



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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 ~

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

by Willian Runyan

Arr. by Mark Hayes

quoting "Prelude in C major" by JS Bach

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People: *The Lord 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.*

♪ Asperges

WLP 817

(three times)

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on

those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of glory, whose beloved took the shadow road and found life in the darkness; may his love be our law, undimmed by the fear that condemns what it does not understand; slipping through the hands of those who cling to sacred power; making us witness to the power of new birth; through Jesus Christ the Firstborn, Amen.**

c Steven Shakespeare, Church Pub.

♪ Hymn of Praise

“O day of radiant gladness”

Blue Hymnal 48



1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim



light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our



beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Acts 11:1-18

Reader: *A Reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Anthem

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis (c 1505-1585)

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St. Benedict's Singers

Revelation 21:1-6

Reader: *A Reading from the book of Revelation*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Hymn

“Ubi Caritas”

WLP 831

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

A

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u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

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Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

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

Affirmation of Faith

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Let us stand as we are able and 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

Holy One, we rejoice that we abide in you and in your great love; you accept us when we find it hard to accept ourselves or each other. We pray that you will strengthen the fellowship of your people, that you will sustain us in our unity and help us to know we are one in you. We pray for all who are striving to realize the unity that you give to your church. We pray for inter-church relationships and all groups that help to break down barriers. Christ, lead us from despair to hope, *from division to wholeness*.

Holy One, we remember before you all areas of ethnic violence and racial hatred, for all places where there is division, strife and animosity especially the people of Ukraine and Russia and those who are refugees. We pray for the United Nations and for all who work for peace and unity, for all peoples that work for the building up of community and fellowship. We remember all who are scorned, rejected or belittled by others. Christ, lead us from despair to hope, *from division to wholeness*.

We give thanks for our own homes and their love. We pray for homes of strife and discord, homes where there is neglect, abuse or violence. We remember homes where there is no love or where love is betrayed. We pray for all families suffering from a breakdown in their relationships. Christ, lead us from despair to hope, *from division to wholeness*.

We pray for all who suffer from schizophrenia, for those whose lives are torn apart by memories or fears. We pray for all who have suffered from any form of breakdown.

We ask for your blessing on loved ones and friends who are suffering at this time, and for all in any need...beginning with those in our bidding book....

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

Christ, lead us from despair to hope, *from division to wholeness*.

We look forward to the day when we will share fully in the communion of saints, when we will be one in the spirit and one in our God. We pray for loved ones departed, for all who have gone before us in the faith, and for the day when we will share with them in your kingdom. Christ, lead us from despair to hope, *from division to wholeness*.

Celebrant: *Jesus Christ, Son of the Author, give us wisdom and faith to trust in you. When we cannot see your presence, when the way is full of darkness and doubt, increase our faith and help us to know that you will never leave us or forsake us, for you are ever with us, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with the Creator and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen*

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.

50. For a Birthday p 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on your servant(s) _____ as *he/she/they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

51. For a Birthday p 830

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his/her/their* days increase; bless and guide *him/her/their* wherever *he/she/they* may be. Strengthen *him/her/them* when *he/she/they* stand(s); comfort *him/her/their* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him/her/their* up if *he/she/they* fall; and in *his/her/their* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *him/her/their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

52. For an Anniversary p 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

53. For Travelers p 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them into safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 Hymn

“Gather Us In”

Gather 744



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
 Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;
 Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
 Tune: GATHER US IN, Irregular; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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♪ Doxology:

[Hymn tune #400]

[sung]

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia
 Praise God the Source of all our gifts
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Holy Eucharist

