



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

The Third Sunday of Creation

September 18, 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 ~

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Arranged by Timothy Shaw

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“It Is Well With My Soul”

Arranged by Terry Osman

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Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever!**

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**

♪ Hymn of Praise #48

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Blue Hymnal

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Passion and Patience in the Desert, Terry Tempest Williams

Reader: *A Reading from Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert, 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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

♪ Hymn

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THE WORD Hymnal

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
 path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
 light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I

think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.

Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

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 MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber
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THY WORD
 Irregular

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.*

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 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.*

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 in the chat]

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.

source: Anne Kelsey

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All: ***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 the All-Compassionate God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.***

Please greet each other in the chat.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or travel, please share in the chat.

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

You may contribute at our website www.stbenslososos.org at any time.

♪ Offertory Hymn # 488

Be Thou My Vision

Blue Hymnal



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

♪ **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

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Celebrant God be with you.
 People *And also with you.*
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
 People *We lift them up to God.*
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you for your lovingkindness demonstrated in the creation of the cosmos. When we see photos of galaxies, stars and planets, in the immensity of space our solar system seems so small. And yet here on this planet you have blessed us with life and all we need to sustain life. You have also blessed us with the company of a myriad creatures who live independently of humankind, and have surrounded us with rocks, trees and plants who all sing your praises.

In the middle of this great web of life you called humans to be your people, to walk with you and to co-create with you. And so today we join with all those who have gone before us and with the hosts of angels who are always praising you, as we join in the song which rings through eternity:

♪ **Sanctus**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en 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.

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you that you have always loved and cherished us even though we failed to be good stewards of creation. We have hoarded your gifts, sought to keep your bounty for ourselves and to gain wealth in this world, and in so doing we failed to live by the values of the reign of God.

In your great lovingkindness, you sent your Son, Jesus the Christ, to be fully human as well as fully God. He showed us by word and example how to live the values of your reign; a life of giving and forgiving, a life which led to his death on the cross in obedience to his calling.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts from your creation, formed by human hands into bread and wine. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Creator, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

All *By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we sing:

Our Father in Heaven

Jack Noble White

Voice

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "Our Fa-----ther in Heaven Holy be-³ 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 for- give 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

Silence is observed

♪ Fraction Anthem

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Priest:
Let us pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

All:
When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup, we pro - claim your
death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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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, you are welcome to receive communion, If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. As your group is called forward, please spread out to widen the circle and increase safe social distancing.

♪ Communion Music

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Traditional English Melody

Arr. by J.B. Taylor

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♪ Communion Hymn #707

Take my Life

Blue Hymnal



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Silence

Prayer

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.

Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

(source: from Saint Clare)

Announcements

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am - found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

♪ Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trad. Irish Melody

Arranged by Larry Shackley

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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
Eucharistic Minister:	Michael Lucas
Lector:	John Horsley
Flowers:	Laura Thompson
Ushers:	Connie Weldon & Barbara Schippers
Intercessor:	Louisa Beeler
Altar Guild:	Diana Hammerlund
Online Host:	Elaine Beckham
Tellers:	Steve Cake & Judith Cadigan
Director of Music:	Dave Alm
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthew

ANNOUNCEMENTS

People's Kitchen is on October 1. Please let Pat Henry know how you can help to serve our neighbors at 40Prado in SLO

Gratitude Dinner will be on October 28th. Mark your calendars now and plan to come!

Storied Pilgrimage with Race continues September 22nd—an online conversation about race based on the life experiences of members of the diocese.

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

PERSONAL PRAYER – If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Louise Beeler (805-543-2898). If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Prayer requests may also be emailed at any time to prayers@stbenslosos.org and requests for pastoral care may be sent to pastoralcare@stbenslosos.org.

RECTOR VACATION: Caro+ will be on vacation September 27 to Oct 6.

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+

This Week at St Ben's

Today

12:30p Parish Council

4:00p Lambeth Q&A with +Lucinda. Please click [here](#) for the zoom link

Monday Rector's Sabbath

Tuesday

9:45a Prayers for the Morning

10:15a Spiritual Conversation based on Lives of Unforgetting by Stant Litore

5:30p Vespers

Wednesday

3:00p Earthcare Meeting

7:00p Walk in Love (Zoom)

Thursday

5:30p Choir Rehearsal

7:00p Storied Pilgrimage with Race (Special Zoom)

Friday

9:00a Gentle Yoga

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00a Contemplative Communion

10:30a Eucharist