



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

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

Prelude: *"Etude 2 for Piano"*

Philip Glass

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A Penitential Order

The New Zealand Prayer Book

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

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Leader

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Collect of the Day

Undignified God, spirit of dangerous feasts, inviting the unclean to your table; find us in the far country of hopelessness and greed; free us from the prison of resentment and envy and bring us back to life; through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners, *Amen*.

Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Church Pub.

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the Book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 32

[Antiphon will be sung by Cantor, then repeated by all. Verses said in unison.]

Psalm 32

Show me which way to go, Counsel me with your eye up on me.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
And whose sin is put away.

antiphon

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
When the great waters overflow they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

antiphon

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go,
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding

who must be fitted with bit and bridle or else they will not stay near you.”
 Great are the tribulations of the wicked,
 but mercy embraces those who trust in God.
 Be glad you righteous and rejoice in God;
 Shout for joy all who are true of heart.

antiphon

Psalm 32
vamp in Fm

Everett, Emergent Psalter, Church Pub.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from the Book of Second Corinthians

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

People: ***Thanks be to God***

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my

1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Gospeller: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The 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 stand as we are able and join in the Affirmation of our faith.

All: ***We believe in God the Creator,***
from whom every family in heaven on earth is named.
We believe in God the Redeemer,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with God's love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in One God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Holy God, when we wander from the way, call us back;
When we stray from the truth, redirect us;
When we do not live life to the full, inspire and refresh us.
May we and your whole church follow him who is the way, the
Truth and the life.

We pray for all who have wandered away from the faith, for all
Who have lost touch with you and your love.
We remember all who are pilgrims and seekers.

Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

Lord God, we pray for all who have been separated from loved
Ones, through war or circumstance, for those who have left
Home and become lost.

We remember those who live on the streets of our cities.
We pray for all who live in poverty and debt.

Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

We give thanks for our families, our parents and all who love us.
We pray especially for those who are dear to us but with whom
we have lost contact.

We ask your blessing upon all who are taken into care,
For all separated from loved ones through illness.

Lord, we turn to you.

Enfold us in your peace.

Lord, we pray for places where your glory is marred or scarred:
For all who live in slum dwellings,
For all who do not have enough to eat or someone to care for them.
We remember all lonely and distressed people.
We ask your blessing upon all who are ill at home or in hospital.

Lord, we turn to you.
Enfold us in your peace.

We pray for all whom you have called home into your kingdom
Where sorrow and pain are no more.
We remember especially...

[here prayers are added from the bidding book.
You are encouraged to add your own prayers silently or aloud]

Lord, we turn to you.
Enfold us in your peace.

*Lord of all compassion, we return to you like children who had wandered away:
We trust in your love, we rejoice in your mercy, we know you will accept us.
Lord, enfold us in your peace, and forgive us our sins;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and
The Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and for ever. 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.

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.

Offertory Song

Arranged by David Eddleman

“Go Down Moses”

Traditional African-American Spiritual

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St. Benedict's Singers

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

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The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

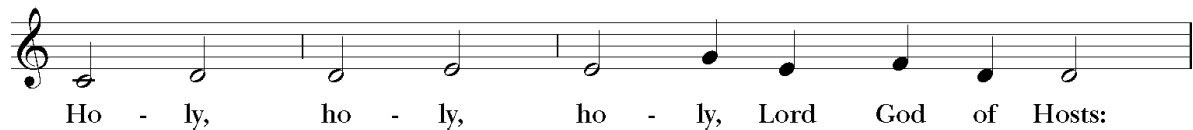
Celebrant: The Lord be with you,
 All: *And also with you.*
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,
 All: *We lift them up to God.*
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God,
 All: *It is right to give both thanks and praise.*

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you.

