



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation: DESOLATION

September 19, 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: "The Orphan" Op 64, No. 4

Jean Louis Streaborg (1835-1886)

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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

"Now Join We to Praise the Creator"

G 720

1. Now join we to praise the cre - a - tor,
2. We thank you, O God, for your good - ness,
3. But al - so of need and star - va - tion
4. We cry for the plight of the hun - gry
5. The song grows in depth and in wide - ness:
6. Then teach us, O Lord of the har - vest,

Our voic - es in wor - ship and song;
For the joy and a - bun - dance of crops,
We sing with con - cern and de - spair,
While har - vests are left on the field,
The earth and its peo - ple are one.
To be hum - ble in all that we claim;

We stand to re - call with thanks - giv - ing
 For food that is stored in our lard - ers,
 Of skills that are used for de - struc - tion,
 For or - chards neg - lect - ed and wast - ing,
 There can be no thanks with - out giv - ing,
 To share what we have with the na - tions,

That to God all sea - sons be - long.
 For all we can buy in the shops.
 Of land that is burnt and laid bare.
 For pro - duce from mar - kets with - held.
 No words with - out deeds that are done.
 To care for the world in your name.

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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.***

Isaiah 5:1-10

Reader *A Reading from book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! Ah, you who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is room for no one but you, and you are left to live alone in the midst of the land! The LORD of hosts has sworn in my hearing: Surely many houses shall be desolate, large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant. For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield a mere ephah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn

[Sung to Hymn Tune #401 "*The God of Abraham Praise*"]

Through devastating storms, through times of heat and drought,
through fire and flood, creation mourns and so cries out.
As hot and cold extremes cause overwhelming need,
the earth bears witness to the cost of human greed.

We're always wanting more; we spend and build and buy.
To meet our wants, we hurt the poor — till many die.
The world that we have built is one we can't sustain,
and all around us, God's creation cries in pain.

Creator, by your grace, you give the gift of life —
You entered into time and space in Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit makes us strong to tend and heal and lift —
and helps us see creation as a sacred gift.

There's no time left to wait! May we be bold to give.
May we plant trees and advocate and gently live —
God, as we love the earth and love each other, too,
may we bring hope and healing to this world with you.

Tune: *LEONI*, Traditional Hebrew melody ("The God of Abraham Praise")
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Mark 11:12-20

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

[We pause for a few moments' reflection before affirming our faith.]

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All: ***Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

cf Philipians 2.6-11

Prayers of the People

We give thanks for the provision that you make for us as part of your Creation, even as we acknowledge our need of your guidance and your life-giving grace, saying Creator of Creation, ***open our eyes to your love.***

We pray for all people of faith around the world, asking that we may have the will and the commitment to reduce the effects of global warming on all your creatures. We pray especially for the prophets, the scientists and ecologists and the politicians who make decisions on our behalf. Creator of Creation, ***open our eyes to your love.***

We pray for the nations of the world, that we may learn to cooperate for the greater good. We pray especially for those who are feeling the worst effects of climate change, those who are forced to leave their homes, for the millions of refugees and those trying to help them. Creator of Creation, ***open our eyes to your love.***

We pray for the organizations that are working to raise our awareness of the environment, and who campaign for the greater good of all beings. We pray especially for the work of our local organizations including EcoSlo, the Land Conservancy, the Sierra Club, and St. Benedict's Earthcare. Creator of Creation, ***open our eyes to your love.***

We pray for all beings whose lives are closely linked with ours, giving thanks for our companion animals and the wild ones who share our land and our neighborhoods with us. We pray especially for those species that are endangered and which face extinction. Creator of Creation, ***open our eyes to your love.***

We pray for all those who are in times of difficulty and illness, especially those who are dear to us.

[Here prayers are read from the bidding book.]

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving...

Creator of Creation, ***open our eyes to your love.***

We give thanks for those who have shared life and love with us and who have gone on before. May they know the peace and joy of your New Creation. Creator of Creation, ***open our eyes to your love.***

Holy Creator, help us to see your hand at work in the world around us, and help us to become wise stewards of this small piece of your vast Creation, co-creators with you in bringing into full realization the reign of your love and the life of your kin-dom. All this we ask in the Name of your Christ in whom all things have their beginning and find their completion. 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

St. Benedict Singers - "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Paraphrase of Psalm 23 Setting by Donald P. Moore 1989 Morning Star Music Publishers

The Holy Eucharist

BCP Form III HE1

(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 May God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to our God.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.
People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

We thank you O God for the complexity and beauty of your Creation. We praise you for the web of life in which each part gives and receives in balance. We confess that we have failed to keep our place in your eco-system and through our greed and carelessness have brought disconnection and destruction to this planet. Throughout the ages your prophets called your people to live in balance and in love. Yet we failed to heed their warnings, and continue to walk in our own ways.

In your infinite compassion you came to Earth. Your Son Jesus showed us a new way, the path of life in you, the way of self-giving love. In him we have seen your intention for humanity. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing,

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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In Jesus the Christ you offer us salvation and hope; through his death and resurrection we see new possibilities for the future. In him, you have taken away the sting of death and brought the promise of new life for all creation.

And so, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so together we remember the mystery of our faith:

All: ***Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again***

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ’s death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise.

All: ***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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.***

*Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for 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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Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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: "Just As I Am"

William Bradbury

Arr. by Joel Raney

2003 Hope Publishing Co.

Communion Hymn

"God Beyond all Names"

G-491

(The people may sing softly.)

Verses



1. God, be - yond our dreams, you have
2. God, be - yond all names, you have
3. God, be - yond all words, all cre -
4. God, be - yond all time, you are
5. God of ten - der care, you have



stirred in us a mem-'ry; you have placed your pow'r - ful
made us in your im - age; we are like you, we re -
a - tion tells your sto - ry; you have shak - en with our
la - bor - ing with - in us; we are mov - ing, we are
cra - dled us in good-ness, you have moth - ered us in



spir - it in the hearts of hu - man - kind.
flect you, we are wo - man, we are man.
laugh - ter, you have trem - bled with our tears.
chang - ing in your spir - it ev - er new.
whole - ness, you have loved us in - to birth.

Refrain



All a - round us we have known you, all cre -



a - tion lives to hold you. In our liv - ing and our



dy - ing we are bring - ing you to birth.

Text & Tune: Bernadette Farrell © 1990 OCP Publications

(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 Trinity be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Final Hymn

“Almighty Father Strong to Save”
(The people may sing softly.)

H579

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

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The Dismissal.

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude: *"Let All Things Now Living"*

ASH GROVE Traditional Welsh melody Arr. by Lloyd Larson 1998 Hope Publishing Co.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Susan Plucker
Eucharistic Minister:	Carol Brubaker-Walton
Lector:	Jerry Walton
Piano:	David Alm
Ushers:	Barbara Hirahara & Esta Kandarian
Altar Guild:	Lorienne Schwenk
Flowers:	Sharon Porter
Prayer Team:	Louisa Beeler
Teller:	Diana Hammerlund
Online Hosts:	Don & Liz Maruska

Today's Eucharist Liturgy is from the outline in the
Book of Common Prayer, page 401,
utilizing prayers written by the Rector.

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