

St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 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 Worship the King"

Lyons Arranged by Joel Raney

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Celebrant: \mathcal{B} lessed be the one, holy, and living God.

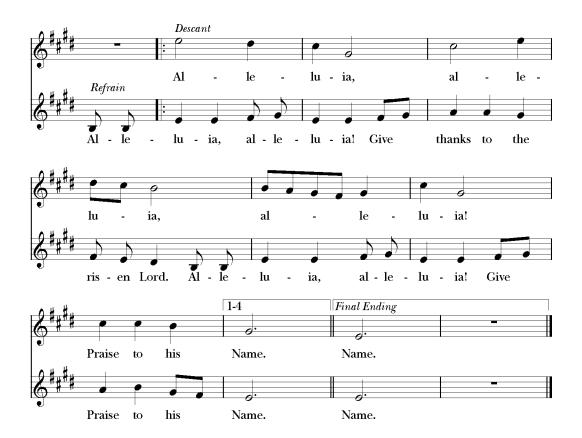
People: And blessed be God's kin-dom, now and for ever.

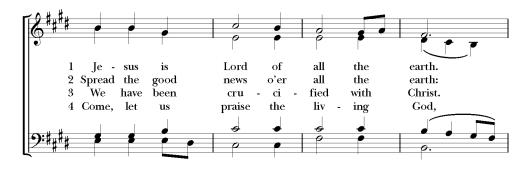
All: Holy and Life-Giving Spirit, you know our innermost thoughts even before they break through into consciousness; you teach us how to pray. Breathe your breath into our hearts and minds this morning. Prepare us for worship, that our thoughts may turn to you and our hearts bow down in grateful praise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

Hymn of Praise

"Jesus is Lord of All the Earth"

H178







The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Words & Music: Alleluia No. 1, Donald Fishel © 1973, The Word of God

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reader: A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 126 Emergent Psalter

[Antiphon will be sung by Cantor, then repeated by all. Verses said in unison.]

Antiphon



When God restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Our mouths filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "God has done great things for them." God has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Antiphon

Restore our fortunes, O God like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Antiphon

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Hebrews 7:23-28

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn G 259



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Mark 10:46-52

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Gospeller:

The Gospel of Christ.

People:

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Plucker

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

Affirmation of Faith

Let us stand and join in the Affirmation of our Faith

All:

We believe in God the Creator,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Redeemer,

who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with God's love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in One God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Source: Common Worship, Church of England

Prayers of the People

- Holy One, we praise you for all men and women of vision, for all who through their insight have built up your church and world. We pray for writers, musicians and craftspeople; for church councils and convention; for our bishop, +Lucinda, our rector, Caro+, and all who minister to us. Savior, open our eyes, *that we may behold your glory*.
- Bless, O Lord, all who are inventors and research workers, all who seek to improve and enhance our world, all planners, builders and manufacturers; all architects and designers and artists. Grant to each insight into what effect they are having on the world. Savior, open our eyes, *that we may behold your glory*.
- We thank you for all who through their goodness have provided for us, all who provided for our schooling and our care. We pray for all those in the medical field: for doctors, dentists, nurses, and care-givers. We pray for all our friends and loved ones. Savior, open our eyes, *that we may behold your glory.*
- We pray for all who have lost vision, all for whom the future looks bleak, all who have lost their way, all who through lack of insight are in trouble. We pray for all whose sign is impaired and all who are blind. Savior, open our eyes, *that we may behold your glory*.
- We pray for all who are in sickness, danger, or any kind of adversity, especially those for whom our prayers have been asked, and for those who are in our hearts.....

[Prayers are read from the bidding book; additional prayers may be offered silently or aloud.] Savior, open our eyes, *that we may behold your glory*.

Lord, open our eyes to your presence. Grant us a vision to see what we can achieve: as your love touches us may we reach out to others. Lord, stretch our capabilities, extend our vision and increase our sense of purpose, that we may grow in our service of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, are one God for ever. **Amen.**

[Source: "Traces of Glory" by David Adam — © Morehouse Publishing © 1999]

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All: God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

the evil done on our behalf,

and the good that we have left undone.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. 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: "Offertory"

Traditional Vietnamese melody Arranged by Chris de Silva 2016 GIA Publications

The Holy Eucharist

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(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

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed.

Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

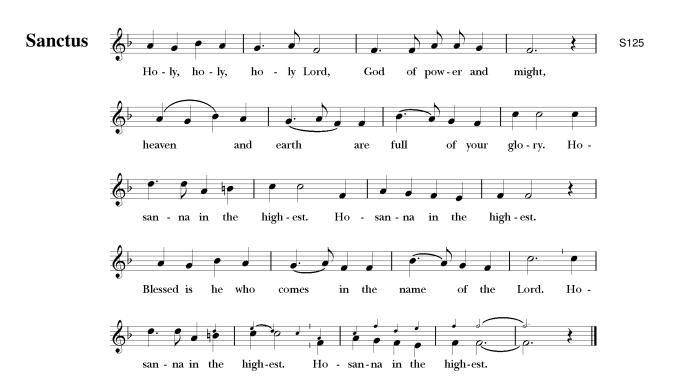
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God,

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with Michael and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret, Blessed Mary and Blessed Benedict, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:



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Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

All: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread,
So that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

The Celebrant continues:

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole.

And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
All-Compassionate God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All **Eternal Spirit**,

Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love Maker,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The Hallowing of your Name echo through the universe!

The Way of your Justice be followed by the people of the world!

Your Heavenly Will be done by all created beings!

Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

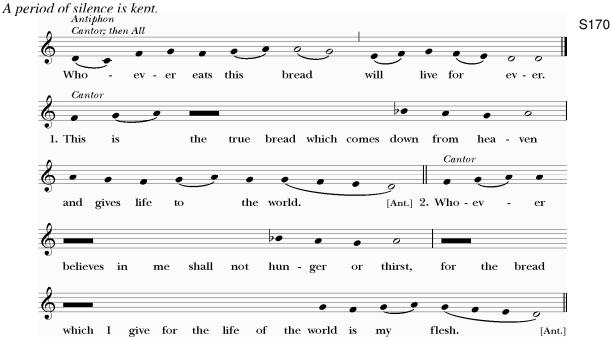
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

New Zealand Prayer Book

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.



Music © 1983 Mason Martens

Holy Communion

Celebrant:

Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.

Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.

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.

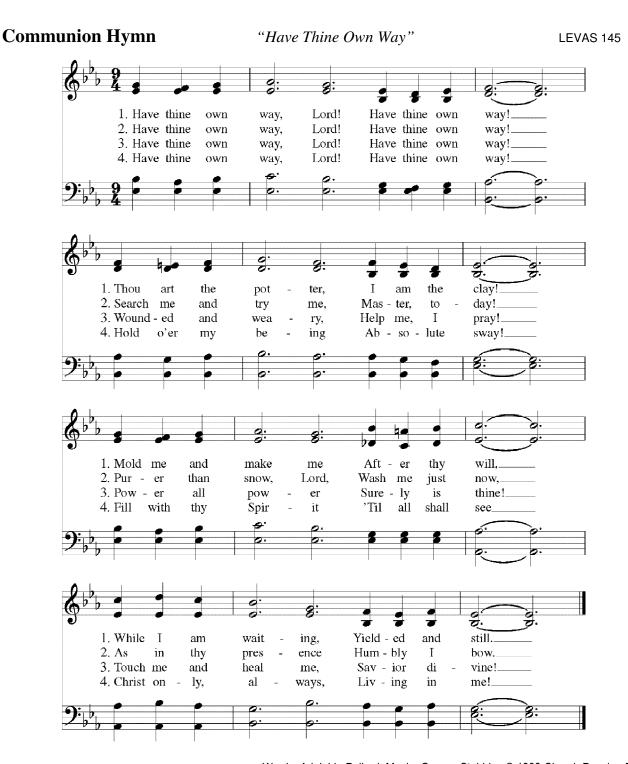
(As your group is called forward, please spread out to widen the circle and increase safe social distancing.

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: "Remembrance"

Chris de Silva

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(We pause for a moment of silence together before joining in our final prayer)

Shepherd and guardian of our souls, renew our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love. Teach us to hunger for Christ, who is the true and living bread, and to live by every word that comes from your mouth, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church of England

The Blessing

May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go, And the blessing of God be upon us, the blessing of the God of life. The blessing of Christ be upon us, the blessing of the Christ of love. The blessing of the Spirit be upon us, the blessing of the Spirit of grace. The blessing of the Trinity be upon us, now and for ever more. Amen.

Announcements



"This Little Light of Mine"

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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: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan Plucker Eucharistic Minister: Diana Hammerlund

Lector: Sandy Fisher

Cantor: Diana Hammerlund

Piano: David Alm

Ushers: Lisa Gonzalez & Berkeley Johnson

Altar Guild: Stef Shuman
Flowers: Sharon Porter
Prayer Team: Louis Beeler
Teller: Judith Cadigan
Online Host: Lorienne Schwenk

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