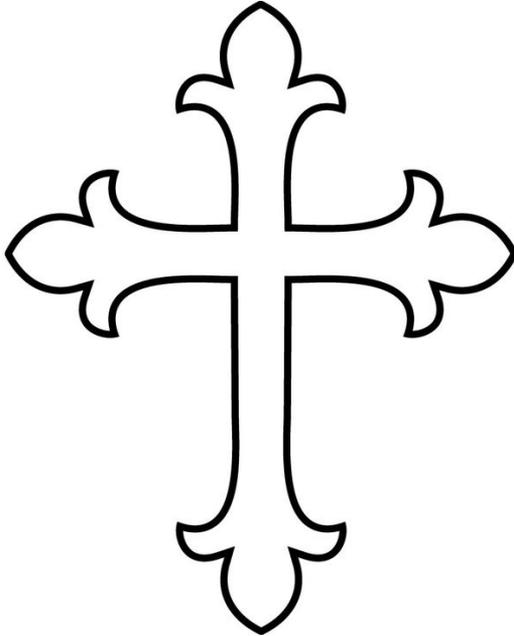


PENTECOST XVIII

26. September. 2021
8:30 am and 10:00 a.m.

Mass: Rite II

We are delighted to welcome you to our online/in-person hybrid liturgy. Fully vaccinated clergy and lay leaders may remove their masks while speaking or singing, according to diocesan guidelines. All other participants are asked to remain masked and maintain a 3-foot distance from members of other households.



*Before the Liturgy, it is our tradition to spend the time in quiet prayer.
As the old adage says:*

“Before Mass, talk to God.

During Mass, let God talk to you.

After Mass, talk to each other.”

The Prelude: Just As I Am

Traditional hymn

The Welcome

The Introit Hymn: *Gardiner*

Hymnal #609 [Standing]

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less thy
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bid, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

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The people standing

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *BCP, Page 355*
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

***All:* 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.**

The Gloria *Said at 8:30 am*

Hymnal #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 - might - y 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
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Sermon

[Seated]

The First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won

your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

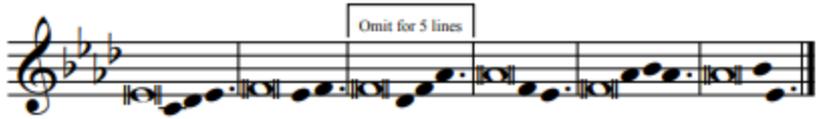
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Nisi quia Dominus*

Psalm 124

[Recited/seated at 8:30 am; Sung/Standing at 10:00 am]

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If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

If the LORD had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the LORD!

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Epistle: *James 5:13-20 [Seated]*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess

your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: *Mark 9:38-50* (Standing)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

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. 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 Intercessions: (Kneeling)

Speak to our hearts that yearn for you. Teach us to dwell and delight in your presence.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Speak to your church and our leaders. Energize us with new life and endless possibilities. Teach us to be partners with you in holiness and power.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for our president, our Congress, and our courts. May harmony in diversity begin with us. Speak peace to the leaders of the nations, that conflicts may cease and mutual respect across boundaries and languages may prevail.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Bring the peoples of the world together so that all will be fed and warm, and none will be threatened, that the language of hope is spoken freely in all corners of the globe.

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for all who cry out in pain and those who suffer in silence for those who await healing and for those who have lost hope. For those who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them, bring your healing power to those who need it most, especially: Marilyn Canon, Alison LeBlanc, Ronnie Rosen, and Leo Gauthier, and Michael Kelly

Have mercy, O Lord.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for those who have ended their earthly journey and now are surrounded by angels and archangels and their unending songs of praise.

We pray especially for Michiko Akagi Murakami

*Bring us also to that heavenly shore and
the fullness of your eternal grace.*

For what else shall we pray?

All: **Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

God is love and we are his children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because he loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (*Silence*)

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: 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.

(Standing)

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I leave with you; my own peace do I give you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and grant us peace and unity according to your will, who lives and reigns God throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us offer one another a non-tactile sign of Peace.

The Offertory Sentence: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

The Offertory Anthem-Choir: Eternal Light J. Marshall

The Eucharistic Prayer (B) [*Standing*] *Hymnal S130*

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; [for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life In Jesus Christ our Lord.]

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:

The Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal #S125

[Recited at 8:30 am]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth staff: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

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,

**All: 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 [_____ 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.

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.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say:

**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
forever and ever. Amen**

The Fraction:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are One Body, because we all share in one bread.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

[The Eucharist may be consumed]

The Agnus Dei:

[Recited at 8:30 am]

Hymnal #S159

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.

In this season, when our whole community of faith cannot all gather together, we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist – a gift that we hold all the more precious in these days when we cannot share the one bread and the one cup. Yet, even in the absence of this sacramental sharing, the mystical Communion between Christ and his church, and among us as members of Christ's body, remains unbroken. And so, mindful of this deep bond of the Spirit, let us unite ourselves to Christ and one another.

If you would like to receive holy communion (under one kind [host] during the pandemic), please:

- 1. Come up the center aisle keeping 6 feet distance*
- 2. Receive the host in your hand*
- 3. Wait until you are socially-distanced to lower your mask and consume the host.*

The Post-communion Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son prayed at table that his disciples might be one, even as you and he are one; draw us closer to him, that in common love and obedience, we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory; through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The Benediction:

[Standing]

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 upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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The Dismissal.

