

ST. AMBROSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CONTEMPLATIVE MASS

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

8:00 AM

MEN'S DAY

Behold,
how good and how
pleasant *brethren* to
it is for *together* dwell
in unity

PSALM 133

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THE WORD OF GOD

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 127

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, *in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, *and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 9:24-28

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Minister The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

Minister

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jemonde Taylor

A CHARGE TO ALL MEN

Will you be a man who loves God and loves his neighbor as himself?

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a man committed to prayer and worship?

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a man who shows love and respect?

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a man who acknowledges the need for human community, embracing the African proverb, "I am because we are, and since we are, therefore I am?"

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a man who takes care of his health, through diet, yearly medical examinations, recognizing that the body is God's temple?

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a man who realizes that strength comes through kindness and compassion?

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a man who reaches back, supporting those generations coming behind and setting a positive example?

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a visible and active member of your community?

Men Respond: I will.

Will you be a man who respects his family: spouse, children, siblings, parents, and the entire human family?

Men Respond: I will.

Will all of you who witness this promise to support these men in prayer and counsel?

Congregation: We will.

Almighty God, Creator of all men, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christians. Let the example of their faith and love shine. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED (*ALL*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thanksgivings for National Life

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Response: Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Response: Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Response: Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Response: Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Response: Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 God 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.

[The Celebrant includes a Proper Preface]

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:

SANCTUS

**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.**

[The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer]

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

[The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer]

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.**

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR to the glory of God given by the Flower Ministry.

MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - TODAY, 10:00 AM service guest speaker, Dr. Michael Gordon, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University. Dr. Gordon's topic will be "A Man's Journey towards Jesus".

CHURCH DIRECTORIES – 2016 Church Directories are available in the church office. Please review and complete an information form found in the back of the church with corrections and/or additions by December 13. An addendum will be available December 20.

WELCOME CARDS – We invite Worshiping Guests to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. All may use them for prayer requests and/or comments. Thanks to the Stewardship Ministry for these cards. Place in the offering plate.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Please join the Bible Study group, with Christ Church, led by The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn every Tuesday morning, at St. Ambrose, from 9:30-11:00am.

COVENANT CHOIR looks forward to welcoming all those in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades. So much music, so many opportunities, so much FUN! Join us on Monday, 5:45-6:40 pm in the Music Room.

CHERUB CHOIR looks forward to welcoming all those in Kindergarten and 1st Grade as we explore the gift of Music. Wednesday, 5:30-6:10 pm in the Music Room

2016 MINISTRY BUDGET REQUEST – Ministries get your budget requests in! Please email them to the church office, kmorgan@stambroseraleigh.org.

FAITH FORMATION WEDNESDAY, 6PM- Dreams: God's Forgotten Language book by Fr. John A. Sanford

CHOIR REHEARSALS are open to those in High School and all Adults. Rehearsal options include our traditional Thursdays, 6:30PM in the Music Room, and **WEDNESDAY SINGERS**, rehearsing on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, by “popular demand”. The St. Ambrose Choir welcomes all congregants to either rehearsal.

STEWARDSHIP HOME COMMUNIONS-Small groups gather in a parishioner's home for a 20-minute Communion service, a meal, and discussion about Stewardship 2015. **November 12 at 6:30 PM** at Orrin and Donna Haywood's home. Please contact the church if you want to host a Home Communion

LIFE AT ST. AMBROSE

SUNDAY, November 8

Men's Day

8:00am Contemplative Mass
10:00am Men's Day Celebration

Monday, November 9

12:15pm Midday Bible Study
5:45pm COVENANT CHOIR
Rehearsal [2nd-5th grade]

Tuesday, November 10

9:30am Morning Bible Study
6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, November 11

12:15pm Midweek Eucharist
1:00pm WEDNESDAY SINGERS
Rehearsal [Adults]
5:30pm CHERUB CHOIR
Rehearsal [K-1st grade]
6:00pm Faith Formation

Thursday, November 12

6:30pm St. Ambrose Choir
Rehearsal

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

9:00am Flower Ministry
9:30am Dance Ministry Rehearsal
2:00pm Chess Team
8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

SUNDAY, November 15

8:00am Contemplative Mass
9:15am Jazz Mass
11:15am Choral Mass
1:00pm Vestry Meeting

November 8	November 15
<u>Lectors & Intercessors</u>	<u>Lectors & Intercessors</u>
8:00 Chris Hunt Orrin Haywood Karsten Tyson	8:00 Donna Haywood Orrin Haywood Jada Bing
10:00 Bobby Moody Ronald Johnson Peter Henderson	9:15 Hortense Francis Patrice Hardy
	11:15 Pat Johnson Lori Wiggins Ronald Johnson
<u>LEM</u>s	<u>LEM</u>s
8:00 TBD	8:00 Odell Watson
10:00 James Revis	9:15 Phyllis Hilliard
	11:15 Joe Springer
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
10:00 Allie Williams Kevin Brockenbrough Michael Minor Levi Bowen	9:15 Joseph Winters Carolyn Winters Percy Merritt
	11:15 Karen Stroud Larry Stroud
<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
10:00	9:15
Server Cypriane Jacobs	Server Elizabeth Hardy
Crucifer Imani Jacobs	Crucifer Maurice Clarke
<u>Torches</u>	<u>Torches</u>
	11:15
	Server Jordan Peterson
	Crucifer Kristina Peterson
	<u>Torches</u>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Patricia Johnson 1, Sydney Roberts 3, Lauren Creech 4, Michael Gordon, 7 Doreatha Handy 9,
Gregory Springer 9, Cameron Hudson 11, Carolyn Winters 11, Eddie Jacobs 11,
Rosalind Lane 13, Ron Johnson 14, Lori Wiggins 15, Jimmy Wiggins 17, Dorothy Johnson 22,
Reginald Revis 23, Norma Brown 27, Bobby Moody 28, Joan Barrax 28, Julius Mallette 28,
Elizabeth Sintim 28, Tamani Powell 28, Mellisa Smith 28, Monica Cloud 30, Harolyn Coplin 30,
Larry Stroud Sr. 30

