

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

—8 a.m. Service—

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

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People: *Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*

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 H

A Song of Hosea

Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to our God, *
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,
On the third day restore us, *
that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *
whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower, *
like spring rains that water the earth.

Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: *Brooding Spirit, beneath your wings there is creation and life: accompany us on the difficult path with the disappeared and the broken, the fearful and the vengeful, until we find the way to the city of our peace where we are accepted as we are; through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord. Amen.*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

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."

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

Psalm 27

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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.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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.

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

Luke 13:31-35

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

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

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: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

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 refuge, 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.

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

EDW I

Celebrant May God 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 say:

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.***

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.***

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: ***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 Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself;
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service;
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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