

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

 $^\sim$ Tending Mind and Soul $^\sim$

The Second Sunday in Lent March 13, 2022

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your faith journey, there is a warm welcome for you here at St. Benedict's

Prelude: "Prelude in F Minor"

Well Tempered Clavier Book II J.S. Bach

A Penitential Order

The New Zealand Prayer Book

2 Lent Year C

Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.

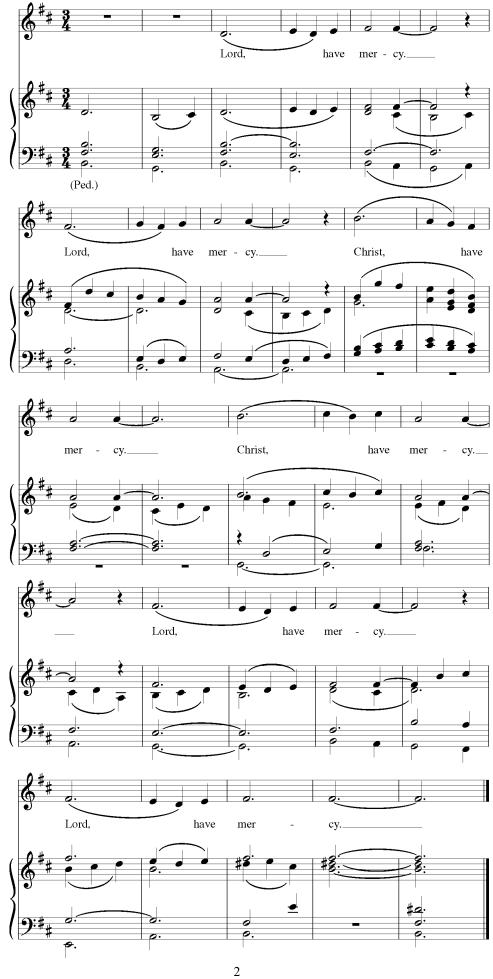
We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. *Amen.*

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Kyrie WLP839



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

Source: The Psalter © 1994 Liturgy Training Publications

The Lord is my saving light; whom shall I fear? God is my fortress; what should I dread?

When the violent come at me to eat me alive, A mob eager to kill – they waver, they collapse.

Should battalions lay siege, I will not fear; Should war rage against me, even then will I trust. One thing I ask the Lord, one thing I seek: To dwell in the house of God every day of my life, Caught up in God's beauty, at prayer in God's temple. The Lord will hide me there, hide my life from attack: A sheltering tent above me, a firm rock below.

I am now beyond reach of those who besiege me. In God's temple I will offer a joyful sacrifice, I will play and sing to God.

O God, listen to me; be gracious, answer me. Deep within a voice says, "Look for the face of God!"

So I look for your face, I beg you not to hide. Do not shut me out in anger, help me instead.

Do not abandon or desert me, my savior, my God. If my parents rejected me, still God would take me in.

Teach me how to live, lead me on the right road away from my enemies. Do not leave me to their malice, Liars breathing violence rise to swear against me.

I know I will see how good God is while I am still alive. Trust in the Lord. Be strong, Be brave. Trust in the Lord.

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Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from the letter to the Philippians

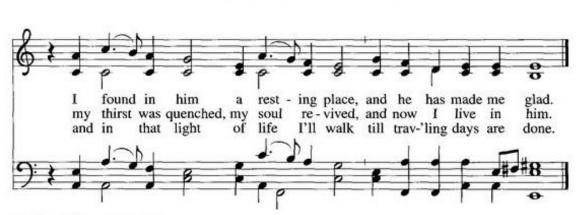
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say 332 Je - sus say, and 1 I heard the voice "Come un - to me rest; "Be - hold, I free - ly I heard the voice of Je - sus say, give "I this dark world's light; heard the voice Je - sus say, am lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast. the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live." look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright. up - on my breast." your day be bright." I I so wea - ry, worn, and sad; came to Je - sus as was, I to Je - sus, and I drank came of that life - giv - ing stream; looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889 Music: Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585 THIRD MODE MELODY CMD

Alternate tune: KINGSFOLD

Luke 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The SermonThe Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

[We pause for a few moments of silent reflection before affirming our faith.]

Affirmation of Faith

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Let us 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

Prayers of the People

In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying: *God, have mercy*.

