



St Benedict's Episcopal Church
Los Osos, California
~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
ALL SAINTS' DAY Observed
November 7, 2021 ~ 8:00 AM SERVICE

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

Officiant: **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.***

Canticle N

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

Officiant: **God** be with you
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.
All: ***Lord of heaven's reach, of earth reborn; you call us from starless graves to sing under infinite skies: we praise your name for those who have walked this way unheralded and unnumbered but known to you, their beginning, their end, their joy in life; give us the same grace to be unbound and take the step of faith; through Jesus Christ, the alpha and omega. Amen.***

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The Readings from Holy Scripture

[A period of silence is kept following each reading.]

Wisdom 3:1-9

— *A reading from the book of the Wisdom of Solomon.*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

— *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to God's People.*

Psalms 24

God owns this planet and all its riches.
The earth and every creature belong to God.

God set the land on top of the seas
and anchored it in the deep.

Who is fit to climb God's mountain and stand in his holy place?
Whoever has integrity: not chasing shadows, not living lies.

God will bless them, their savior will bring justice.
These people long to see the Lord, they seek the face of Jacob's God.

Stretch toward heaven, you gates, open high and wide.
Let the glorious sovereign enter.

Who is this splendid ruler?
The Lord of power and might, the conqueror of chaos.

Stretch toward heaven, you gates, open high and wide.
Let the glorious sovereign enter.

Who is this splendid ruler?
The Lord of heaven's might, this splendid ruler is God.

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Revelation 21:1-6a

— *A Reading from the book of the Revelation to John*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will

dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

John 11:32-44

— *A Reading from John's Gospel.*

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

~ ~ ~ Reflections on the Readings ~ ~ ~

Prayers of the People

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*Gathered together in the presence of one another and of the whole communion of saints, we bring our world to God, confident in God's abiding love, and saying:
Holy one, grant us your peace.*

We pray for people of faith around the world, asking that we may be empowered to live your gospel values in everything we do, and may have the courage to witness to your love and your reign even in dark and troubled times. Holy one, ***grant us your peace.***

We bring you the leaders of nations and ethnic groups, for those in power in government and positions of leadership, asking that they may be people of integrity and graciousness. Enable them to make wise and peaceful decisions for the future of their people and the future of our planet. Holy one, ***grant us your peace.***

We pray for all who, in danger of violence, degradation or starvation are fleeing their homes, especially those who seek asylum in this country. Holy one, ***grant us your peace.***

We remember all who are working for the flourishing of all beings, and to reduce the impact of climate change. We pray for scientists, politicians, activists and those who care for land and creatures. Holy one, ***grant us your peace.***

We pray for all whose lives are closely linked with ours, starting with those in the bidding book.

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

Holy one, ***grant us your peace.***

We bring to you all those whose lives are threatened because of persecution or hatred. We ask that you will shield them with your love, and that you will transform hearts of hatred into hearts of compassion and understanding. Holy one, ***grant us your peace.***

We give thanks for all who have blessed us with life and have been beacons of your love, especially...

[The names listed in the Necrology are read:]

Bob Kincaid	Mary Elizabeth Pratt-	Don Birdsall
Carol Baker	Horsley	DeVorah Sklar
Catherine Cook	Nancy Betts Bean	John & Evelyn
Chuck & Martha	Price McLeod	Maruska
Thistlethwaite	Rachel Espinosa	John Maruska, Jr.
Donald Shields	Richard Lackie	The Rev. Roddey Reid
Edd Richards	Robert Fehring	Caroline Reid
Eleanor Stimpson	Sabrina Hammerlund	Debbie Reid
Elizabeth Pickering	Sally Somers	Victor Worsfold
Emily Young	Steve Hirahara	Rupert Simpson
Emmy Kimball	Jim Hayes	Diane Broadbent
Faith Watkins	Fritz & Kitty Mlekusch	Fred Fogg
Howard Vollmer	Polly Bruner	Brian Marney
Jean Reed	Bill West	Alicia Shreve
Jill Bennett	Dorothy	Pauline Morrison
Jim H. Hayes	Harry	Lulee Jeeba
Joanne Otto	Bob Wolf	Bill Holder
Joanne Rusch	Donni	Rosemary Lopez
June Wright	Mike	
Karin Cake	Glen	American service people
Larry Swafford	Dorothy	and all others killed in
Lois & Wes Felmlee	Donna	Afghanistan during
Margaret Osgood	Georgia McKelvey	evacuation

Are there others? [If you wish you may say additional names here]

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Confession of Sin

Officiant *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 us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power
of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant *And as our Savior Christ teaches 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 General Thanksgiving

Officiant *All-compassionate God, Father of all mercies,
we your humble servants give you thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages.*

All ***Amen.***

[We pause for a moment of silence before joining in our final prayer]

Officiant Let us pray together:

All ***O God of our ancestors, God of our people,
Before whose face the human generations pass away:
We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever,
and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up
in the redeeming act of your dear Son.
Help us to walk daily in the Communion of Saints,
declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection of the body.
Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit
to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.***

Anglican Church of Kenya (adapted)

The Blessing

Officiant May God bless us with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that we may live deep within God's heart. ***Amen.***

May God bless us with anger
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace. ***Amen.***

May God bless us with tears
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,
so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them
and turn their pain into joy. ***Amen.***

May God bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in the world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. ***Amen.***

And now may the blessing of God, Creator, Word and Holy Spirit be
among us and remain with us always. ***Amen.***

by Sr. Ruth Fox, OSB (1985)
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Announcements

The Dismissal.

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!