

St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California



The Fourth Sunday of Creation

September 25, 2022 10:30 am

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your faith journey,
there is a warm welcome for you here at St. Benedict's!

~ **Prelude** ~

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Arr. Anthony Giamanco

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Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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***





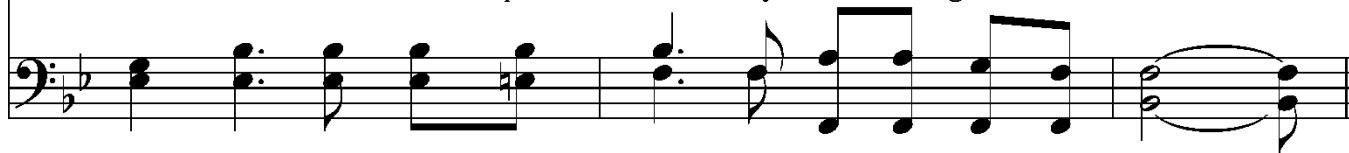
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou

*The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: O Creator God, you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Amos 6:1a, 4-6

Reader: *A Reading from the Book of Amos*

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

♪ Psalm 146

Emergent Psalter

(Antiphon sung by Cantor, then all. Verses spoken in unison.)

Psalm 146
vamp in Am

Antiphon

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Antiphon

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

Antiphon

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

Antiphon

The LORD shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

Prayers of the Social Awakening

Reader: *A Reading from Prayers of the Social Awakening, Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)*

O God, we thank thee for this universe, our great home; for its vastness and its riches, and for the manifoldness of the life which teems upon it and of which we are part. We praise thee for the arching sky and the blessed winds, for the driving clouds and the constellations on high. We praise thee for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills, for the trees and for the grass under our feet. We thank thee for our senses by which we can see the splendor of the morning, and hear the jubilant songs of love, and smell the breath of the springtime. Grant us, we pray thee, a heart wide open to all this joy and beauty, and save our souls from being so steeped in care or so darkened by passion that we pass heedless and unseeing when even the thorn-bush by the wayside is aflame with the glory of God.

Enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all the living things, our little brothers, to whom thou hast given this earth as their home in common with us. We remember with shame that in the past we have exercised the high dominion of man with ruthless cruelty, so that the voice of the Earth, which should have gone up to thee in song, has been a groan of travail. May we realize that they live not for us alone, but for themselves and for thee, and that they love the sweetness of life even as we, and serve thee in their place better than we in ours.

When our use of this world is over and we make room for others, may we not leave anything ravished by our greed or spoiled by our ignorance, but may we hand on our common heritage fairer and sweeter through our use of it, undiminished in fertility and joy, that so our bodies may return in peace to the great mother who nourished them and our spirits may round the circle of a perfect life in thee.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*



♪ Halle, halle

Refrain

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. hal - le - lu - jah. jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. hal - le - lu - jah. iah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. jah. jah.

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. 1, 2 Last time

lu - jah, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah. jah. lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

WORDS: Caribbean; verses Hal H. Hopson (1933-); para. Psalm 150
 MUSIC: Caribbean melody; original music and setting by Hal H. Hopson (1933-)
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Luke 19:19-31

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

Church of England

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

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.*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray with confidence to our God, saying, God our Creator, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray in thanksgiving for Mother Earth in whom all life is rooted, Brother Sun whose energy radiates life, Sister Water who nurtures and revives us, and the co-creatures with whom we live, and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden. God our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

God our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. God our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

God our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. God our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

God our Father, we pray to you for the people of Jesus all over the world. We pray for our bishop Lucinda, and for all bishops and ministers of the gospel, that you would bless and guide them in their ministries. God our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

Today we pray for all who need the healing touch of Jesus, especially those listed in the bidding book... [you are encouraged to add your own prayers, silently or aloud.]

God our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

Finally, in a moment of quiet, let each of us bring our own cares and needs before our loving God... our Creator, *hear our prayer.*

God our Creator, we thank you that you know our needs before we ask, and you also know all the circumstances that are hidden from us. Grant our prayers as may be best for us according to your will. All these things we ask through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, Canada



Confession and Absolution

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: 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.*

Please greet others 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

Many and Great

MHSO 131



1 We are___ a part of all cre - a - tion,
2 We are___ a part of ev - 'ry per - son,
3 We are___ a part of God's cre - a - tion,
4 We are___ a part of all cre - a - tion



all of___ cre - a - tion sings in us, earth and sea and
all of___ the peo - ples sing in us, one our jour - ney,
God is___ the voice that sings in us, be our jour - ney,
giv - en___ the breath of life to share all the glo - ry



sky and crea - tures, join in___ the dance of life and love.
one our path - way, one in___ the dance of life and love.
be our path - way, come be___ our dance of life and love.
of our Mak - er with ev - 'ry per - son ev - 'ry - where.

All of ___ cre-a - tion, one o - ha-na,* All of ___ cre-a - tion sings in you;

Ma-ny___ the voic-es, one great mu-sic, part of me___ and part of

you.____ you; part of me___and part of you.____

*ohana = great family

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♪ 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: May Christ 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.*

Celebrant: 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

WLP166

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.

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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*

Lord's Prayer

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread


The celebrant breaks the Bread

Silence

♪ 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

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. This is God's table, and all are welcome here.

