

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Fourth Sunday of Creation

September 25, 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 People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; *
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 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.

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

Psalm 146

Source: The Psalter © 1994 Liturgy Training Publications

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord my heart! My whole life give praise.

Let me sing to God as long as I live.

Never depend on rulers; born of earth they cannot save.

They die, they turn to dust. That day, their plans crumble.

They are wise who depend on God, who look to Jacob's Lord,
Creator of heaven and earth, maker of the teeming sea.

The Lord keeps faith for ever, giving food to the hungry,
Justice to the poor, freedom to captives.

The Lord opens blind eyes, and straightens the bent,
Comforting widows and orphans, protecting the stranger.
The Lord loves the just but blocks the path of the wicked.

Zion praise the Lord!

Your God reigns for ever, from generation to generation.

Hallelujah!

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.

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

Luke 19:19-31

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

People: ***Praise and Glory to God.***

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: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Discussion

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

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 3

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: 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.**

The Blessing

*May God give you grace, to become the people God has called you to be, that you may live and work to his 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,

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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| Tuesday | | | |
| 9:45a | Prayers for the Morning | | |
| 10:15a | Spiritual Conversation - | Friday | |
| 5:30p | Vespers followed by supper | 9:00a | Gentle Yoga |
| Wednesday | | Saturday | |
| 11:00a | Laundry Love | 12:00p | People's Kitchen |
| 4:00p | Laundry Love | | |
| 7:00p | Walk In Love (Zoom) | Sunday | |
| Thursday | | 10:30a | Eucharist |
| 5:30p | Choir Rehearsal | 2:30p, 3:30p | Blessing of the Animals |

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Bring your well-behaved and restrained companion animals next **Sunday, October 2** for a Blessing of the Animals!. This tradition is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. **Join us at 2:30pm** outside the South Bay Community Center: 2180 Palisades Ave; and **3:30pm** Los Osos Middle School back parking lot: South Bay Blvd & Pismo Ave.

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. 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 and 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



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