

# St. Ambrose Episcopal Church

# August 25, 2024

# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Songs My Mother Taught Me

by Antonín Dvořák.

PROCESSIONAL 558 Faith of Our Fathers



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: St. Catherine, Henri Frédéric Hemy (1818-1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905).

# **Opening Sentences**

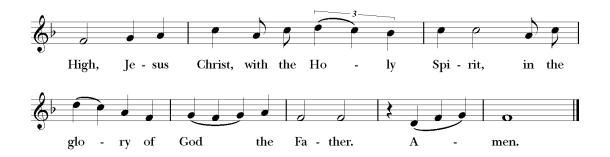
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

# 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: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen** 

## First Lesson Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 34:15-22

#### Benedicam Dominum

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \* and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*
  to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \* and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \* and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \* but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \* not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \* and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \* and none will be punished who trust in him.

# Second Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Reader*: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

# Sequence Hymn - Halle, Halle, Halle



# Holy Gospel John 6:56-69

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn Halle, Halle, Halle

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop Elect, Austin 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*.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left 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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

# The Peace

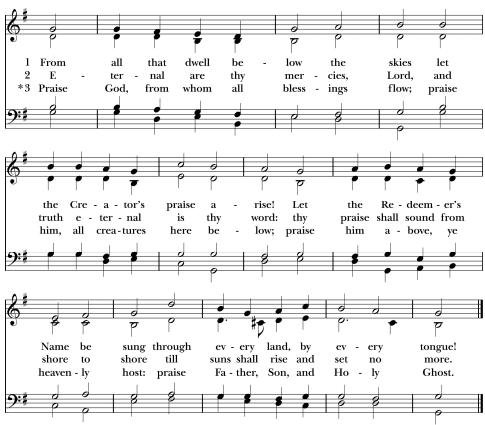
Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: H523 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

# **Doxology**

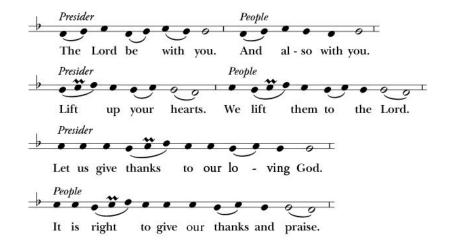
Hymn 380 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



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 HOLY COMMUNION

### **Eucharistic Prayer 2**



*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 our thanks and praise.

### Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

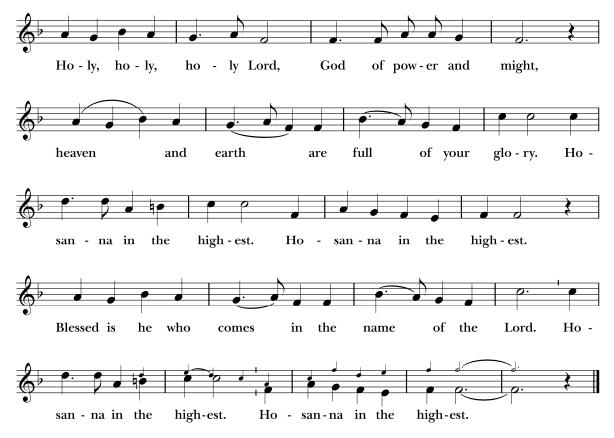
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels.

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

## Celebrant and People

### THE SANCTUS S125



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The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

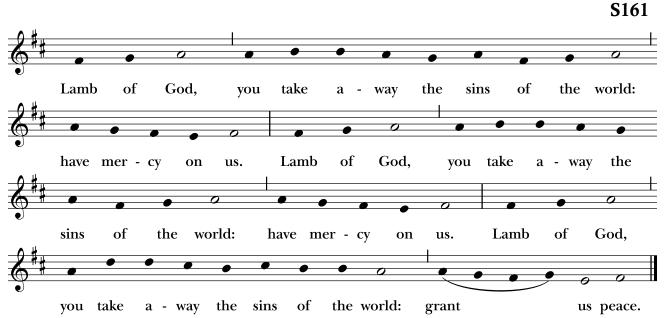
In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Ambrose and Saint Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.