For all the holy people of God, that we may heed the voice of the Lord and reform our ways and our deeds, let us pray to our God. *God, have mercy*.

For the peoples and leaders of nations, especially the people of Ukraine and Russia. That we may work together for peace and justice, caring for the planet and for each other, let us pray to our God. *God, have mercy*.

For outcasts, refugees, and those without home or land, that a place of refuse, shelter and belonging will be theirs, let us pray to our God. *God, have mercy*.

For this community, that God may grant us the grace to lift our minds above the things of earth, and to stand firm in Christ, let us pray to our God. *God, have mercy*.

For our own needs and those of others, starting with the bidding book...

[here prayers are offered from the bidding book and then you are invited to offer your own intercessions aloud or silently]

...that we might find shelter and protection under God's wings, let us pray to our God. *God, have mercy.*

Come to our aid O Holy One, and grant, by your grace, that we may walk in the footsteps of the Crucified Christ and so come with him to the glory you have promised. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Intercessions for the Christian People c1990 Order of St Benedict

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.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

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.

The 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.

Hymn #148



Doxology:

Traditional Hymn Tune

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Eucharist EOW2

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

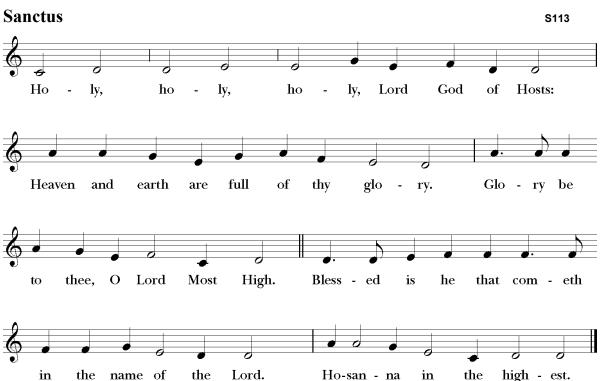
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to our God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 sing:



The Celebrant continues

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 Blessed Benedict, Blessed Mary 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.

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,

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 Bread

Fraction Anthem



Holy Communion

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.

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.

Communion Music

Largo e mesto, Sonata Op. 10 No. 3 Ludwig van Beethoven

Hymn



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[We pause for a few moments' reflection before joining in our final prayer.]

All: 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.

An Australian Prayer book

The Solemn Collect

Blessing

Announcements



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

Dismissal: Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postlude: "Andante molto, Sonata Op. 7" Edvard Grieg

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, March 14 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, March 15

- 9:45 am—Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
- 10:15 am—Spiritual Conversation- see below (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm—Vespers: in person and on Zoom

Wednesday, March 16

- 3:00 pm—Earthcare on Zoom
- 6:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 17

• 11:00 am—Lord Teach us to Pray - see below

Saturday, March 19

• 9:00 am—Men's Group

Sunday, March 20

- 8:00 am—Contemplative Communion in-person and on Zoom
- 9:20 am—Bible Conversation
- 10:30 am—Eucharist service (also live-streamed on FB)

TUESDAY SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION The weekly Spiritual Conversation is based on the book "In God's Presence: Theological Reflections on Prayer" by Marjorie Suchocki. This conversation is open to anyone and everyone whether or not you read the book. On-line via Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:15am.

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY - a study of the spirituality of the Lord's Prayer started March 3 at 11am and continues every Thursday during Lent. You may join at any time.

OFFICE HOURS: Hannah Jay is in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-5. If you need something at other times please contact Caro+

PERSONAL PRAYER – A member of the Healing Prayer Ministry team is available each week (except the 5th Sunday) after the 10:30 service to pray with you for special concerns. If you'd like this prayer support during the week, contact Helen Schnieders

818-324-2646. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Prayer requests may also be emailed to prayers@stbenslososos.org

The Ministers of the Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

Eucharistic Minister: Dianne Long Lector: Sandy Fisher Piano: Ann Lucas

Ushers: Michael Lucas, Barbara Schippers

Altar Guild: Lisa Gonzalez
Prayer Team: Helen Schneiders
Technical: Hannah Jay Matthew

Our Mission Statement

The people of St. Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, education, nurture, fellowship and service.

St. Benedict's strives to be an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful, creative sacramental worship, loving service within our congregation and our wider community, thoughtful inquiry through in-depth study and prayer, and commitment to social and environmental justice.

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