



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

The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
THE REIGN OF CHRIST

November 21, 2021 8:00 AM SERVICE

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

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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: *You who are, who were, who are to come, before whose judgment all fades away that is not love: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts so we might hear a different voice and belong to you in truth, through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. Amen.*

## **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

— *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.

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

## **Psalm 93**

God, you reign with glory, draped in splendor, girt with power.  
The world stands firm, not to be shaken,  
for your throne, ageless God, has stood from of old.

Onward roll the waves, O God, onward like thunder, onward like fury.  
Thundering above the waters, high above ocean breakers,  
you, God, rise with might.

Your decrees stand unshaken;  
the beauty of holiness fills your house for ever.

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

— *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.

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

## **John 18:33-37**

Gospeller:       The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John  
People:           ***Praise and Glory to God.***

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: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to Christ the Word*

## ~ ~ ~ Reflections on the Readings ~ ~ ~

### 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

*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 raise our hearts to God.***  
Celebrant:        Let us thank the giver of life.  
People:            ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant:    We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Benedict, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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**

*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.*

***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**

## **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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