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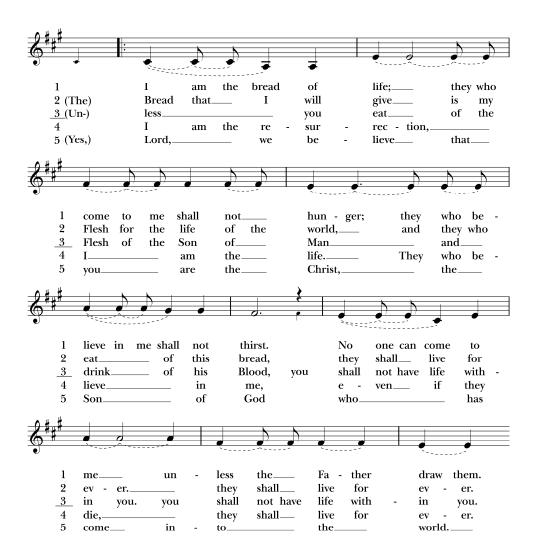
### **Invitation**

### 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 blessings 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

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

# 335 I Am the Bread of Life





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# Post communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members 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.

## **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** 

### **RECESSIONAL** Wonderful Words of Life



### The Dismissal

# Postlude: Organ Improvisation

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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:**

Reverend Rebecca Goldberg Chaplain Daniel Tate Amanda Yuxin Dai, Music Director

### **Worship Leader Rota:**

Intercessor
Warren Wong, Janis Horne/Lector
Chaplain Daniel Tate, Eucharistic Minister
Usher
Alison LeBlanc, Livestream Technician

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Change in Eucharistic Rite**

For the remainder of August and the first Sunday in September, we will be using an authorized Supplemental Eucharistic Rite, from the book Enriching our Worship I. In 1997, the Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church developed some additional resources for Sunday celebrations, which include expansive language, and additional metaphors and symbols to help enrich our experience of worshiping God in community. This is not meant to replace the Book of Common Prayer; the service follows the order found there. We will return to using either Eucharistic Prayer A or B from the Book of Common Prayer the second week in September.

### Parking Lot Sale -Saturday, Sept 7th

We will have a Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, September 7<sup>th,,</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m Please come to the sale, let your friends and family know, donate items, or volunteer. Let's make this another successful sale! For donations and volunteering, please text:

Brenda: (650) 520-1140 April: (650) 703-3191

#### Mother Rebecca's office hours

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, Mother Rebecca will be in her office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30-4:30. She can be reached during office hours at 650-574-1369. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 650 291-5289 revrebecca@stambrosefostercity.org

### Welcome back students

Sea Breeze School welcomed back their students to the campus on August 19. Please keep the teachers, children and families in your prayers. We are so thankful for the wonderful ministry they provide in the community!

#### **Outreach Committee Coordinator**

We are pleased to announce that Dulce Lord has agreed to be the coordinator of the Outreach Committee. If you are interested in working with others to minister to and with our neighbors in the community, please contact her at 650/918-8691.

### **Coffee Hour**

Join us for Coffee Hour after the service at 11:00 am in the parish hall. Please volunteer to contribute (cakes, cookies, finger food or sandwiches) 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 Eucharist by emailing office@stambrosefostercity.org or the Church signup sheet. We also need Worship Leader volunteers for our 10:00\* am Eucharist. 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 <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FA5A82CA0F94-worship</a>

### **Sunday School 10 AM**

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

<sup>\*</sup>No 8:30am service at this time

### **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 <a href="mailto:dtate@ses.cdsp.edu">dtate@ses.cdsp.edu</a> or Warren Wong at <a href="https://www.uwong@nd.edu">www.uwong@nd.edu</a>

### **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'. We are currently reading David Brooks' 'How to Know a Person...'

If interested, please contact Hamilton Fong. <a href="mailto:hfongster@gmail.com">hfongster@gmail.com</a>

### **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 <a href="mailto:dtate@ses.cdsp.edu">dtate@ses.cdsp.edu</a>

<u>Prayer list:</u> We pray especially for Renee Sheldon and family, Darren Su, Stephen, 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: Arthur Labrador, Buck Schott, Ercira Puig, 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.]

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Happy Anniversary to April and Grant Cherrington!

### The Altar Flowers are given by

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Reverend Rebecca Goldberg	Sunday, August 25, 2024
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