



April 16, 2023 • Second Sunday in Easter  
**Welcome to St. Ambrose!**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 16** *Conserva me, Domine*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my  
Lord, my good above all other."  
2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in  
the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the  
people.  
3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my  
lips.  
5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not  
fall.  
9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit  
rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for  
evermore.

## **Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Holy Gospel John 20:19-31**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he

had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon                      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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Good and gracious God, we rejoice in the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to remain Christ centered in all that we do .

Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We pray for the church; for unity in the midst of diversity; for all who teach, preach, and administer the sacraments, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Marc, our bishop; Jason, our priest; all other clergy, and the faithful lay people who serve the church.

Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We pray for an end to war, violence, and oppression; for refugees and those who care for them; for all who live in fear and chaos. Bless our armed forces and all who strive to make the world a better place. Guide the leaders of the world, especially President Biden, that they might make decisions leading to justice, freedom, and peace for all and the preservation of creation.

Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We pray for all who are in need; the victims of domestic violence and child abuse; those affected by natural disasters; those who live in poverty; the homeless, the hungry, and those sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially (reader names those on our prayer list) (people may speak additional names). We pray for those who mourn (pause for names) and those who have died (pause for names).

Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We give thanks for all our blessings; our families, friends, and the St. Ambrose community. We are grateful for spring with the new life all around us. We are grateful for the abundance with which we live. May we share generously from our abundance with those in need.

Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

### **The Peace**

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

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Hymn

#### The Great Thanksgiving    Eucharistic Prayer IALC    Prayer for Unity B

*Celebrant:*    The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:*    Lift up your hearts.

*People:*        **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.**

With one heart and mind we give you thanks, eternal God, friend of sinners, teacher of truth. In the beginning, you spoke the word, and all beauty, order, and infinite possibility came forth in goodness and delight.

You entrusted us, the people you made in your own image, with the care of this earth and of each other. But we were hasty and greedy. We chose power and fought for domination. Through creation's own witness, through the law and the prophets, you constantly called us back, but we kept turning away. Our sins broke all your plans for love and life.

So you sent Jesus into the world. Your Son and Mary's child, he was born as one of us. He came to live and serve, to teach and heal, to show by his joyful example the path to communion with you. He gave up his life to save us, and in his cross and his glorious resurrection, sin and death were swallowed up for ever. So we praise you, in unity with all the saints and angels,  
in this eternal song:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

God of grace, your scattered people are hungry for the bread of heaven and the cup of life. Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration, and make us one in Christ as we share this sacrament of his body and his blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it to give to them, and said: “Take and eat this it is my body.”

Then he took a cup of wine. Again he thanked you and told them: “Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.”

So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church, and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

As we share this bread and this cup, refresh our compassion for one another. Renew our care for the people you call us to love, and for the earth and all its creatures, whose life you have woven with our own. Make us agents of justice and messengers of peace, healing division, finding common ground, forgiving as we have been forgiven.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, eternal God, with all we have and all we are, in single-hearted praise.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **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.**

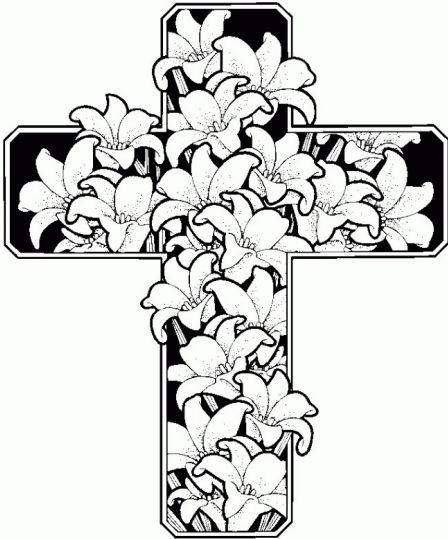
### **Invitation**

#### **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**



**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Eternal God, your Son at supper prayed that the disciples might be one, as he is one with you. Draw us daily closer to him, that in common love and service to you we may be united with one another in your Spirit through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen**

**The Blessing**

***Postlude***

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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:**

The Rev. Fr. Jason Lucas-Green, Rector  
Rev. Rebecca Goldberg  
*Frank Saunders, Organist*  
*Maureen Fromme, Choir Director*

**Worship Leader Rota:**

*Dulce Lord, Intercessor*  
*Dulce Lord, Lector*  
*Usher*  
*Alison LeBlanc, Livestream Technician*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](mailto:Frjason@stambrosefostercity.org). Now that the holidays are over my goal this year is to meet and get to know the parish better.

## Spring Cleaning

It is time for spring cleaning. Bayview will take clothes, shoes, and other items for their clients. Please bring them to church and we will get them to Bayview.

## 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>

## 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)

## Worship Leaders Needed

Please sign up as a Lector for our 8:30 am and 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>

## 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.

**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, Ronnie Rosen, Leo Gauthier, John David Tate, Alice Deckel, Randy Fromme, Mike Frisch, and the pupils and staff of Sea Breeze School. ***For those who have died:*** Judi Guilford, John David Tate, Martin Gardiner