

# St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2022

—8 a.m. 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 are you, holy and living One.  
People: *You come to your people and set them free.*

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 J

## A Song of Judith

Judith 16:13-16

*I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.*

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you  
People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.  
All: *God of blessing and woe, disturbing the deadly order of the world: give us faith tested in poverty, hunger for what really satisfies, eyes softened by tears and hearts ready to laugh at all that is false and pompous, so that we might be witnesses to the dignity of life: through Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside down. Amen.*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

## **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

## **Psalm 1**

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If you would be happy: never walk with the wicked,  
never stand with sinners, never sit among cynics,  
but delight in the Lord's teaching and study it night and day.

You will stand like a tree planted by a stream,  
bearing fruit in season, its leaves never fading,  
its yield always plenty.

Not so for the wicked, like chaff they are blown by the wind.  
They will not withstand the judgment, nor assemble with the just.  
The Lord marks the way of the upright, but the corrupt walk to ruin.

## **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

## **Luke 6:17-26**

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

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

**J**esus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Gospeller: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us lift up our prayers to God with faithful hearts saying: *God of our Salvation, restore us with your grace.*

We pray for those who are active in the promotion of your divine justice here on earth, that their voices may be noticed and adhered to by the leaders of this and every nation. God of our Salvation, ***restore us with your grace.***

We pray that all places of worship around the globe, Christian and otherwise, are welcoming and open to all your Children. God of our Salvation, ***restore us with your grace.***

We pray that all people may become aware of the manifestation of your glory in all of creation and act to preserve, sustain and care for this planet and all life it contains.

God of our Salvation, ***restore us with your grace.***

We pray for the less fortunate members of our community, especially the homeless, those who have inadequate resources or healthcare or struggle with emotional or mental issues, and for those selfless volunteers who provide warming shelters, laundry and other services. God of our Salvation, ***restore us with your grace.***

We pray for all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially the poor, the sick, the weak, the lonely and those in prison, for displaced peoples, refugees and those seeking asylum and for all those whose lives are closely linked with ours beginning with those in our bidding book

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*(please offer additional prayers silently or aloud)*

God of our Salvation, ***restore us with your grace.***

We pray for those who have died in communion with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer, Benedict and all the saints and for those we now name.

God of our Salvation, **restore us with your grace.**

*Most precious God, we praise you always and everywhere for your great goodness. Shield us from distress and danger, from all that is evil or destructive, renew and refresh us that we may properly serve you and proclaim your power and your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in eternal glory, **Amen***

## **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People:

**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, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**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 our all-compassionate God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.*

*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.*

## **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 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 sing

*Celebrant and People*

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.

All

*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.*

The Celebrant continues.

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.***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God’s table and all are welcome here.

*If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion, If you prefer to receive a blessing,  
please cross your arms over your chest.*

## **Closing Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: ***Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image***

*and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

*May God give you grace, to become the people he has called you to be,  
that you may live and work to his praise and glory. And the blessing of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*

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