HE III 1

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

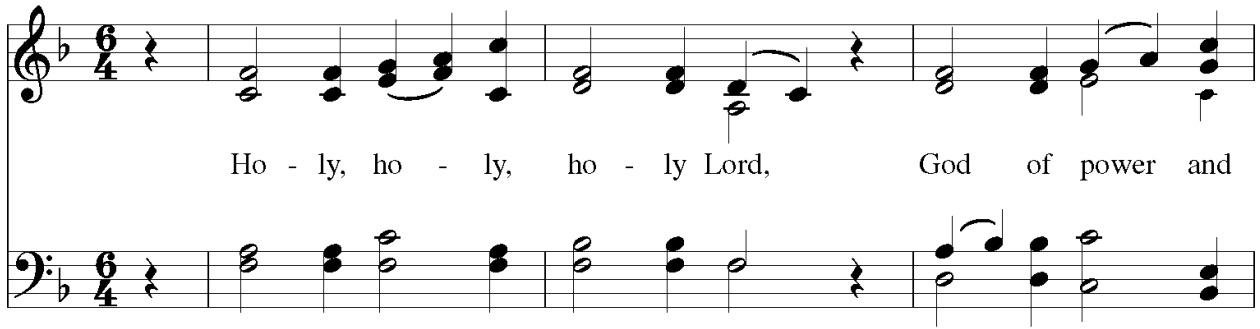
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is not only right, but our delight to join in the hymn of praise that rises up from throughout the created world. We rejoice in the love you show us through Creation even as we await with eager anticipation the new heaven and the new earth which shall never pass away and where we will dwell with you living in peace and harmony with all beings.

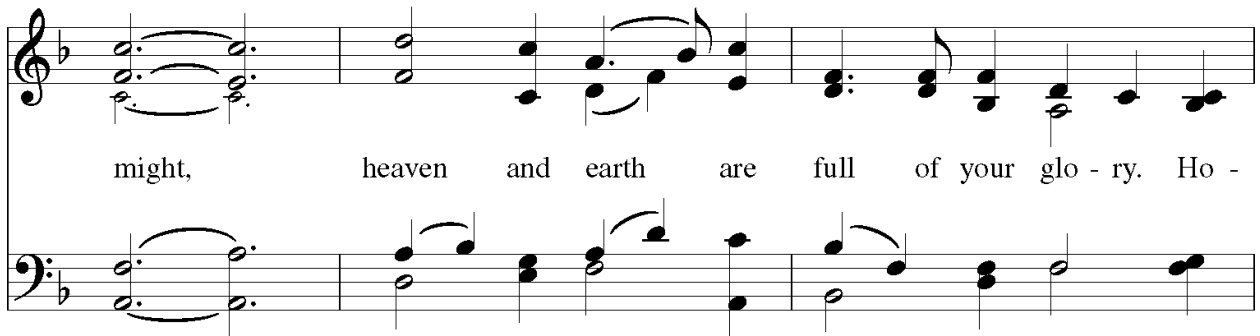
And so we join the saints and angels, and all creation as we proclaim your glory, singing this hymn with all who praise your name

