



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation: **WONDER**

September 5, 2021 – 10:30 AM SERVICE

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, there's a warm welcome for you here!

Prelude: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Thos. J. Williams (1890) , arr. Larry Shackley © 2001 Hope Publishing Co.

Celebrant: *We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer,
and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures!*

People: *Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life,
Creator of the Universe, Source of all life.*

(Hildegard of Bingen)

All: *Holy and Life-Giving Spirit, you know our innermost thoughts even before they
break through into consciousness; you teach us how to pray. Breathe your breath into our
hearts and minds this morning. Prepare us for worship, that our thoughts may turn to you
and our hearts bow down in grateful praise of God - Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

"From the Dawning of Creation"

WLP748

(The people may sing softly.)

1. From the dawn-ing of cre - a - tion, God was pres - ent in the Word.
2. Light ap-peared in deep - est dark-ness. Night was end - ed, morn - ing dawned.
3. Hu - man eyes have seen God's glo - ry; hu - man hands have touched God's own.

And the Word was God e - ter - nal, source of all that came to be.
And that light is ev - er burn-ing, bright-ness nev - er o - ver - come.
In our like - ness here a - mong us, dwells the Word of God made flesh.

Je - sus is that Word e - ter - nal. Je - sus is the Word of life.
Je - sus is that Light e - ter - nal. Je - sus is the Word of life.
Je - sus is that Word in - car - nate. Je - sus is the Word of life.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God of all creation; with you is the well of life:

People: *And in your light we shall see light.*

All: *God our Creator, who laid the foundations of the earth and stretched out the heavens as a tent cloth; how glorious is your name in all the world. Give us grace to wonder at your gift, to treasure the earth and to work for its protection and renewal; through Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit One God now and for ever. Amen.*

Job 38:1-11, 16-18

Lector: *A reading from the book of Job*

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'? Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this."

Lector: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People*

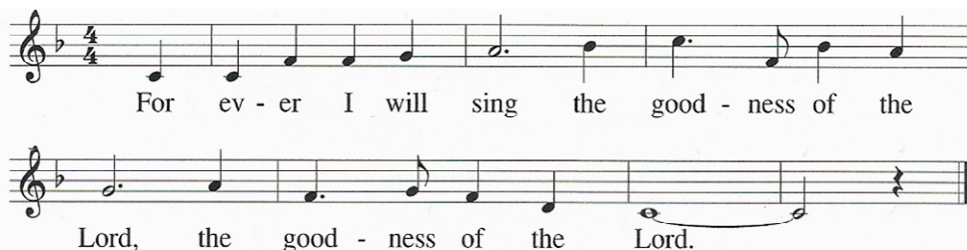
People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 89

G-82

[Cantor will lead the refrain, repeated by all.]

Refrain



Verses

"With my chosen one I have made a covenant;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty forever
and set up your throne through all ages.

R

Happy the people who acclaim such a God,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name.
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

R

He will say to me: "You are my father, my God,
the rock who saves me!"
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last.

R

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Colossians 1:1-14

Lector: *A reading from the letter to the Colossians*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People*

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn

G 265

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia.

To repeat *Last time*

Music: Jerry Sinclair © 1972 Manna Music, Inc. Arr. By Betty C. Pulkingham © 1975 Celebration

John 1:1-5

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John.

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Eggleston

(We pause for a few moments' reflection before affirming our faith.)

Affirmation of Our Faith

WLP 769

1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,

Keep - er of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in
True Life there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that
where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's

God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



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Music: *Arfon*, Welsh hymn melody

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor and People

In the beginning, *God was.*

Here and now, *God is.*

In the future, *God will be.*

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help.

[Prayers are read from the bidding book;
additional prayers may be offered silently or aloud.]

God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: *Eternal God, the light of all who know you,
come and fill our hearts with your love.
Help us speak when many keep silent,
help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference.
Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes
and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory;
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

source: Anne Kelsey

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Confession and Absolution

*As those who know the generosity of God let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take creation and God's gifts for granted.*

All: ***Creator God, maker of heaven and earth,
we acknowledge our failure to live responsibly
as part of your creation.***

***We have taken what we want
without considering the consequences;
we have wasted and discarded,
without thought for the future.***

***Open our hearts and minds to the signs of our times,
to the groaning of creation,
so that we may turn from our greed and lack of vision
and see a world being made anew in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

*May the All-Compassionate 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.

The Peace

Celebrant: *The peace of Christ be always with you.*

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

To maintain safe social distancing, please simply greet others verbally or with a bow or nod.

*Collection plates are not passed, but you may put your contributions in the plate by the
usher's station before the service, or at the Peace, or contribute at our website any time.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Music: *"Brother James' Air"*

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Holy Eucharist

EOW-3

(Please Stand)

Doxology *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God the Source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

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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.***

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

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

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Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: *Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed virgin Mary, blessed Benedict, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

All: *Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Jack Noble White

Voice



Our Fa-----ther in

Heaven Holy be-³ your name Your kingdom come; Your will be

done on earth as in heav'n- Give us this day our dai-----ly

bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri-al and de - li-ver-us from e-vil For the

king - dom the po-wer and the glo----- ry are yours now & for---e---ver

A -----men A -----men A -----men

A -----men A -----men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.
A period of silence is kept.

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All:

When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup, we pro - claim your

death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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Celebrant: This is the true bread which comes from heaven
and gives life to the world.

People: ***Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.***

Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God
This is God's table, and all are welcome here.

*(The consecrated bread will be distributed to you individually, that you may consume it.
The cup of consecrated wine will be held before you, that you may receive it with your eyes.)*

Communion Music: "Quiet Rest"

John Turner

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Communion Hymn "O God, May We Hold on to Love"

Appalachian Folk Melody

O Waly Waly
L.M.



O God, may we hold on to love — and in the times when love is lost,
send down your mercy like a flood and show us love is worth the cost.

When righteous anger fills our plate and harms us — body, mind and soul —
may we forgive and so create a feast that makes the wounded whole.

May we let go of might-have-beens and leave regrets, and choose to live.
We give you all our pain and sins — for you will heal, and you forgive!

May we push back at all the fear that, like a storm, is raging round.
May we work hard for justice here till walls of hate come tumbling down.

God, give us grace to set aside the things that hurt and tear apart,
till we find love has opened wide a path to life, a whole new start.

Tune: O WALY WALY Traditional Folk melody "Though I May Speak"
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(We pause for a moment of silence together before joining in our final prayer)

*Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in Creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom;
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us wise and generous stewards of the good things we enjoy;
through your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen*

"A Time for Creation" - Church of England)

The Blessing

May God the Creator who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide you with all we need for life in its fullness. **Amen**

May God the Son, who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine, feed you with his life and transform you in his love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth. **Amen**

And the blessing of the Holy Trinity be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Announcements

Hymn [sing vv 1-2, 4]

“How Great Thou Art”
(The people may sing softly)

LEVAS 60

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The Dismissal.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Carl Glaser, arr. by Larry Shackely

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