

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 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: 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 R

A Song of True Motherhood

Julian of Norwich

God chose to be our mother in all things *
and so made the foundation of his work, most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.
God, the perfect wisdom of all, *
arrayed himself in this humble place.
Christ came in our poor flesh *
to share a mother's care.
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.
Christ carried us within him in love and travail, *
until the full time of his passion.
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, *
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *
for the love of Christ works in us; Christ is the one whom we love.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Infinite God, impatient with your otherness we make you into an idol to serve our own needs: humble our arrogance by the strangeness of your coming and the wonder of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the friend of Pharisees and tax collectors, Amen.*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

Sirach 35:12-17

Reader: *A Reading from the Book of Sirach*

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

Psalm 84:1-6

Your temple is my joy, Lord of Heaven's might.
I am eager for it, eager for the courts of God.
My flesh, my flesh sings its joy to the living God.

As a sparrow homing, a swallow seeking a nest to hatch its young,
I am eager for your altars, Lord of heaven's might, my king, my God.

To live with you is joy, to praise you and never stop.
Those you bless with courage will bless you from their hearts.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Reader: *A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy*

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack

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

Luke 18:9-14

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Discussion of the Readings

Prayers of the People

We give you thanks for the beauty, mystery and wonder of creation; teach us to love the world with the great love you have for it. We pray that all people may show respect for the earth and that people of faith will be deeply involved in conservation and caring for the planet. We pray for the leaders of nations, that they may use the wealth and resources of the earth with care. We remember all who are suffering from flood or drought, for all whose land is exhausted and whose crops are failing. Savior, restore your people. *Guide us into the ways of peace.*

We remember those who have become lost in their journey through life, all who are addicted to drugs or caught up in crime. We pray for all who have lost vision or hope and have little support. We pray for all seekers, all who look for purpose and meaning, all who teach and guide others in the way. Savior, restore your people. *Guide us into the ways of peace.*

We give thanks for our loved ones and all who have cared for us. We pray for those who have taught us to value our lives and each other, and for our families, friends and those among whom we work. Savior, restore your people. *Guide us into the ways of peace.*

God of all power, we ask you to support those who are down: we pray for the exhausted, the weary and the worn, those who have run out of energy and all who can no longer cope on their own, those who are depressed. We ask you blessing on our friends and loved ones, starting with those in the bidding book:

[please add your own prayers, silently or aloud]

Savior, restore your people. *Guide us into the ways of peace.*

We think of all those who have run the race, finished the course and kept the faith: we give thanks for your saints and all holy women and men. Bless all our loved ones who are departed from us and keep them in life eternal.

Lord restore your people. ***Guide us into the ways of peace.***

Holy One, you hear the prayers of the lowly and forgive the sins of the penitent: grant us a glimpse of your glory, a humility in our approach to you, and a deep awareness of your presence and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. 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

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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: ***Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

The Blessing

*May God give you grace, to become the people he has called you to be,
that you may live and work to his praise and glory. And the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among 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

Tuesday

- 9:45a Prayers for the Morning—Zoom
- 10:15a Spiritual Conversation—Zoom
- 5:30p Vespers followed by supper

Wednesday

- 11:00a Laundry Love
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Thursday

- 5:30p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

- 9:00a Gentle Yoga
- 6:30p Gratitude Dinner

Saturday

- 3:00p Celebration of life for Emily Young

Sunday

- 8:00a Contemplative Communion (in-person and on Zoom)
- 10:30a Eucharist



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