*If God is calling you, you are welcome and invited to receive communion.
Please contact the church office to arrange to receive communion in your home.*

♪ Communion Music

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Arr. Fred Offutt

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Communion Hymn

Pan de Vida

Gather 848

Refrain

* Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,
cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this ta - ble the last shall be first, ** po -
der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

Verses

1. We are the dwell-ing of God,
*** 2. Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor," me in -
3. There is no Jew or Greek,
fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the
cli - no a la - var - les los pies: Ha - gan lo
there is no slave or free: there is no
bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -
mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se
wom-an or man; on - ly heirs of the
D.C.
pas - sion of God.
u - nos a o - tros.
prom - ise of God.

* Bread of Life, body of the Lord, **power is for service, because God is Love.
***You call me "Lord," and I bow to wash your feet:
you must do the same, humbly serving each other.

Text: John 13:1-15, Galatians 3:28-29; Bob Hurd, b.1950, and Pia Moriarty, © 1988, Bob Hurd and Pia Moriarty
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Final Prayer

Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go,
And the blessing of God be upon us, *the blessing of the God of life.*

The blessing of Christ be upon us, *the blessing of the Christ of love.*

The blessing of the Spirit be upon us, *the blessing of the Spirit of grace.*

The blessing of the Trinity be upon us, now and for ever more. *Amen.*

Announcements

♪ Final Hymn

God, How Many Are A Thousand?

Sung to H376

God, how many are a thousand out of all the grains of sand,
And how many are a thousand of the stars that you command?
Lord, how awesome is the meaning of this new day shining bright,
For we know a thousand years are as a moment in your sight.

God, we look to your vast heavens; constellations seem to dance.
In each atom is your detail, and you form the smallest plants.
When we look back through the ages, there we see your hand as well.
Thank you, God, for loving, caring for this world in which we dwell.

God, in Christ, you showed that caring: You broke through our time and space.
Christ proclaimed how much you love us, showing your redeeming grace.
Jesus healed the ones who suffered; he endured death's mighty pain.
In your time, you raised our Savior; with him, life begins again.

Yet, O God, our world still searches, longing for the peace you give.
In this age when life is changing, teach us, Lord, in whom we live.
Show again Christ's risen presence, guide us by your Spirit's power.
May we find the joy you offer, as we serve you every hour.

God, how joyful are a thousand when we Christians join to sing!
And how mighty are a thousand when we share the gifts we bring!
Christ, we seek to work together; hand in hand you make us strong.
Spirit, help us in this new time: Give us joy in work and song.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the Name of Christ
All: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia**

♪ Postlude

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Arr. Fred Offutt

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This Week at St Ben's

Monday

All Day Rector's Sabbath

Tuesday

9:45a Prayers for the Morning

10:15a Spiritual Conversation -

5:30p Vespers followed by supper

Wednesday

11:00a Laundry Love

4:00p Laundry Love

7:00p Walk In Love (Zoom)

Thursday

5:30p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00a Gentle Yoga

Saturday

12:00p People's Kitchen

Sunday

8:00a Contemplative Communion

10:30a Eucharist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONSIDER SERVING on a Diocesan body; there are vacancies in Standing Committee, Board of Trustees and Commission on Ministry. You need to submit your nomination by **Sept 30**.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN is on **Saturday October 1**. Please let Pat Henry know how you can help to serve our neighbors at 40 Prado in SLO. 661-340-2291

BISHOP LUCINDA will be here for both services on **October 9**. Please plan to be here to welcome her.

MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held on October 8 at 2pm for Joanne Otto and on October 29 at 3pm for Emily Young.

Everyone is invited to **GENTLE YOGA Fridays** at 9am in the Great Room. For more info see Maureen Titus.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION has started a new conversation based on the book Lives of Unforgetting by fiction writer Stant Litore. Litore encourages us to read the Bible in a new way and to notice narratives we may have skipped over. This week we will talk about the Valor of Women and the Provision for Refugees. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you read the book. Tuesdays at 10:15 on Zoom.

Starting in October, **VESPERS** will be in-person only, no Zoom. Everyone is welcome and also for supper afterwards.

GRATITUDE DINNER will be on **October 28th**. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

STORIED PILGRIMAGE WITH RACE continues October 6—an online conversation about race based on the life experiences of members of the diocese. This forms the official diocesan anti-racism training and is required for all church leaders.

PERSONAL PRAYER – If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Jill Denton (805-534-1101). 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 and requests for pastoral care may be sent to pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org.

Message from Bishop Curry:

The Presiding Bishop at the 2018 General Convention addressed the National Altar Guild Association: "People go to church to refocus. Focus on God. What you do for God matters. The Altar Guild helps us to refocus. Focus on God the Creator then follow Jesus into the world."

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.

BIRTHDAYS: Sept. 25, Liz Maruska, Sept. 29, Barbara Hirahara, Oct. 1 Gio Soritelli

When we say that everyone is welcome to worship at St. Benedict's, we mean it. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We embrace and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation. We cooperate in ministry with other local churches and groups of God's people as we participate in the worldwide mission of Christ. St. Benedict's is a long-time supporter of the full inclusion of all Christians in every order (lay, deacon, priest, bishop) and every sacrament and rite of the church.



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