

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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, alleluia Christ is Risen
People: *Christ is risen indeed, alleluia, 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 K

A Song of Our Adoption

Ephesians 1:3-10

*Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *
according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, *
the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God 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 (2009)

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*

Psalm 67

Favor and bless us, Lord. Let your face shine on us,
revealing your way to all peoples, salvation the world over.
Let nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.

The world will shout for joy, for you rule the planet with justice.
In fairness you govern the nations and guide the peoples of earth.
Let the nations sing your praise, every nation on earth.

The land delivers its harvest, God, our God, has blessed us.
O God, continue your blessing, may the whole world worship you.

Source: The Psalter © 1994 Liturgy Training Publications

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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

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

Gospel Discussion

Prayers of the People

We put our trust in you, Lord Christ, 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 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, all who have been made refugees by war and oppression especially those in Ukraine. We pray for those who are unhoused and unsheltered. We pray for the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries, and Los Osos Cares. 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 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 the distressed. We pray for all who have lost courage or hope in their journey, all whose way seems dark and threatening. We pray for the troubled in body, mind or spirit, for all who are ill. We pray for all 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.*

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 God 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 Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 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 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 say with joy:

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 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:

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

Celebrant 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 the blessed virgin Mary, blessed Benedict, and

all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

All *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

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, 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).

The 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

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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