♪ Sanctus

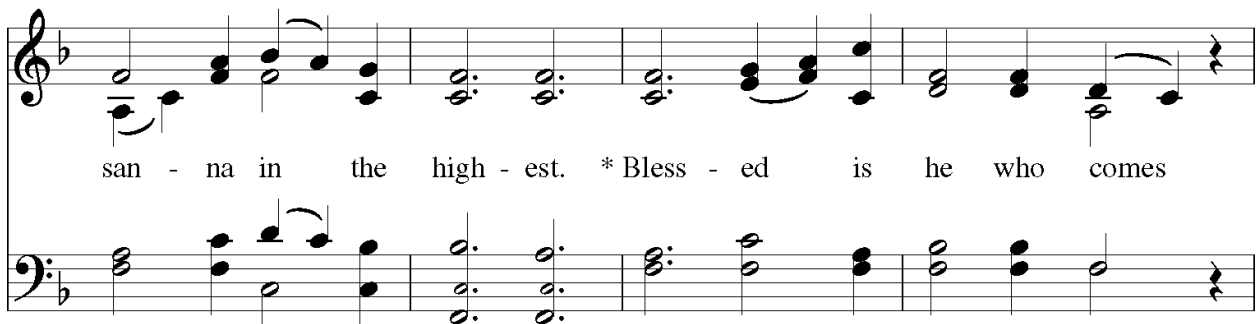
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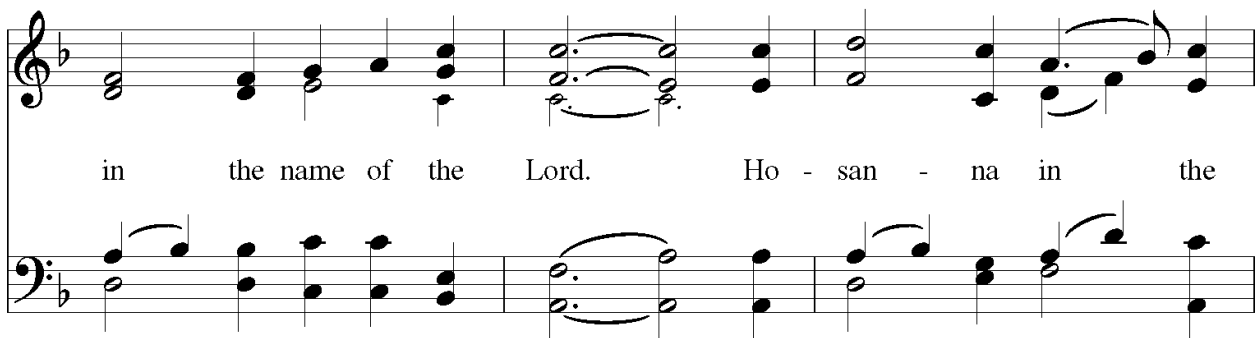
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



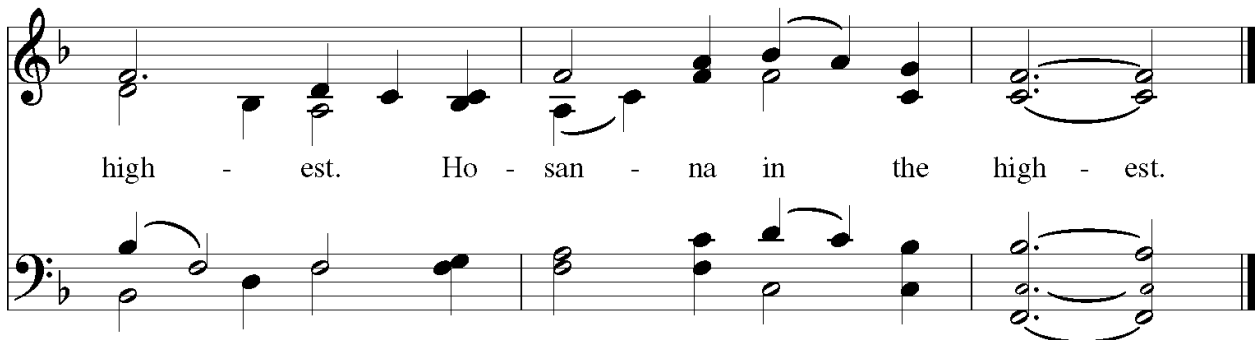
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



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



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And we thank you that you sent your very Self, your Son who walked among us as Jesus the Christ, showing us the true meaning of love. In him your love is perfectly manifest and provides a clear path for humanity and the whole creation to return to you.

