noon to 2 p.m. They will be distributed at the Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City on Sunday, March 31st, from 11:45 to 12:15 p.m. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Steve Yuen (cell 650-315-9662, stevebyuen@aol.com)

Coffee Hour

Join us for Coffee Hour after mass at 11:00 am in the parish hall. 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 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 or Click on the following link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship

*No 8:30am service at this time

Sunday School 10 AM

Sunday school is at 10:00am every week Please contact Raphael Gerber raphaele.gerber@gmail.com

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 <u>dtate@ses.cdsp.edu</u> or Warren Wong at <u>wwong@nd.edu</u>

Contemplative Meditation

Every Wednesday 10am-11am we meet for Contemplative Meditation on Zoom. We read a variety of authors. We have read Jimmy Carter's book 'Faith'; a couple of prayers from Jean-Pierre Isbouts 'Ten Prayers That Have Changed The World'. If interested, please contact Hamilton Fong. <u>hfongster@gmail.com</u>

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 Carol Frisch and the Frisch family, 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, and the pupils and staff of Sea Breeze School. *For those who have died*: Mike Frisch, John Miller, Eva Rios Chong, Judi Guilford, John David Tate, Martin Gardiner

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

Easter Flowers are given to the Glory of God and . . . In thanksgiving for St. Ambrose's Community from The Altar Guild





| Presider | Date |
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| Reverend Rebecca Goldberg | Sunday, March 31, 2024 |
| Reverend Rebecca Goldberg | Sunday, April 7, 2024 |
| Reverend Rebecca Goldberg | Sunday, April 14, 2024 |
| Reverend Rebecca Goldberg | Sunday, April 21, 2024 |
| Reverend Rebecca Goldberg | Sunday, April 28, 2024 |