

# St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022

—8 a.m. Service—

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, there's a warm welcome for you here!

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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: *Lord of the lost ones, you come to our broken homes and call us your own: may our tables be graced by your presence as guest and our possessions freed to serve the poor; through Jesus Christ the Seeker, Amen.*

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

**Psalms 119:137-144**

Source: The Psalter © 1994 Liturgy Training Publications

God of justice, how right your judgments.  
You establish your decrees in justice and truth.

I seethe in anger when enemies forget your word,  
The promise I love, tested by time.

Discounted and shamed, I still remember your precepts.  
You are eternal justice, your law is truth.

When trouble and anguish strike, your decrees are my joy.  
Your commands are just, teach me and I will live.

## **2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**

Reader: *A Reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## **Luke 19:1-10**

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Gospeller:      The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

## **Discussion of the Readings**

## Prayers of the People

We know our need of God's mercy. That the name of Jesus be glorified, let us commend our lives and all that we have to God's care, saying: Christ in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God you are no discriminator of persons. Look then with love on all who in this world are disregarded or despised. May all who seek salvation find a home in your heart and in the house of your church. Christ in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, lover of all who wander and who seek, you have taken up your dwelling among those who desire life and those who need compassion and understanding. Open their eyes to your presence, as Jesus open the eyes of Zacchaeus by eating at his table. Christ in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you have given your command that the riches of this world be turned to the service of the needy and the poor. Grant that those who control wealth and its distribution may be inspired by a strong sense of compassion and a desire for justice. Christ in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, may the desire to follow Christ consume our whole being, and make our hearts and homes receptive to your call, with the same zeal with which Zacchaeus sought Jesus and responded to his presence. Christ in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God we ask that the grace of your presence may be with all those whom we love and whose lives are closely linked with ours, starting with those in the bidding book...

[please add your own intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud]

Christ in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Savior God, as Zacchaeus was blessed to receive Jesus into his home and responded with generosity to this gift, so may we and those whom we have here remembered be blessed in his name, so that it may be glorified without end. We make this prayer in Jesus name for he is lord forever and ever, Amen*

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## 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 Eucharist

God is here.

***God's Spirit is with us.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to God.

***It is right to offer thanks and praise.***

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, all-compassionate and everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; uniquely human you created each of us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.

By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;  
you exalted him in glory.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

***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.***

All glory and thanksgiving to you, Holy Father;  
on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;  
when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

***Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.***

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,  
his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption  
with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive  
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,  
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

*Blessing, honor and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and forever. Amen*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

New Zealand Prayer Book

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray:

*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 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 the outrageous welcome of the Father accept us for who we are;  
may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close;  
may the wandering of the Spirit help us risk ourselves for love;  
and may the blessing of God All-Compassionate,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon 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

4:00p Community Dinner

### Thursday

4:00p Liturgy Committee

5:30p Choir Rehearsal

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

### Friday

9:00a Gentle Yoga

### Sunday

8:00a No 8am Service

10:30a Eucharist

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY October 30**, St. Benedict's has a table at **OKTOBERFEST** in Baywood Park. Please visit our table and even stay a while to listen to our neighbors and share God's love with them.

**COMMUNITY DINNERS** have changed to Wednesdays. We serve this week on Weds Nov 2nd. Please tell Maureen Titus that you can bring potato chips or coleslaw.

**ALL SAINTS DAY** comes up on November 6. If you would like loved ones who have gone on ahead to be included in the necrology or in the slideshow please send their names and/or a photo to Hannah-Jaye office@stbenslososos.org

**SAVE THE DATE: "Enjoy Being a Climate Solver"** a special workshop November 12 10am—12noon, presented by Earthcare.

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

**SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION** is currently 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 final chapters. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you read the book. Tuesdays at 10:15 on Zoom. There will be no meeting on Tuesday 8th November.

**PERSONAL PRAYER** – If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Louisa 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@stbenslososos.org](mailto:prayers@stbenslososos.org) and requests for pastoral care may be sent to [pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org).

**FORWARD DAY BY DAY** provides daily Scripture reflections. This booklet is now available on the ushers table.

**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.

**BIRTHDAY:** Nov 2 Pamela Bleisch, Nov 6 Maureen Titus

**ANNIVERSARY:** Nov 5 Barbara and Steve Hirahara