Priest: Let us go in peace to love and serve Our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: Alleluia, Alleluia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday	Sep 26	8:30 am	Mass
Sunday	Sep 26	10:00 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Youth Grp Mtg, Courtyard
		11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Courtyard
Monday	Sep 27	1:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	Sep 28		
Wednesday	Sep 29	10:00 am	Contemplative Meditation
Thursday	Sep 30	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	Oct 1		
Saturday	Oct 2		
Sunday	Oct 3	8:30 am 10:00 am	Blessing of Animals

TODAY

Sunday, Sept 26, 10:00 am Youth Group Meeting, Courtyard

Sunday, Sept 26, 11:00 am Coffee Hour, Courtyard

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sep 27, 1:00 pm Zoom Bible Study. For Zoom link, please contact Daniel Tate at dtate@ses.cdsp.edu or 650-799-7084

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Oct 3, 8:30 am and 10:00 am Mass, Blessing of Animals

Blessing of Animals

In observation of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we will have a blessing of animals at both the 8.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday October 3rd. You are invited to bring animals into church. Exorcisms by special request! [LOL].

Choir Rehearsals

Saint Ambrose Choir will resume rehearsals on **Thursdays at 7:30 PM**. We will be masked and correctly distanced and would be happy for anyone who wishes to join us. If you wish to join us, please let me know so that I can prepare a folder for you. You may contact me at mhfromme@yahoo.com or 415.990.6758.

Worship Leaders Needed

Please sign up as a Lector for our 8:30 am Mass by emailing stambrose@mindspring.com or Church signup sheet

We also need Worship Leader volunteers for our 10:30 am Mass. There are openings for Intercessors, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers and Acolytes, and Livestream Technicians.

Contact us at stambrose@mindspring.com 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>

Sign up for as many weeks and for as many opportunities you can fill. Father Shane will provide introductions and training for new volunteers.

Reflection and Gratitude

This summer, Saint Ambrose would like to invite you to a time of reflection and gratitude, especially after the pandemic.

The scope is:

1. Reflect on how the pandemic has impacted you
2. Reflect on the blessings received and on how our Church has helped you navigate through this unprecedented time

If you like, please share with the community: come and write your thoughts on a poster board located in the Narthex of Saint Ambrose or send an email to St Ambrose Reflections and Gratitude (reflections.gratitude@gmail.com). We will copy your email on a post-it that will be displayed on the board. This way, as a community, we can be more mindful about what we went through, pray together, and share gratitude.

Rides for Gene Hetzer

Gene Hetzer a longtime church member and Carl his guide dog need rides on an alternating basis from church members. Please contact Jim Neubert to schedule a day for driving.

Contemplative Meditation

Father Shane guides a thirty-minute weekly 'Zoom-Zen' contemplative meditation on Wednesdays at 10am, Please send an email to Hamilton Fong (hfongster@gmail.com) or to Nilda Chong (nchongmd@gmail.com) if you wish to be included in the Zoom invitation.

Prayer list: We pray especially for Yvonne Sidell, Jerelyn Weber, Charlene Adolph, Miles Martin, Frank Brown, Barbara and John Milligan, Ed Avakoff, Max Gumbert, Isabella, Jerry Boykin, Carol Newman, Clara Padilla, Bettie Davis, Arjun Katyan, Janet McAnnally, Marilyn Canon, Alison LeBlanc, Ronnie Rosen, Leo Gauthier, Michael Kelly

[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 Teresa Murakami in loving memory of Michiko Akagi Murakami

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Southwest Florida (USA), Diocese of Fond du Lac (USA), Diocese of Fredericton (Canada), Diocese of Free State (South Africa), Diocese of Guyana, Diocese of Gwagwalada (Nigeria)

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Revs:

Dr. Jay Johnson, Robert Partanen, Nancy Slavin, Richard Fabian, and Charlotte Wilson

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 Thank You to Each of You

The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen, Interim Rector
Stephen Yuen/Suzanne Tjandra Lectors
Shelley Keefe, Intercessor
Hamilton Fong, Cantor
Frank Saunders, Organist
Alison LeBlanc Livestream Technician

Worship Leader Rota:

- 26 Sept Lectors: Stephen Yuen/Suzanne Tjandra; Intercessor: Shelley Keefe
Usher: Steve Yuen; Greeter: Clara Padilla; Acolyte: Nathan Matsuo
Livestream Technician: Alison LeBlanc
- 3 Oct Lectors: Yvonne Sidell/Warren Wong; Intercessor: Maureen Fromme
Usher: Elliott Dun; Greeter: James Neubert; Acolyte: Don Gundry
Livestream Technician: Shelley Keefe
- 10 Oct Lectors: Maureen Fromme/ Shelley Keefe Intercessor: Yvonne Sidell
Usher: Stephen Yuen; Greeter: Clara Padilla; Acolyte: Nathan Matsuo
Livestream Technician: Scott Chang
- 17 Oct Lector: Dulce Lord/Warren Wong; Intercessor: Shelley Keefe,
Usher: Elliott Dun; Greeter: Jim Neubert; Acolyte: Jimmy Bradford,
Livestream Technician: Alison LeBlanc
- 24 Oct Lector: Eugene Hetzer/Stephen Yuen; Intercessor: Yvonne Sidell,
Usher: Stephen Yuen; Greeter: Warren Wong; Acolyte: Don Gundry,
Livestream Technician: Shelley Keefe

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