

# St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

Second Sunday of Creation

September 11, 2022

—8 a.m. Service—

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, there's a warm welcome for you here!

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kin-dom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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 12      A Song of Creation: the Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you  
People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **O God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Exodus 32:7-14

Reader: *A Reading from the book of Exodus*

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

## Psalm 51

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Have mercy, tender God, forget that I defied you.  
Wash away my sin, cleanse me from my guilt.

I know my evil well, it stares me in the face,  
Evil done to you alone before your very eyes.

How right your condemnation! Your verdict clearly just.  
You see me for what I am, a sinner before my birth.

You love those centered in truth; teach me your hidden wisdom.  
Wash me with fresh water; wash me bright as snow.

Fill me with happy songs, let the bones you bruised now dance.  
Shut your eyes to my sin, make my guilt disappear.

Creator, reshape my heart, God steady my spirit.  
Do not cast me aside stripped of your holy spirit.

Save me, bring back my joy, support me, strengthen my will.  
Then I will teach your way and sinners will turn to you.

Help me, stop my tears, and I will sing your goodness.  
Lord give me words and I will shout your praise.

When I offer a burnt offering, the gift does not please you.  
So I offer my shattered spirit; a changed heart you welcome.

In your love make Zion lovely, rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then sacrifice will please you, young bulls upon the altar.

## Laudato Si', Pope Francis

Reader: *A Reading from Laudato Si', by Pope Francis*

When we speak of the “environment,” what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. Recognizing the reasons why a given area is polluted requires a study of the workings of society, its economy, its behavior patterns, and the ways it grasps reality. Given the scale of change, it is no longer possible to find a specific, discrete answer for each part of the problem. It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.

## Luke 15:1-10

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Gospeller: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to Christ, the Word.*

## Gospel Discussion

### Prayers of the People

Let us pray for all the people and creatures who live in places in the world where there is no beauty, no joy, no peace. God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember all those whose lives have been turned upside down by drought, fire, flood and earthquake. God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We ask a blessing of healing for all who are victims of terrorism and violent crime especially the people of the James Smith Cree Nation. God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for people of faith around the world, especially those living in fear of persecution or attack. God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for people of faith around the world, especially those who are comfortable and complacent in the face of climate change. God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We bring before you the leaders of this country and this state, especially Joseph our President and Gavin our governor, asking that they may be given wisdom and boldness to lead us in the paths of peace, God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all those who work for beauty and reconciliation in this county and who seek to walk lightly on the planet, God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are on our hearts and minds this morning, starting with those in the bidding book.... [you are invited to add your own intercessions or thanksgivings, silently or aloud.]

God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of Life we thank you for all who have gone before, especially all who have worked for peace and for the flourishing of all beings. God, giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

*Holy One, we ask that you will continually lead us in the paths of reconciliation and reconstruction, that you will help us to see the connections between every part of Creation and that you give us the courage to stand up and speak out for your planet and your kin-dom. **Amen***

## **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

***God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.***

Celebrant: May our all-compassionate God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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.*

## Holy Eucharist

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Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<i>We raise our hearts to God.</i>
Celebrant	Let us thank the giver of life..
People	<i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>
Celebrant	It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

All

*Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.  
But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.  
Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets*

*to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.*

The Celebrant continues.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Benedict, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Celebrant and People

***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: *Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.*

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## The Blessing

May the outrageous welcome of the Creator accept us for who we are;  
may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close;  
may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love;  
and may the blessing of God All-Compassionate,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon 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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### **This Week at St Ben's**

Monday Rector's Sabbath

Tuesday

9:45a Prayers for the Morning

10:15a Spiritual Conversation: Happiness

5:30p Vespers

7:00p Diocesan Budget Presentation (Zoom)

Wednesday

7:00p Walk in Love (Zoom)

Thursday

5:30p Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

9:00a Men's Breakfast Group at Celia's Garden Cafe

Sunday

8:00a Contemplative Communion

10:30a Eucharist

4:00p Lambeth Q&A with +Lucinda

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Walk in Love** continues on September 14th, This short on-line course is for anyone who is interested in being received or confirmed into The Episcopal Church, and anyone who would like to know more about the church. In Walk in Love, the Revs. Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe unpack the basic beliefs and practices of our tradition.

**Storied Pilgrimage with Race** continues September 20th—an online conversation about race based on the life experiences of members of the diocese. This is an expected training for leaders of the parish.

**Bishop Lucinda** will be here on October 9th. Let Caro+ know now if you want to be received or confirmed.

There will be a presentation on the **Diocesan Budget** on Tuesday at 6:30pm. Diocesan delegates are expected to participate - everyone else is welcome. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85884399117>

**PERSONAL PRAYER** – If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Helen Schnieders (818-324-2646). If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be

returned. Prayer requests may also be emailed at any time to [prayers@stbenslososos.org](mailto:prayers@stbenslososos.org) and requests for pastoral care may be sent to [pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org).

**THE ALTAR GUILD** serves each Sunday by setting up and creating sacred space and then putting the vessels and linens away at the end as well as by looking after everything we use in worship. There are openings for two or more people to join the team. If God is calling you to this special ministry please talk to Sarah Chesebro.

**BIDDING BOOK PRAYERS** – If you'd like to request prayers for someone to have their names read out during the worship services on Sunday, please write them in the bidding book on the stand by the usher's station as you come into church.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Hannah-Jaye is in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-5. If you need something at other times please contact Caro+

**BIRTHDAYS:** 12th Diana Hammerlund, 14th Judith Cadigan, 17th Bryson McKelvey and Joan Hayes

**ANNIVERSARY** 15th Brian Spolarich and Alan Kiste.