Jesus not only told us to love one another but he gave us the example of his life, his teaching, and his willingness to follow the path of love to the very end, giving his life as the ultimate gift that we might be reconciled with you.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

And send your Spirit also upon us, that we may be enabled to love as you love and emboldened to share the joy of your kin-dom with our neighbors.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, All- Compassionate Creator, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

♪ The Lord's Prayer

Voice

Our Fa-----ther in

Heaven Holy be- your name Your kingdom come; Your will be

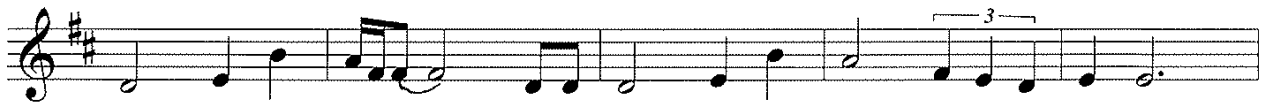
done on earth as in heav'n- Give us this day our dai-----ly



bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri-al and de - li-ver-us from e-vil For the



king - dom the po-wer and the glo----- ry are yours now & for---e---ver



A -----men A -----men A-----men



A -----men A -----men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem

WLP 874



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

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, please contact the church office to have communion brought to you in your home.

♪ Communion Music

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Tune: DUNCANNON
Arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben

by William J. Kirkpatrick
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♪ Communion Anthem

"O for the Wings of a Dove"

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47
House

Psalms 55:1-7

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Anne Kanter - Soprano Soloist
St. Benedict's Singers

Final Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son at supper prayed
that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord,
to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church of England (adapted)

Blessing

You are God's servants gifted with dreams and visions
Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire;
love and serve the Lord in the strength of the Spirit;
may the deep peace of Christ be with you
The strong arms of God sustain you

And the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way. Amen

Diane Karay Tripp

Announcements

Final Hymn

"Great is thy Faithfulness"

LEVAS 189

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia, Let us go forth in peace to love and serve our God

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia

♪ ~ Postlude ~

“Come, Thou Fount”

Tune: NETTLETON

Arr. by Marianne Kim

from *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813*

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Eucharist Liturgy From the Book of Common Prayer with prayers written by the Rector

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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
Eucharistic Minister:	Sarah Chesebro
Lector:	John Horsley
Flowers:	Lorienne Schwenk
Ushers:	Barbara Schippers & Sandy Fisher
Intercessor:	Helen Schneiders
Altar Guild:	Pat Stoneman
Online Hosts:	Don & Liz Maruska
Tellers:	Diane Long & Diana Hammerlund
Director of Music:	Dave Alm
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews

This Week at St Ben's

Monday	All Day	Rector's Sabbath	Friday	5:30p	Messy Church!!
Tuesday	9:45a	Prayers for the Morning	Saturday	9:00a	Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Cafe
	10:15a	Spiritual Conversation on Jesuit Spirituality	Sunday	8:00a	Contemplative Communion
	5:30p	Vespers, followed by social time		9:20a	Bible Conversation
Wednesday	6:00p	Choir rehearsal		10:30a	Eucharist
Thursday	6:30p	Prayers for Ukraine		2:00p	Deanery Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK: May 22 —A special blessing of the trees after the 10:30am service—starting about 11:45.

SALUD CARBAJAL has postponed his visit to St Ben's until July. More details closer to the time.

MESSY CHURCH starts this week in a new format. It will be on the third Friday of the month at 5:30. Specially geared towards children and grandchildren this will be a fun time for all ages. For more information, see Pamela Bleisch.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE: Please join us in prayer on Thursday. This simple service will include prayers and extended silence.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN We serve on June 4. Please mark your calendars.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION The weekly Spiritual Conversation is talking about Ignatian spirituality. If you want to read the book, it is [The Jesuit Guide to \(Almost\) Everything -](#)

[Spirituality for a Real Life](#). On-line via Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:15am. A service of Prayers for the Morning is also available on Tuesdays, starting at 9:45 on Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: May 17 Tim Strawn

May 20 Breanna Hammerlund

Our Mission

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.

St Benedict's Inclusivity Statement

When we say that everyone is welcome to worship at St. Benedict's, we mean it. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We embrace and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation. We cooperate in ministry with other local churches and groups of God's people as we participate in the worldwide mission of Christ. St. Benedict's is a long-time supporter of the full inclusion of all Christians in every order (lay, deacon, priest, bishop) and every sacrament and rite of the church.



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