March 18, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church,

Aloha! I am writing to inform you of our maiden attempt of having virtual worship on You Tube. It will take place this **Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 10 a.m.** The service will be the Liturgy of the Word of the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ending with the Peace, followed by the Blessing and Dismissal. There will be no celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This Sunday, I will be the Presider and Preacher.

In order to accomplish this, we will need a small worship team to create the worship service.

According to the Bishop’s directive no one over 65 years old will be able to participate in the worship team and the participants will have to maintain social distance of six feet.

Thanks to David and Lydia McIntyre who will be setting up the You Tube live-stream worship. In order to view it go to Youtube.com. When you get to the webpage go to the search bar and type: Saint Ambrose Foster City, and you should see videos posted or check on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfCRkqxS1Ii-yYov5kMpvDg>

I will be sending out the worship bulletin for you to use. It will contain the entire service for you to follow. I will also have it posted on the website at [www.stambrosefostercity.org](http://www.stambrosefostercity.org).

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to me at dyota@mindspring.com so they can be part of the Prayers of the People.

A new development this week is the Bishop’s directive to cancel all gatherings (other than the small group creating the live streaming worship) through **May 10th** in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the public health orders issued in all six counties in which the Diocese of California operates.

As this week has been so hectic, I was unable to write up the notes on the book, the Second Mountain.

As we are not gathering for worship for several weeks, we don’t have the opportunity to make our offerings. Please send in your offerings to the church office as they are needed to help us keep operating as a congregation.

Please continue to check up on one another via phone. Members of the Vestry will begin reaching out as well. Also, please let the clergy know how you are doing. You may call us with any of your concerns on our cell phones, 650 200-9331 (David), 650 200-8449 (Karen)or by sending us an email at dyota@mindspring.com or karen.2.swanson@gmail.com.

 Yours,

 David Ota, Rector