



# St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation: ABUNDANCE

September 12, 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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. Joel Raney © 2011 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

"For the Beauty of the Earth" [vv 1-3,5]

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
 1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,  
 Refrain  
 Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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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.*

## Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Lector: *A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to all Israel: For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

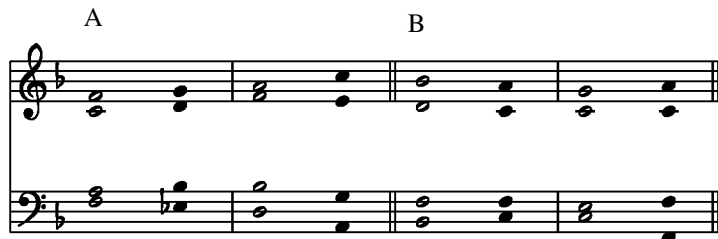
Lector: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People*

People: *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 19

[chanted]

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A The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

B One day tells its tale to a/nother, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to a/nother.

- A Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- B Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- A In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion  
to run its course.
- B It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of it a/gain; \*  
and nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- A The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*
- B the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- A The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*
- B the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- A The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*
- B the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous alto/gether.
- A More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*
- B sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- A By them also is your servant en/lightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great re/ward.
- B Who can tell how often he of/fends? \*  
cleans me from my secret faults.
- A Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*
- B then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great of/fense.
- B Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*

## Revelation 22:1-5

Lector: *A reading from the Revelation to John*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

