

## St Benedict's Episcopal Church Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~ The Last Sunday after Pentecost THE REIGN OF CHRIST

November 21, 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, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"Mark Hayes.EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams quoting "Moonlight" Sonata, op. 27, no. 2<br/>by Ludwig van Beethoven2022 Lorenz Publishing

Celebrant:Blessed 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.



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# **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your wellbeloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Lector: A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Lector:Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's PeoplePeople:Thanks be to God

## Psalm 93

1 The Lord is King;

he has put on splendid apparel; \* the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

- 2 He has made the whole world so sure \* that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \* you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \* the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \* mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, \* and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

# **Revelation 1:4b-8**

Lector: A reading from the Revelation to John

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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### John 18:33-37

Gospeller:

People:

The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John *Glory to You, Lord Christ.* 

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.People:Praise to You, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

(We pause for a few moments' reflection before affirming our faith.)

# Affirmation of our Faith

Let us stand and 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. Philippians 2.6-11

# **Prayers of the People**

Christ, our Sovereign, keep us calm and faithful in all troubles; let us not be afraid, for you rule over all and your reign will be fulfilled. Give strength and direction to all who seek to do your will, to all who strive for peace, all who work for righteousness. Guide all who proclaim your coming and your kin-dom. May your reign come in us, *as it is in heaven*.

May we know you are ever present in all life, you are there at the center of power, where decisions are made; yet you are also with the weak and the humble whom no one notices. We pray for all rulers and people in authority that they may seek justice and govern with compassion and integrity. May your reign come in us, *as it is in heaven*.

Christ, our Sovereign, rule in our hearts and our homes. May love, peace and forgiveness be our common rule; may we live in the assurance that we belong to you and you love us. We pray for broken homes and broken-hearted people, for all who have been deserted by loved ones. May your reign come in us, *as it is in heaven*.

All- Compassionate God, give hope and vision to the suffering, making them aware of your love and your sovereignty. Keep, safe in your arms all who are losing their grip on life, enfold in your love all who are fearful and anxious. We remember before you all who are ill, or troubled in body, mind or spirit. We pray especially for those for whom our prayers have been asked, and 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 in us, as it is in heaven.

We give thanks that you are Lord of all, your kin-dom cannot fail, and death has no dominion over us. We give thanks that your reign is everlasting and that our departed loved ones are with you now in glory. May your reign come in us, *as it is in heaven*.

Celebrant: O Christ, you are the everlasting Word, the Alpha and Omega. We give you our love and offer you our lives. Come, and rule in our hearts, until your kin-dom come on earth as it is in heaven. Come, Prince of Peace, and reign over us, as you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever. Amen.

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### **Confession and Absolution**

Concession and Absolution	
Celebrant:	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.
Celebrant:	May the All-Compassionate God have mercy on you, j

Celebrant: 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.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or travel, may come forward. Prayers can be found on the white card in your pew.

### Offertory

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. "Hail Thou Once Despised"

1 Hail, thou once de Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i spis - ed point - ed, 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap all our sins on 3 Je - sus, hail! en throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er \*4 Wor-ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy Thou didst suf - fer King! 1e lease us: an to re thee were laid: by al might - y love a noint - ed, bide; all the heaven - ly hosts dore thee, to а а high - est prais - es, to  $\mathbf{re}$ ceive; with - out ceas - ing, bring. thou didst free sal Hail, thou u - ni ver - sal va tion thou hast full made. All thy peo - ple а tone - ment are for seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art gel - ic right it for Help, ye is give. bright an us to shame! By thy mer - it Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and through the giv - en vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the plead-ing: there thou dost our place pre pare; ev - er for us all spi - rits, your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our giv - en find fa - vor: life through thy Name we is ciled are with God. gate of hea - ven, re con we in - ter \_ ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap pear. chant Em Sa - vior's mer - its, help to man ueľs praise! -

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# **Holy Eucharist**

(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

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.

