



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

The Sixth Sunday of Easter—Rogation Sunday

May 22, 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 ~

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Tune: CONVERSE

by Charles Converse

Arr. by John Turner

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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: Holy One, you breathe the word of love and the promise of new creation into the secret places of the soul, opening heart to heart: in the wildness of your Spirit, uncaptured in the wide world, teach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace; through Jesus Christ through whom God dwells with us, Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Church Pub

Acts 16:9-15

Reader: *A Reading from the book of Acts*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

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

♪ Psalm 67

May God be gra-cious and bless us. May God's face shine up-on us.

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May God be merciful to us and bless us, and may God's face shine upon us.
Let your ways be made known upon earth, your deliverance among all nations.

antiphon

Let the peoples praise you O god; all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise you.

antiphon

The earth has brought forth her increase: may God, our own God, give us a blessing.

May God give us a blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

antiphon

♪ Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader: *A Reading from the book of Revelation*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

♪ Hymn

“Hallelujah”

WLP 784

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prais - es! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Fine

Christ the Lord to us said: “I am wine, I am bread, I am
 Je - sus says to us still: “All who do the Lord’s will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"
do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

John 14:23-29

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

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

Affirmation of Faith

Church of England

All *We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,*

*who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Christ, we put our trust in you, and in you is our rest.

We pray for all pilgrim peoples as they journey through this world, for all seekers, for those who search for truth and integrity. May we and your whole church live as those traveling into your love and deeper into your presence.

We pray today for places of pilgrimage, and places of special holiness, for spiritual directors and all who act as guides to others on their pilgrimage.

God as you call us to you, *guide us in our journey.*

We remember before you all who are homeless, especially in Los Osos and all who have been made refugees by war and oppression, remembering especially refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine and violence in Central America. We pray for those who live rough and who sleep out in our cities and communities. We pray for travelling people and nomads. God as you call us to you, *guide us in our journey.*

We give thanks for our homes and places of security, where we find love, rest and refreshment.

May your Spirit be at home in our homes, may your ways be made known to us and may we walk in them. We pray for guidance in our journey through life, for ourselves, our families and our loved ones.

God as you call us to you, *guide us in our journey.*

Lord of peace, give rest to the weary, the worn and the fearful; give peace to the anxious, the troubled and distressed.

We pray for all those who have lost courage or hope in their journey, all whose way seems dark and threatening. We pray for the trouble in body, mind or spirit, for all who are ill, especially those who are in our hearts, starting with those in the bidding book...

[please add your own prayers of thanksgiving or intercession silently or aloud]

God as you call us to you, *guide us in our journey.*

We give thanks for all who have come to their journey's end on earth: may they find rest and peace and life in you. We pray for the day when we will be one with them in your eternal kingdom. God as you call us to you, ***guide us in our journey.***

Lord Jesus Christ who promised that in you we would find peace, give us that peace which the world cannot give, the deep peace of Go which passes all understanding. In all our troubles and anxieties, keep us calm and hopeful; grant that we may know we abide in you and in your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

David Adam, Glimpses of Glory, Morehouse Pub

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.

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.

