



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021 8:00 AM SERVICE

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

Celebrant: *Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*

People: *Glory to God for ever and 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.*

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A Song of God's Love

1 John 4:7-11

*Beloved, let us love one another, **
for love is of God.

*Whoever does not love does not know God, **
for God is Love.

*In this the love of God was revealed among us, **
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

*In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us **
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

*Beloved, since God loved us so much, **
we ought also to love one another.

*For if we love one another, God abides in us, **
and God's love will be perfected in us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: *God be with you*

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

All: *Beggar God, you call us from the roadside to see ourselves in you: let us take heart and come to you, though your road leads to Calvary and absent sun, to love revealed for lightless eyes; through Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God. Amen.*

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Jeremiah 31:7-9

— *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.

—*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.*

Psalm 126

God brings us back to Zion, we are like dreamers,
laughing, dancing, with songs on our lips.

Other nations say, "A new world of wonders! God is with them."
Yes, God works wonders. Rejoice! Be glad!

Bring us back as water to thirsty land, O God.
Those sowing in tears reap, singing and laughing.

They left weeping, weeping, casting the seed.
They come back singing, singing, holding high the harvest.

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Hebrews 7:23-28

— *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.

— *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.*

Mark 10: 46-52

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

People: *Praise and Glory to God.*

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: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to Christ the Word*

~ ~ ~ Reflections on the Readings ~ ~ ~

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.

Traces of Glory by David Adam © 1999 Morehouse Publishing

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.***

[You are invited to make your offering at: <http://www.stbenslososos.org/support-us/>]

The Holy Eucharist

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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:

All: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

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

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.
A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: ***We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.***

Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

A period of silence is kept before joining in our final prayer.

All: ***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

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

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