

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

Easter Sunday

April 17, 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: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.
People: *Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

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 D

A Song of the Wilderness

Isaiah 35:1-7,10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
It shall blossom abundantly, *
and rejoice with joy and singing.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, *
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands, *
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *
and streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool *
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Lord of the dawn, revealed to women of courage and men of doubt: take us from the empty places where death holds power to the rising of your love as light for all the world; to Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, Amen**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalm 118 1-2, 14- 24

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Give thanks the Lord is good!
God's love is for ever
Now let Israel say
"God's love is for ever!"

My strength my song is the Lord,
Who has become my savior.

Glad songs of victory sound
Within the tents of the just.
With right hand lifted high,
The Lord strikes with force.

I shall not die but live
To tell the Lord's great deeds.
The Lord punished me severely,
But did not let me die.
Open the gates of justice,

Let me praise God within them.
This is the Lord's own gate,
Only the just will enter.
I thank you for you answered me,
And you became my savior.

The stone the builders rejected
Has become the cornerstone.
This is the work of the Lord,
How wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord made,
Let us rejoice and be glad.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

John 20:1-18

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

People: *Praise and Glory to God.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said

to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospeller: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to Christ, the Word.*

Gospel Discussion

Prayers of the People

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Let the whole church rejoice, in city and in open country, in this land and throughout the world, for Christ is risen. Let each congregation and fellowship rejoice, let each heart and mind rejoice, for Christ is risen. O God, may we and the whole church rejoice in your victory, let us proclaim the Good News that death is defeated; we are set free and Christ has won for us the victory. May we reflect your glory and the power of your resurrection. Jesus, may we know you *and the power of your resurrection.*

Let the whole creation rejoice, every field and hill and mountain, every volcano and geyser sing for Christ is risen. Let each plant and flower and tree, each lizard and ground squirrel leap for joy, for Christ is risen. O God, grant us the eyes to see you in every bug and every bird, in the blue of the sky and the tides of the ocean and to know that we are one in you. Jesus, may we know you *and the power of your resurrection.*

Let the power of your resurrection be known in our homes: in you, risen Lord, may relationships be strengthened and restored; in you, risen Lord, may hurts be healed and well-being restored. We pray for all who struggle, that they may find hope in you. We pray for those for whom our prayers have been asked, and for those who are in our hearts....

*Prayers are read from the bidding book;
additional prayers may be offered silently or aloud.*

Jesus, may we know you *and the power of your resurrection.*

We remember all who have lost loved ones, who are deeply bereaved and in great sorrow. We pray for our loved ones departed. May we seek to know they rejoice where sorrow and pain are no more. Jesus, may we know you *and the power of your resurrection.*

*Alleluia to our God, who has given us the victory.
Alleluia to our God, who has broken the power of death.
Alleluia to our God, who has defeated the depths of darkness.*

*Alleluia to our God, who has triumphed over evil.
Alleluia to our God, who has won for us life eternal.
In love we give ourselves to you, holy One.
In joy we worship you, mighty Son of the Father.
In you is our hope, O Christ, who died and now is risen, and lives with the
Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.
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.*

The Holy Eucharist

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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: 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 say:

All: ***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.***

Celebrant: 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Benedict, 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.

All: *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: *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.*

New Zealand Prayer Book

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,
creator, Word, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*

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Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth in peace to love and serve our God
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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