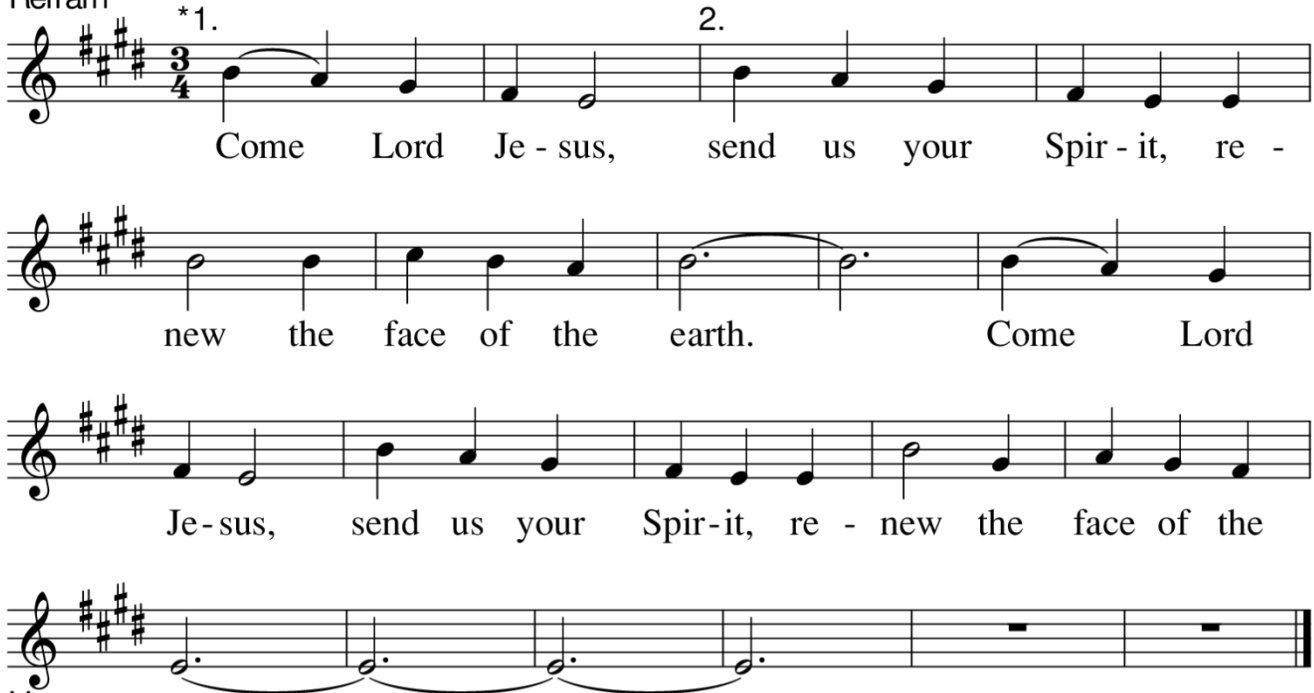
♪ Offertory Hymn

“Send us your Spirit”

Gather 470

Refrain

* 1. 2.



Come Lord Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re -
new the face of the earth. Come Lord
Je - sus, send us your Spir - it, re - new the face of the
earth.

Verses

1. Come to us, Spir - it of God, breathe in us
2. Fill us with the fire of your love, burn in us
3. Send us the wings of new birth, fill all the
now, we sing to - geth - er. Spir - it of
now, bring us to - geth - er. Come to us,
earth with the love you have taught us. Let all cre -
hope and of light, fill our lives,
dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord,
a - tion now be shak - en with love,
D.C.
come to us, Spir - it of God.
come to us, Spir - it of God.
come to us, Spir - it of God.

*May be sung in canon.

♪ 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

Iona

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,

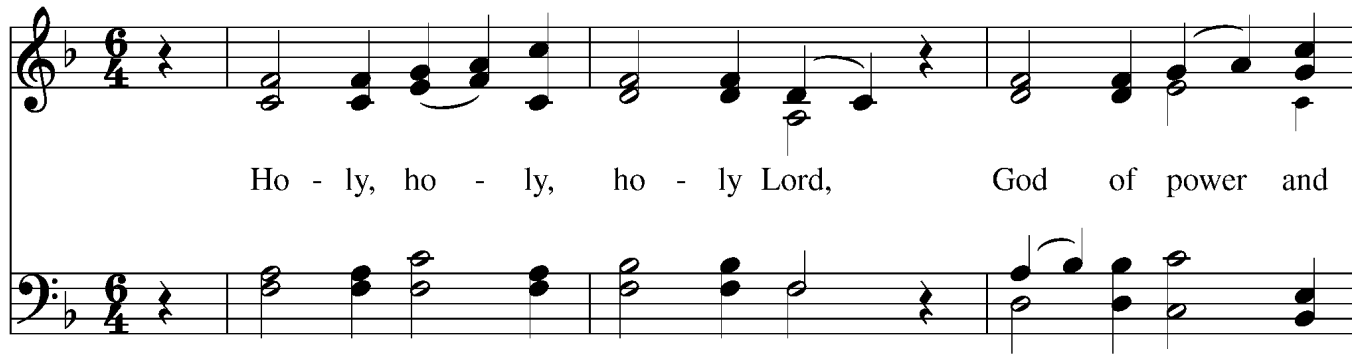
All: *We lift them up to God.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God,