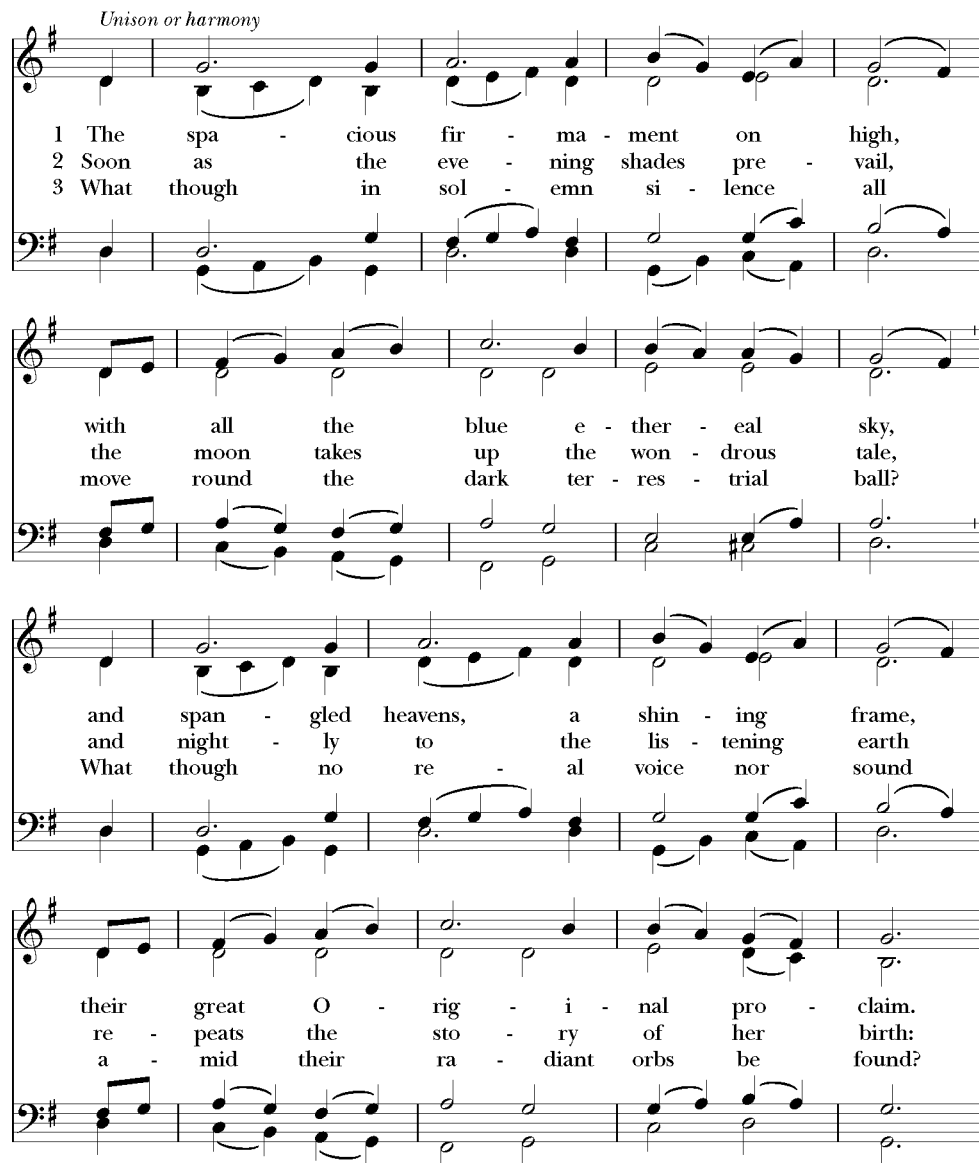
People: *Thanks be to God*

## Gradual Hymn

*"The Spacious Firmament on High"*

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*Unison or harmony*



1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,  
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,  
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,  
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,  
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,  
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth  
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.  
re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:  
a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day  
whilst all the stars that round her burn,  
In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,  
does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;  
and all the plan - ets in their turn,  
and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;  
and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land  
con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll  
for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,  
the work of an al - might - y hand.  
and spread the truth from pole to pole.  
"The hand that made us is di - vine."

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## Matthew 6:25-34

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Brian Stein-Webber*

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

## **Nicene Creed**

*Let us stand and Affirm our Faith in the Ancient words of the Nicene Creed*

All: *We trust in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We trust 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 trust 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 trust 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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

BCP Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
[Prayers are read from the bidding book; additional prayers may be added.]

*Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## 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:** *"Nearer, My God, to Thee"*

BETHANY Lowell Mason, arr. Joel Raney © 2011 Hope Publishing Co.

## The Holy Eucharist

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( Please Stand )

**Doxology** *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow*

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*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*

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

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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.



The Celebrant Continues

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 all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***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 Blessed Mary, Blessed Benedict 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.

***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

*And now, as our Savior Christ has 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

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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:** "Walking in Grace"

Todd Beaney

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Communion Hymn "The Stars Declare His Glory"

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1. The stars de - clare his glo - ry; The vault of heav - en  
 2. The dawn re - turns in splen - dor, The heav - ens burn and  
 3. So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments To make the sim - ple  
 4. So or - der too this life of mine, Di - rect it all my  
 springs Mute wit - ness of the Mas - ter's hand In  
 blaze, The ris - ing sun re - news the race That  
 wise; More sweet than hon - ey to the taste, More  
 days; The med - i - ta - tions of my heart Be  
 all cre - at - ed things, And through the si - lenc -  
 meas - ures all our days, And writes in fire a -  
 rich than an - y prize, A law of love with -  
 in - no - cence and praise, My rock and my re -  
 es of space Their sound - less mu - sic sings.  
 cross the skies God's maj - es - ty and praise.  
 in our hearts, A light be - fore our eyes.  
 deem - ing Lord, In all my words and ways.

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 Tune: Deerfield, David Haas © 1987 GIA Pub

(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 who established the dance of creation,  
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,  
Who transforms chaos to order,  
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church  
To reflect God's glory in creation  
And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
Be among you and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

*CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme*

## Announcements

### Hymn

“*Now Thank We All Our God*”

H 397

(The people may sing softly)

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

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## 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: "In Highest Majesty"**

Lani Smith

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### **Ministers of the Service**

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brian Stein-Webber
Eucharistic Minister:	Lisa Gonzalez
Lector:	Bryson McKelvey
Piano:	David Alm
Ushers:	Connie Weldon & Maureen Titus
Altar Guild:	Lisa Gonzalez
Flowers:	Elaine Beckham
Prayer Team:	Lisa Gonzalez
Online Hosts:	Louisa Beeler
Teller:	Bryson McKelvey

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