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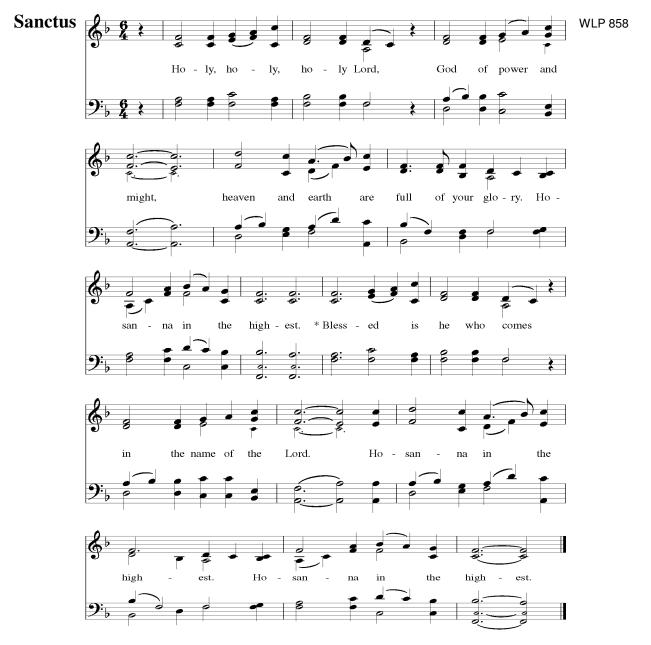
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The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you O God for your creation of the universe, and for gifting this planet Earth with, air, water, fire and soil - all the requirements for life to flourish. And we thank you for revealing yourself to us through the wonders of creation, through the incarnation of your Word, through the written scriptures and through the witness of your saints.

You call us to yourself to join in your great work, the redemption of the universe and the reconciliation of all beings.

And so, in response to your call, we join with the Communion of Saints and with the heavenly hosts who proclaim your glory day and night as we sing:



American Folk Melody Arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan. © Church Pension Fund

The Celebrant continues:

And we thank you that the Christ, the Lord of the Universe, chose to become human. He embraced the limitations of humanness in order to help us find our way back to you, ready to serve you in newness of life, no longer depending on our own strength but entirely upon your promises. He showed us how to live lives of forgiveness, gentleness and non-violence.

Our hope is in his promise that he will be with us always, even unto the end of the age. And so we anticipate and long for that great day when the reign of Christ will be fully manifest and we will be able to serve and praise you, completely free of sin and all that holds us back.

Even as we look forward to the day when Christ will be all in all, we remember and we draw strength from the day when, facing his arrest and death on the cross, Jesus gathered with his disciples in the upper room. That night, 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 today we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ. Sanctify us also that we may be fully incorporated into the Body of Christ and, as your people in this place, work for the coming Reign of Christ, for peace and justice among all people.

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

Celebrant: 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. WLP876 A period of silence is kept. Antiphon Cantor, then all 0 knew the Lord\_ Je - sus. The dis - ci - ples in the break \_ ing\_ Fine Verses of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu 2. One bo - dy are we, Al-le-lu All repeat Antiphon Θ 0 ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bod -У of Christ. ia, for though\_ ma ny we share one\_ bread. \_

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

### **The 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.

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 -** "Thanksgiving"

1982 Imaginary Road and Dancing Cat Music

Music by George Winston

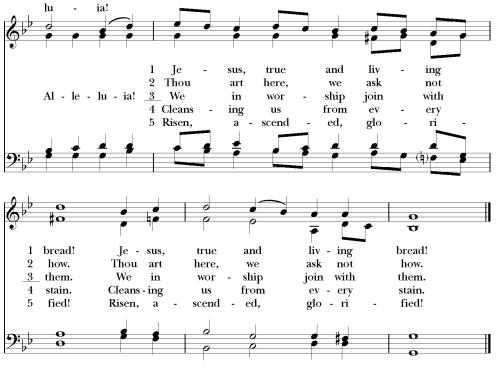
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## **Communion Hymn**

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

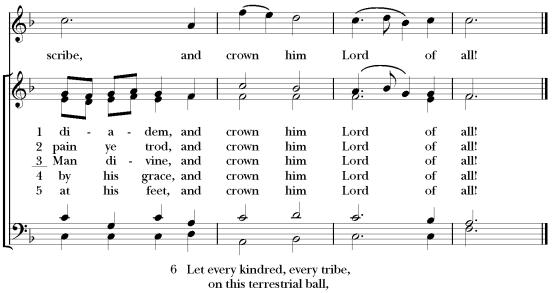
Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

### Announcements





to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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## The Dismissal.

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

### Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude -** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"by John Darwall, Arr. by Cindy Berry2017 Lorenz Publishing

## **Ministers of the Service**

Celebrant: Eucharistic Minister: Lector: Ushers: Altar Guild: Flowers: Piano: Tellers: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall Lorienne Schwenk Bryson McKelvey Maureen Titus & Barbara Schippers Diana Hammerlund Sharon Porter David Alm Bryson McKelvey & Jane Wu

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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