

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Third Sunday of Creation

September 18, 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: Blessed be God: Creator, Word, 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 Earth and Its Creatures

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.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, 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: *Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

Amos 8:4-7

Reader: *A Reading from the Book of Amos*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

Psalm 113

Source: The Psalter © 1994 Liturgy Training Publications

Hallelujah!

Servants of God, praise, praise the name of the Lord.
Bless the Lord's name now and always.
Praise the Lord's name here and in every place, from east to west.

The Lord towers above the nations, God's glory shines over the heavens.
Who compares to our God? Who is enthroned so high?

The Lord bends down to see heaven and earth,
to raise the weak from the dust and lift the poor from the mire,
to seat them with princes in the company of their leaders.

The childless no longer alone, rejoice now in many children.

Hallelujah!

Passion and Patience in the Desert

Reader: *A Reading from Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert, by Terry Tempest Williams*

The eyes of the future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time. They are kneeling with hands clasped that we might act with restraint, that we might leave room for the life that is destined to come. To protect what is wild is to protect what is gentle. Perhaps the wilderness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands.

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

Luke 16:1-13

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Gospel Discussion

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning, *God was*.

Here and now, *God is*.

In the future, *God will be*.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer*.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer*.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer*.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer*.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer*.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer*.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain those known to this congregation who desire or need your presence and help especially

[you are invited to add your own intercessions or thanksgivings, silently or aloud.]

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

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. God, Giver of life, *Hear our prayer*.

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kin-dom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

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.

The Holy Eucharist

EOW 2

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: *Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In
this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one
another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from
you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us
as friend. Amen.*

The Blessing

May God give you grace, to become the people God has called you to be,
that you may live and work to God's praise and glory. And the blessing of God,
Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Traces of Glory, David Adam © Morehouse Publishing 2000

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

Today's Eucharist Liturgy is from
"Enriching Our Worship" Supplemental Liturgical Materials
prepared by The Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church
© 1997 Church Publishing Incorporated, New York. Used with permission.



St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

2220 Snowy Egret Lane, Los Osos CA 93402
P.O. Box 6877, Los Osos CA 93412
Phone: (805) 528-0654 Email: office@stbenslososos.org
Website: www.stbenslososos.org

This Week at St Ben's

Today

12:30p Parish Council (in-person)
4:00p Lambeth Q&A with +Lucinda.

Monday Rector's Sabbath

Tuesday

9:45a Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
10:15a Spiritual Conversation based on Lives of Unforgetting by Stant Litore
5:30p Vespers (In-Person)

Wednesday

3:00p Earthcare Meeting (Zoom)
7:00p Walk in Love (Zoom)

Thursday

5:30p Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Storied Pilgrimage with Race (Special Zoom)

Friday

9:00a Gentle Yoga (In-person)
5:00p Messy Church