



*April 28, 2024 • Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
**Welcome to St. Ambrose!**

**St. Ambrose Episcopal Church**  
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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude: Ave Maria

Schubert

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 662 Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Opening Sentences

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is RISEN!

*People:* The Lord is RISEN INDEED!! Alleluia!

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 our Lord. **Amen**

## Gloria S280

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



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Lesson Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them,

Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 22:24-30**

### ***Deus, Deus meus***

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## **Second Lesson 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of

the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

**Sequence Hymn**      *Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

F. Saunders  
December 4, 2023

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves. The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and begins with a tempo marking of '♩ = 90' and 'Verse 1'. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -'. The second staff is labeled 'V.' and begins with 'Verse 2'. The lyrics are: 'lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -'. The third staff is labeled 'V.' and continues the lyrics: 'lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -'. The fourth staff is labeled 'V.' and concludes the lyrics: 'lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

**Holy Gospel John 15:1-8**

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sequence Hymn**                    *Alleluia, Alleluia*

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**Sermon**

**Chaplain 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **Form VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who  
are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Marc our Bishop; and  
for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.



*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn    Awake and Sing**

**Words: William Hammond  
Music: St. Ethelwald**

## **Doxology**

## Hymn380 From all that dwell below the skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
 \*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3. Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

## 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 Blessing**

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn #516 | *Come Down, O Love Divine***

## Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,  
 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;  
 O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place  
 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## The Dismissal

### Postlude Amazing Grace

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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:**  
 Chaplain Daniel Tate  
*Amanda Yuxin Dai, Music Director*

**Worship Leader Rota:**  
*Intercessor*  
*Eugene Hetzer, Lector*  
*Eucharistic Minister*  
*Usher*  
*Alison LeBlanc, Livestream Technician*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thank you, Thank you from your Admins

We extend our heartfelt thanks to St Ambrose family for the Easter bonus and beautiful orchids in celebration of Professional Administration Day. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated and we are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness. Many blessings, Angeli and Jamie

### May 5<sup>th</sup> - Celebration in honor of Bishop Rio's ordination

On Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm, you are warmly invited to join the Peninsula Deanery for a special bilingual celebration in honor of Bishop Rios' ordination, to be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Redwood City. Both Bishops Austin Rios and Marc Andrus will be there. Food and festivities will follow! Please let Mother Rebecca or Hamilton Fong know if you would like to come, so we can arrange transportation.

### 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](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>

*\*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](mailto: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 [dtate@ses.cdsp.edu](mailto:dtate@ses.cdsp.edu) or Warren Wong at [wwong@nd.edu](mailto:wwong@nd.edu)

### 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. [hfongster@gmail.com](mailto:hfangster@gmail.com)

### 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 Stephen Yuen, Valerie Mersh and her son Darren, 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, 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:*** Zaw-Sing Su 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.]*

**The Altar Flowers are given by:**

The Altar Guild to the Glory of God

<b>Presider</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chaplain Daniel Tate	Sunday, April 28, 2024
Reverend Rebecca Goldberg	Sunday, May 5, 2024
Reverend Rebecca Goldberg	Sunday, May 12, 2024
Reverend Rebecca Goldberg	Sunday, May 19, 2024