



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 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.*

Canticle A

A Song of Wisdom

Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21

*Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors *
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day *
and a blaze of stars by night.
She brought them across the Red Sea, *
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, *
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Subversive God, deconstructing temples of power in which we would keep you trapped and tamed: lead us through violent times, unafraid to speak for peace, untempted by those who promise easy answers; may we follow him alone who renews the world in love; through Jesus Christ, who sits at God's right hand. Amen.*

Daniel 12:1-3

— *A reading from the first book of the prophet Daniel*

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

Psalm 16

Protect me, God, I turn to you for help.
I profess, “You are my Lord, my greatest good.”

I once put faith in false gods, the idols of the land.
Now I make no offering to them, nor invoke their names.
Those who chase after them add grief upon grief.

Lord, you measure out my portion, the shape of my future;
you mark off the best place for me to enjoy my inheritance.

I bless God who teaches me,
who schools my heart even at night.

I am sure God is here, right beside me.
I cannot be shaken.

So my heart rejoices, my body thrills with life,
my whole being rests secure.

You will not abandon me to Sheol,
nor send your faithful one to death.

You show me the road to life:
boundless joy at your side for ever!

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Hebrews 10:11-25

— *A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Mark 13:1-8

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

People: *Praise and Glory to God.*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Gospeller: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to Christ the Word*

~ ~ ~ Reflections on the Readings ~ ~ ~

Prayers of the People

The images of cosmic disaster in today's readings fill us with fear, but also with hope. Terrifying as the signs may be, the time of Michael will bring life to those who have been faithful, just, and wise. Aware of the need for a new order, let us pray that God's reign will come in its fullness, saying: May your reign come, God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of this world, that they may take courageous action to prevent the worst ravages of climate change and to support the flourishing of all beings. May your reign come, **God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that it may always be assign of your loving presence and a sign of hope even in the darkest times. May your reign come, **God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for victims of warfare and natural disasters, that you may comfort them in their suffering. May your reign come, **God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who suffer from despair, especially young people, that you may give them the courage to build for the future. May your reign come, **God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith, that we may learn to respond to the signs of the times with wisdom and grace. May your reign come, **God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for 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.]

May your reign come, **God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you know our hopes and fears even before we speak them; hear the prayers of your people. Help us in our struggle to stay alert that we may be read for the hour of your coming. We ask this through Jesus, your Son. Amen.

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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.**

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The Holy Eucharist

EDW I

Celebrant **The Lord be with you.**
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We raise our hearts to God.***
Celebrant Let us thank the giver of life..
People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy
God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Benedict, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Celebrant and People

***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

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.***

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: *God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen*

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah,
and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary,
and of the Holy Spirit,
who broods over the world as a mother over her children,
be upon you and remain with you always.
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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