

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

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Los Osos, California Tending Mind and Soul

The Fifth Sunday in Lent **April 3, 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: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Arr. Matt Limbaugh

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.

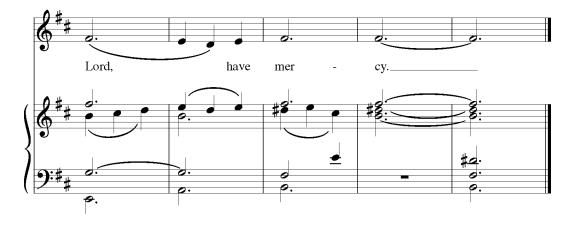
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The word of Christ dwell in us richly.





Collect of the Day

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give without stint, to lose life that we might find it again, so that the world may be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. Amen.

Isaiah 43:16-21

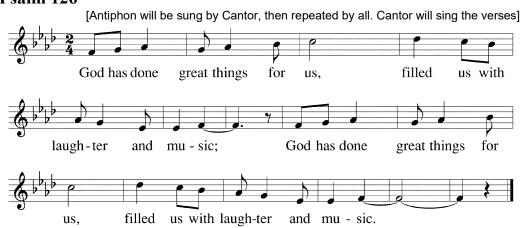
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

JPsalm 126



- 1. When our God led us back to freedom,
 Like dreamers we beheld the promised land again;
 Our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing.
- 2. We proclaimed to the nations what you had done for us; your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life, you lead your people home to you rejoicing.

3. Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love, as fivers through the sand, as springs within the desert; those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Philippians 3:4b-14

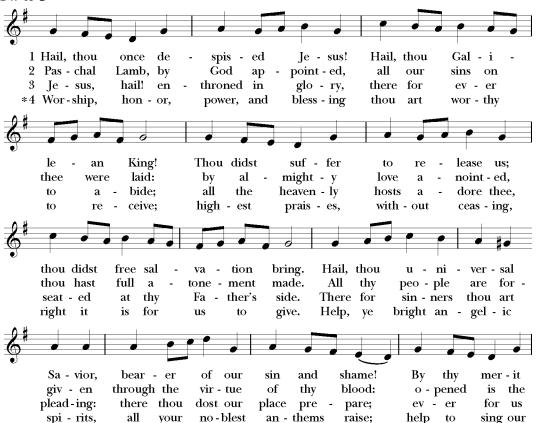
A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

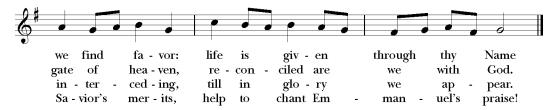
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Hymn #495





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John 12:1-8

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

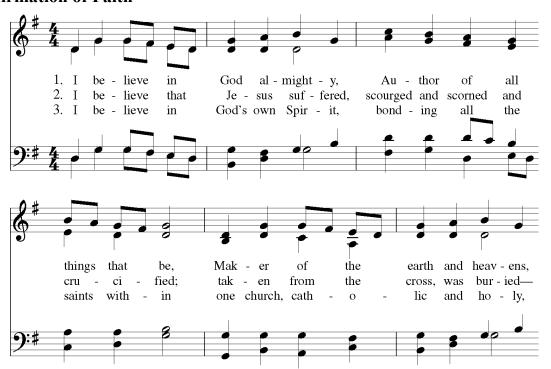
People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

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

Affirmation of Faith





Prayers of the People

As God's new people, formed in Christ Jesus, let us join in prayer to God who makes all things new, saying: O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Draw your church more deeply into the reality of Christ's sufferings, so that every one whom you have called in him may show forth the power of his resurrection. O God our Savior, *hear our prayer*.

Renew the spirit of hope in every human society and nation, especially Ukraine and the surrounding countries. Invigorate us, that we may strain forward to the future you promise. O God our Savior, *hear our prayer*.

Show your mercy to those who are held back by a lack of attention to your love, and free them to receive your word of life. O God our Savior, *hear our prayer*.

Rescue from fear those who are deprived of their human needs or their human rights. Give them their share of the dignity you confer on all your children. O God our Savior, *hear our prayer*.