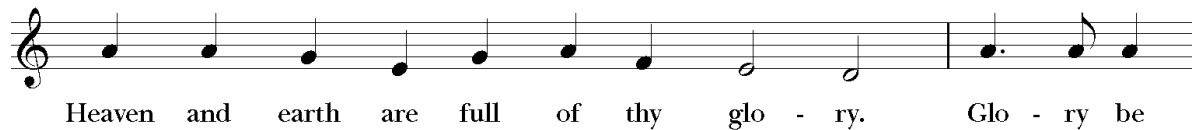
With the angels of light who envelop us, with Michael and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret, Blessed Mary and Blessed Benedict, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:



Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be



to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming
Kingdom of God.

All: *Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread,
So that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.
We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community
through the centuries, and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.*

The Celebrant continues

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they
become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And
as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed
again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All: *Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
All-Compassionate God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN*

And now as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

*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 your reign is the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.*

New Zealand Prayer Book

Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

Celebrant Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

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. As your group is called forward, please spread out to widen the circle and increase safe social distancing.

Communion Music

Southern Harmony, 1835

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Piano setting by Joel Raney

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Communion Hymn

"I will come to you"

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[Cantor will sing the verses, congregation join in the refrain]

REFRAIN

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are

mine.

I will come to you in the silence,
 I will lift you from all your fear.
 You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
 be still and know that I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
 I am eyes for all who long to see.
 In the shadows of the night, I will be your light
 Come and rest in me

Refrain

I am strength for all the despairing,
 Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 All the blind will see, the lame will run free
 And all will know my name.

Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
 I am the peace the world cannot give.
 I will call your name, embracing all your pain
 Stand up, now walk and live!

Refrain

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

All: *Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.
Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.*

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Solemn Collect

Bow down before the Lord

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go,
And the blessing of God be upon us, *the blessing of the God of life.*
The blessing of Christ be upon us, *the blessing of the Christ of love.*
The blessing of the Spirit be upon us, *the blessing of the Spirit of grace.*
The blessing of the Trinity be upon us, now and for ever more. *Amen.*

Announcements

Final Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

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1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, _____ Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. _____
 2. bove _____ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. _____
 3. bove, _____ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. _____

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, _____ Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; _____ This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, _____ Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. _____

Dismissal Let us go forth in peace to love and serve our God
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
 Tune: Promised Land. John Purifoy *Traditional American folk hymn* © 2002 Lorenz Publishing Co.

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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
Eucharistic Minister:	Michael Lucas
Lector:	John Horsley
Cantor:	Alan Kiste
Flowers:	Laura Thompson
Ushers:	Dianne Long and Barbara Skippers
Intercessor:	Jill Denton
Altar Guild:	Pat Stoneman
Online Hosts:	Jane Wu
Tellers:	Dianne Long and Lorienne Schwenk
Director of Music:	Dave Alm
Technical:	Hannah Jay Matthew

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 27

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

Monday, March 28 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

- 1:00pm—Laundry Love
- 4:00—Laundry Love
- 6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 31

- 11am—Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Saturday April 2

- 12 noon - People's Kitchen

Sunday, April 3

- No 8am
- 9:20 am – Bible Conversation
- 10:30 am – Eucharist service – (also live-streamed on FB)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN: Saturday April 2, we are serving lunch at 40 Prado in SLO. Please let Pat Henry (Riecie5381@gmail.com) know that you can provide food and/or serve our neighbors.

LAUNDRY LOVE is our ministry to the low and no-income neighbors to provide them with clean clothes and bedding. Please see Maureen Titus to volunteer your time or make a donation.

SPRING RENEWAL: Registration is now open for the (on-line) Diocesan Spring Renewal, "Faithful Ways: Fresh Vistas" April 29 and 30, <https://www.realepiscopal.org/calendar-event/spring-renewal>

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINAIN REFUGEES will go to Caro's sister's church in Nowy Sacz, Poland and other small churches in the area which are helping those fleeing the war. Please put Ukraine on your check or with your on-line donation. Thank you. Episcopal Relief and Development is also receiving donations for refugees.

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+

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