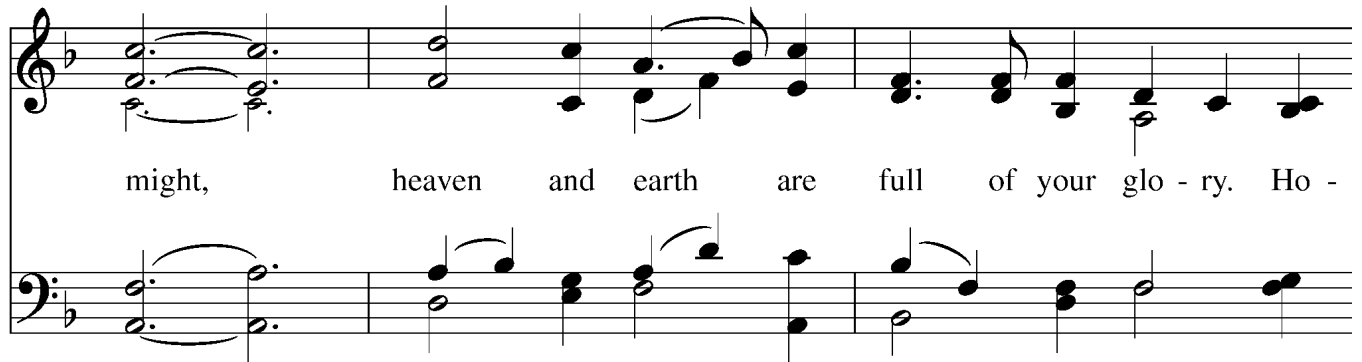
All: *It is right to give both thanks and praise.*

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:

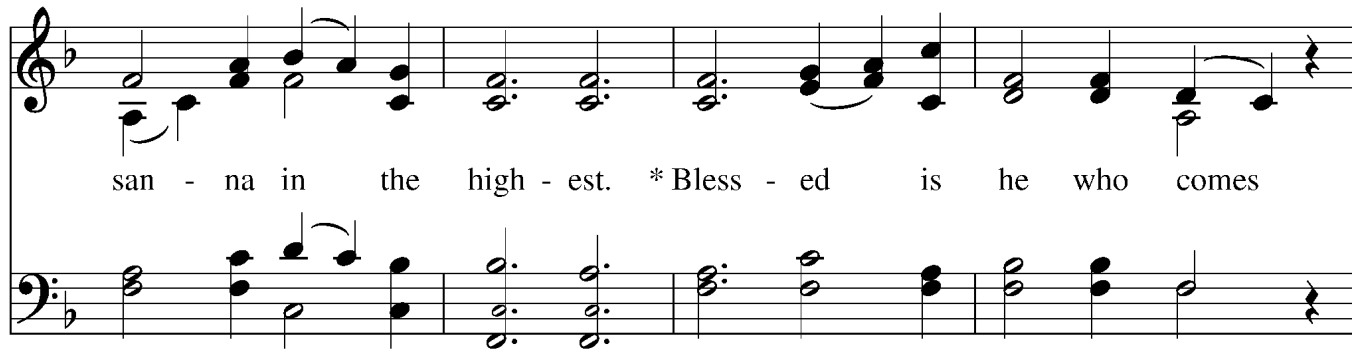
Sanctus



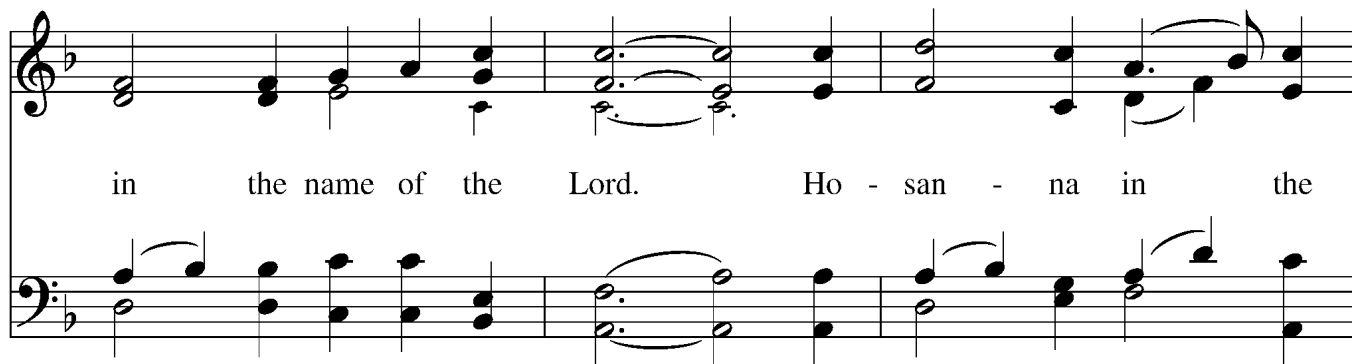
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