Grant to this assembly a heart open to your word, that we may embrace your promise, heed your commands, and declare your praise. O God our Savior, *hear our prayer*.

Heal the wounds of all those affected by illness, troubles, grief, or any adversity, remembering especially those for whom our prayers have been asked and those who are in our hearts...

> [Prayers from the bidding book are read. The people may add additional prayers silently or aloud.]

O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

God our Savior and Redeemer, you are constantly at work, bringing forth new things Celebrant: in your creation. Hear the prayers we make to you, and continue to perform ever

greater wonders for the entire family of humankind, through your Son, Christ our

Lord. Amen.

Source: Intercessions for the Christian People © Order of St Benedict's 1990

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. Celebrant:

And also with you. People:

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.



Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

J 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.

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 lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

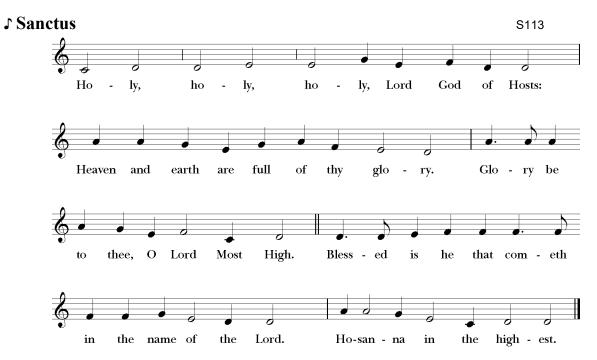
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



The celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The celebrant continues

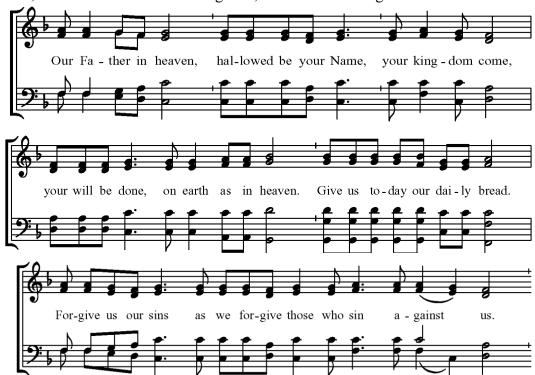
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

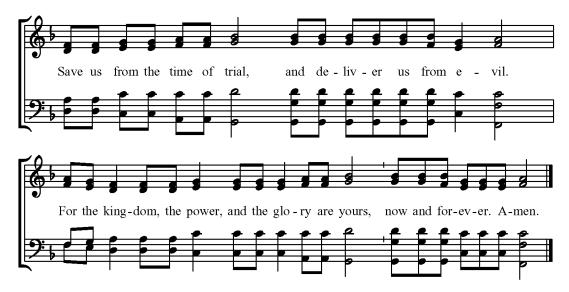
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Benedict and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

♪ The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing





The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread

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

"O Jesus, Drink of Me"
Text: Christina Rosetti

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Voice: Anne Kanter Violin: Lorienne Schwenk



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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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,

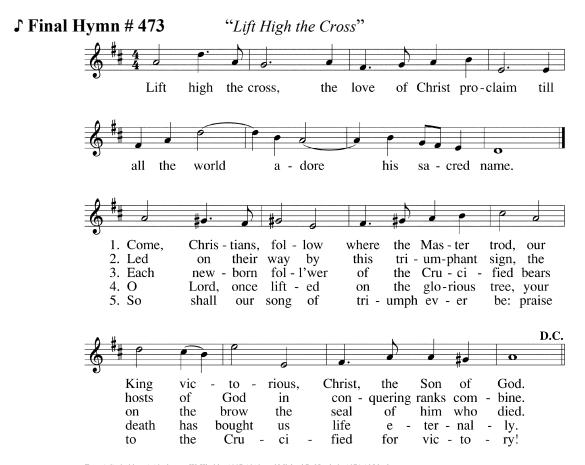
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The Solemn Collect

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people. And the blessing of the Triune God, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit rest upon you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Announcements



Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt. Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947 © 1974, Hope Publishing Co.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord *Thanks be to God*.

Postlude"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Lowell Mason, 1824
Tune: HAMBURG
Arr. Lloyd Larson
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