PRAYER LIST

For Those Who are Sick

Marie H. Adams
Joan Barrax
Levi Bowen
Mamie Brewington
Gary Bryson
Anna Burnside
Albert Cadogan
Betty Camp
Patricia Caple
Alois Chalmers
Sylvellie Cloud
Stephanie Cross
Lemuel Delany
George W. Flemming
Antoinette Foxwell
Anitra Fuller
Maggie Gill
Zana Handy-Marks
Nathaniel Harris
Rose R. Hayes
Esther Hayes
Marielle Haywood-Posey
Norma Haywood
Marshall Harvey
Richard W. Holden
Eddie Jacobs
Erling Johansen
Amos Link
Gladys Lundy
Mary Mallette
Oscar Mayers
Stan McElveen
Maggie Melvin
Gloria Mooney
Milton Owens
Brodie Patterson
Elaine Perry
Katie Probst
Aura Radlin
Carolyn Roberts
Charlsie Royster
Sylvia Solomon
Glenda Springer
Mary Thomas
Doris Young
Antoinette Venable
Richmond Wall, Jr.
Crystal Walton
Harold Webb
Lucille Webb
Margaret Whitaker
Tim Whitaker
Naomi Williams
Mable Wright

For The Ministry of the Church

Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the ministry and work of
St. Ambrose

Sharing Lay Ministry

Altar Guild (November)

Pamela Wilson*, Lillian Currin, Benita Hood, Hilda
Ragland, Annette Watson, Lucille Webb

For Those Who Grieve

The Abron Family
The Anders Family
The Bowen Family
Kathleen and Jake Breland
Dr. Pat Caple

Dr. Deidre Crumbley
The Handy Family
Jessie Harris
The Haywood Family
Lythel Hickerson Family
The Hilliard Family
The Horton Family
Elbert Laws
The Mallette Family
The McKnight and Dunn Families
Lou Padro and Family
James Revis
The Sams Family
Charles Seberry Family
Joe and Glenda Springer
The Taylor Family
The Watson Family
The Winters Family
Mable Wright
Avisse Young

For Those in Need of Special Prayer

Jake and Kathy Breland
The Faheem Family
The Ellison Family
Keenan Henderson
The Hudson Family
The Lee Family
Glen & Francesca Kamery
Anthony Perry
Joe and Chelsea Price
Donna Wright
President Barack Obama
The Unemployed
The Armed Forces
The people of Haiti

For Those Who Have Died

Lillian B. Abron
Purdie Anders
Thelma Anders
The Rev. Joseph H. Banks
Harold N. Breland
J. Dave Breland
Ralph Campbell
Kenneth Echols
Karen Dunn
Doreatha Handy
David L. Haywood, Sr.
Hubert Eugene Hayes, III
Lythel Hickerson
Charles Higgs
Arthur Johnson
Mae Johnson
Melissa Legister
David Mallette, Sr.
Pamela Mangum
Noah William Monk
Donna Monk
Almetta Revis
Robert Wendell Sams
Charles Seberry
Shomari Small
Mable Winters
Mercedes Winters Burgess

For Those Who are in Rest Homes/

Assisted Living

Bobby Cannady
Dorothea Chavis
Elaine Perry
Doris Young

CHURCH STAFF

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
All Baptized Members, Ministers of the Church
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Pro Tem of North Carolina
The Rev. Jemonde Taylor, Rector
The Rev. Nita Byrd, Assisting Clergy
Mrs. Ruth W. Hoffman - Minister of Music/Organist
Mr. Bobby Moody, Director - Jazz Mass Quartet
Ms. Krysta Morgan, Parish Administrator

THE VESTRY

Class of 2015

Peter Henderson
Deidra Hudson
George Jones
Bobby Moody

Class of 2016

Jada Bing
Carl Harper
Jackie Reid
Larry Stroud

Class of 2017

Harold Mallette
Phyllis Pickett
Allison Williams
Ashley Winters

LEADERS IN LAY MINISTRY

Senior WardenJackie Reid
Junior Warden.....Carl Harper
Clerk of the VestryBrandi Delany
TreasurerPhyllis Gray
Financial SecretaryJada Bing
Christian EducationPatrice Hardy
 Adult Church School Will Hudson
 Youth Church School Patrice Hardy
 Vacation Church SchoolJackie Reid
Environmental JusticeNorman C. Camp III
Communications & Technology Committee.....Allison Williams
Building and GroundsCarl Harper
Altar Guild Directress Lillian B. Currin
Flower Ministry Brandi Delany
Head UshersPhyllis Hilliard & Joe Winters
Acolyte WardensVanessa French-Harris, Fay Bowen & Paul Flanagan
Lay Eucharistic Ministry.....Gloria Merritt
Hospitality Committee Mellisa Smith & Tamika Henderson
Absalom Jones Prayer GuildEnid D. Patterson
Outreach Committee.....Harold Mallette
Care Givers Guild Donna Haywood
Episcopal Church Women Benita Merritt & Emily Cadogan
Episcopal LaymenOrrin Haywood
Episcopal Young Church PeopleTiffany & Paul Flanagan
Young Adult Ministry.....Adonya Hood

November Birthdays! Patricia Johnson 1, Sydney Roberts 3, Lauren Creech 4, Michael Gordon, 7,
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November 15 Lessons

1 Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 1, Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25, Mark 13:1-8