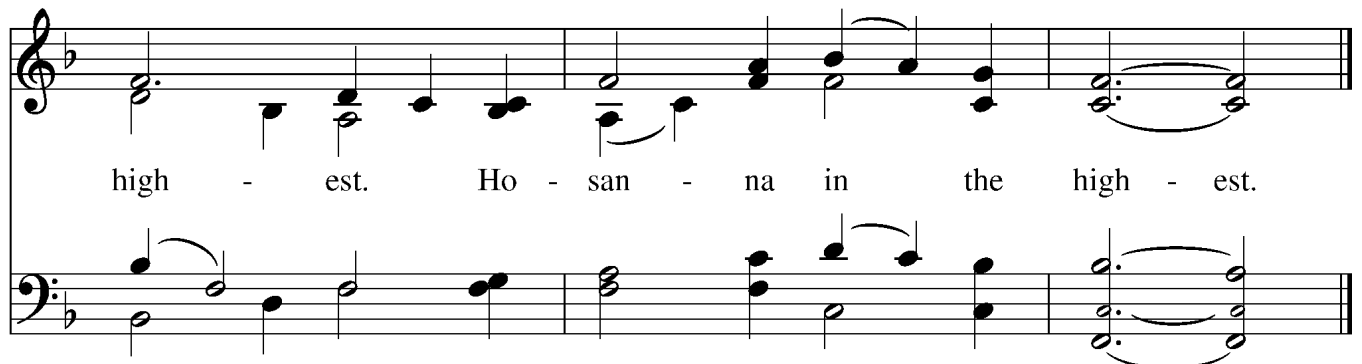
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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.

Celebrant: 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.*

Celebrant: 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:

*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.

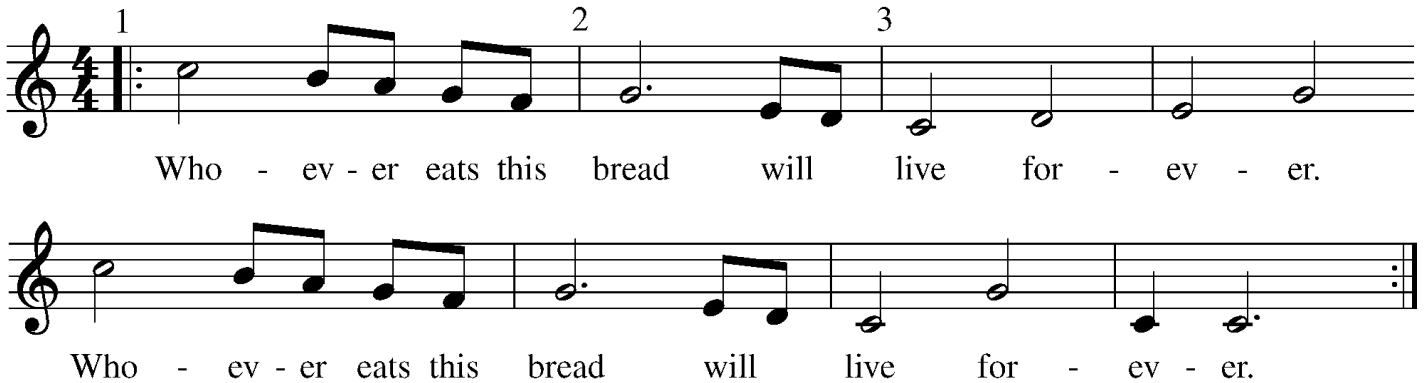
For your reign is the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

New Zealand

Prayer Book

♪ Fraction Anthem



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

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

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

♩ Communion Hymn

“O Spirit of God”

Blue Hymnal 505

1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in
 2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in -
 3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, make
 4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est
 crease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy
 us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly
 light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the
 grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and
 flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each
 know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -

Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

♪ Communion Song

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Tune: HANSON PLACE

Arr. Vicki Collinsworth

by Robert Lowry

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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

“Blessed Assurance”

LEVAS 184

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

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

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia

♪ Postlude

“Wade in the Water”

Traditional Spiritual

Arr. Shelton Ridge Love

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Please join us for a Rogation Sunday procession and tree blessing after this service.

If you prefer, you may stay in the church and watch the live stream.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
Eucharistic Minister:	Brian Spolarich
Lector:	Sandy Fisher
Cantor:	Kim Sargen
Flowers:	Brian Spolarich
Ushers:	Maureen Titus & Michael Lucas
Intercessor:	Jill Denton
Altar Guild:	Sarah Chesebro & JW
Online Host:	Jane Wu
Tellers:	Steve Cake & Alice Welchert
Director of Music:	Dave Alm
Technical:	Hannah Jay Matthew

This Week at St Ben's

Tuesday

9:45a Prayers for the Morning

10:15a Spiritual Conversation Our conversation will be based on the great (and amusing) book, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life* by Father James Martin.

5:30p Vespers

Wednesday

11:00a Laundry Love

4:00p Laundry Love

6:00p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

3:00p Healing Ministry meeting (Zoom)

Sunday

8:00a Contemplative Communion

9:20a Bible Conversation

10:30a Eucharist

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