



St Benedict's Episcopal Church
Los Osos, California
~ Tending Mind and Soul ~
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
8 am – January 16, 2022

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: *Lord of the wedding day, passion of joining and spirit of festival: take our hearts of stone and flood them with new wine that we might savor ordinary miracles given to sense and taste, through Jesus Christ, the Winemaker.*

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Isaiah 62:1-5

— A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a

young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Psalm 36:5-10

Your mercy, Lord, spans the sky; your faithfulness soars among the clouds.
Your integrity towers like a mountain; your justice runs deeper than the sea.

Lord, you embrace all life: How we prize your tender mercy!
God, your people seek shelter, safe in the warmth of your wings.

They feast at your full table, slake their thirst in your cool stream,
For you are the fount of life, you give us light and we see.

Grant mercy always to your own,
victory to honest hearts.

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

—*A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

John 2:1-11

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

People: ***Praise and Glory to God.***

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Gospeller: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: ***Praise to Christ the Word***

~ ~ ~ Reflections on the Readings ~ ~ ~

Prayers of the People

Holy and All-loving God, source of all gifts:

We give thanks to you, for all who enrich our world by their talents and abilities. We pray for those with the gift of healing and for all healing ministries. We pray for those who are visionaries and those who plan our future: may we all exercise the gift of discernment and distinguish the true from the false. We pray for all who are preparing for marriage, for all who have recently fallen in love. We remember homes where there is tension or estrangement and all homes where there is a breakdown in marriage or in relationships. God, come to us (who are empty) *and fill us with your love.*

You have given us this world and all that is in it, help us to use its resources properly, that we do not waste now what should be saved for the future: that the resources of the sea are not over-used, that fossil fuels are not too easily spent. We pray that we take care not to pollute the earth or our environment. Bless all who are seeking to conserve and to protect our natural resources. We pray for countries whose crops have failed, whose harvest is poor, and for all who live in desert places. God, come to us (who are empty) *and fill us with your love.*

We rejoice, O God, that you delight in us. You will not leave us desolate: you are God who renews and restores your creation. We pray that we may learn to delight in each other and give our attention and love to each other. Bless our homes and our loved ones with your fullness; renew and restore us in strength and in love. We pray for all who are struggling in their relationships. God, come to us (who are empty) *and fill us with your love.*

We pray for all who have been made to feel inadequate or unwanted, for all who feel as if they have run out of energy or hope, for all who feel empty or that life is too much for them. We remember the despairing, the despondent, and all who feel utterly drained. God, come to us (who are empty) *and fill us with your love.*

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.]

God, come to us (who are empty) *and fill us with your love.*

We rejoice with all who have received of your fullness in your kingdom, all who have been restored and renewed by your love and saving power. We pray for loved ones departed. God, come to us (who are empty) *and fill us with your love.*

Eternal Loving God, you give gifts to all your people: you give us the power and ability to do what you would have us do. Help us to use the gifts you have given us for the benefit of others and to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Glimpses of Glory by David Adam © 2000 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.*

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.*

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.*

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 glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

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The Blessing

**May the grace of Our 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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This Week at St. Ben's

Sunday, Jan 16

8:00 am – Contemplative Eucharist service (also on Zoom)
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Eucharist service – (also live-streamed on FB)
12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting (live and on Zoom)

Monday, Jan 17 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, Jan 18

9:45 am – Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
5:30 pm – Vespers service: in person and on Zoom

Wednesday, Jan 19

3:00 pm – EarthCare Meeting (Zoom)
6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm – Parish Council Mtg w/Bishop (Zoom)

Sunday, Jan 23

8:00 am – Contemplative Eucharist service (also on Zoom)
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Eucharist service – (also live-streamed on FB)
12:30 pm – Annual Parish Meeting (Zoom only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUTUAL MINISTRY SURVEY— Responses due by **Jan 16**

Every January we ask you to take the time to reflect on our ministry. There are two ways you can complete the Mutual Ministry survey – you can go to the online form which is available here: <https://forms.gle/RoQZhXvbWbZur2Ti9> or you can collect a paper survey from the back of the church, and return it completed. We ask you to complete your part **no later than January 16th** so that we can share the results of the survey at our Annual meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Sunday, January 23rd

The annual parish meeting will be held on January 23rd starting at 12:30 on Zoom.. All members and regular attenders are encouraged to participate in this meeting which last about 90 minutes and will only be available on Zoom.

TUESDAY SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

Starting on **January 25th** our weekly Spiritual Conversation will be based on the book, [Benedict's Dharma: Buddhists Reflect on the Rule of St Benedict](#). This seems to be a good follow-on to some recent spiritual conversations on Buddhism and Christianity, mostly centered on the [The Book of Joy](#).

This conversation is open to anyone and everyone whether or not you read the book. On-line via [Zoom](#) on Tuesdays at 10:15am. A service of **Prayers for the Morning** is also available on Tuesdays, starting at 9:45.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-- Birthdays --

Jan 18 Elaine Beckham

-- Ordination Anniversaries --

Jan 18 Faye Hogan

Jan 18 Donna Ross

COMING SOON :

Laundry Love – Wednesday, January 26 -11 am 4 pm

Tree Planting Workday – Saturday, January 29

PERSONAL PRAYER – If you'd like this prayer support during the week, contact **Louisa Beeler** at **(805)543-2898**. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.