



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 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 ~

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Charles Converse, 1868

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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

Praise to you

Gather 515

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;



You are the Word who leads us in - to light;
 You are the one who speaks to us to - day;
 You are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
 You are the Word who calls us to be one;



You are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
 You are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
 You are the Word made flesh who lives a - mong us:
 You are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
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 Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: **God of the dispossessed, you teach us to hunger for justice even when the weak are shout out and the powerful turn over in their beds: in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints, give us the courage to protest, the persistence to pray and the heart to love; through Jesus Christ, the true judge. Amen.**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for

teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

♪ Hymn # 628

Help us O Lord

Blue Hymnal

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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Luke 18:1-8

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect

for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Jen Crompton

[We pause for a few moments' reflection before affirming our faith.]

Affirmation of Faith

cf Philipians 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

We give you thanks for all who proclaim your power, peace and presence.

We pray for preachers of the word and ministers of the sacrament, for those who are priests and pastors in our community, especially Bishop Lucinda, Caro+ and Jen.

We remember all who are teaching about God and for those seeking to learn more; we ask you to guide our teachers and to bless us in our learning.

Savior, show us your way, *teach us your path.*

We ask your blessing on all who work in the judicial system, for judges, lawyers, juries, clerks and court reporters. We remember all who seek to keep law and order, we pray for the police and for probation officers that they may act fairly and with integrity.

Savior, show us your way, *teach us your path.*

We pray for all experiencing injustice and a lack of freedom, for all who suffer wrongly and are oppressed. We remember especially the people of Iran and of Haiti, and those in this country whose lives are blighted by racism and environmental injustice. We pray for all refugees and migrants.

Savior, show us your way, *teach us your path.*

We give thanks for all who have shared their wisdom and learning with us; for teachers, tutors and mentors, for Sunday schools and day schools, and for Messy Church. We remember all who are deprived of education, all who are indoctrinated, all who have learning difficulties. We pray that we may learn to listen, be sensitive and open to others. We ask you to guide us and our loved ones at all times.

Savior, show us your way, *teach us your path.*

We remember before you all who have lost their way, all who have lost their grip on reality, all who are deluding themselves or others. We pray for the confused, the harassed, the dejected, especially for any whose minds refuse to cope and those suffering from memory loss or Alzheimer's disease.

Savior, show us your way, *teach us your path.*

We remember especially those for whom we have been asked to pray and those who are on our hearts this morning starting with those in the bidding book...

[you are encouraged to add your own prayers silently or aloud]

Savior, show us your way, *teach us your path.*

We give thanks that you seek us out and lead us to you and eternal life. We remember before you friends and loved ones who have died and are now living in a fuller knowledge of you and your presence. Savior, show us your way, *teach us your path.*

Loving God, you are always ready to love and accept us, always more ready to hear than we to pray; teach us to abide in you and know you abide in us, to place ourselves in your presence and your peace, and to live and work to your glory; 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.

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 the Lord 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

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♪ Offertory Anthem

"Lord of All Good"

Genevan Psalter, 1551

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♪ Offertory Hymn # 692

I heard the Voice

Blue Hymnal

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.

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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

HE III 1

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We raise our hearts to God.***

Celebrant Let us thank the giver of life.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We thank you for this planet, Earth, situated at just the right place in the solar system to sustain life, and for your creation of all beings and particularly of humanity. You have given us special gifts of consciousness and ability and called us to be stewards of all that you created and all that you provide for us.

We praise you for your revelation of yourself in the book of Creation, the books of Scripture and in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. We thank you that your Holy Spirit continues your work of revelation, helping us to know you anew and to continue in the ways that you prepare for us.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing,

♪ Sanctus

WLP785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

The Celebrant continues

Even when we failed to respond to your gift of love and abundance, and went our own ways, in your infinite patience you became one of us. In your Son Jesus, you took on human flesh and lived and taught among us.

And in so doing, Jesus the Christ reconciled earth and heaven, bringing us into right relationship with you, not on the basis of our merits but through grace alone. As his ministry and mission took him relentlessly toward his death on the cross he gave us an example of perseverance in prayer and in faith.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

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 pray:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem

WLP874

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

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 and invited to receive communion.
Please contact the church office to arrange to receive communion in your home.*

♪ Communion Music

♪ Communion Anthem “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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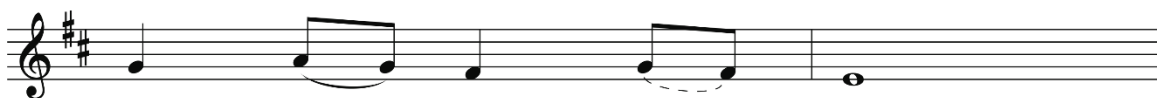
♪ Communion Hymn #711

Seek Ye First

Blue Hymnal



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

**May be sung as a two-voice canon.*

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Silence

Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son at supper prayed
 that his disciples might be one,
 as he is one with you:
 draw us closer to him,
 that in common love and obedience to you
 we may be united to one another
 in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
 that the world may believe that he is Lord,
 to your eternal glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Church of England

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 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
 2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove arc rais - ing;
 3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
 *5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
 2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
 5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
 4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
 5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
 Son of God, as Savior given;
 on the cross thy dying breath
 opened wide the realm of heaven.
 In the glory of that land
 thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
 Savior, who hast died to win us,
 help thy servants, drawing near.
 Lord, renew our hearts within us.
 Grant that with thy saints we may
 dwell in everlasting day.

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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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther, 1529

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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
Preacher:	The Rev Jen Crompton
Deacon:	The Rev Sharon Dalrymple
Eucharistic Minister:	Brian Spolarich
Lector:	John Horsley
Flowers:	Brian Spolarich
Ushers:	Connie Weldon & Alan Kiste
Intercessor:	Louisa Beeler
Altar Guild:	Lisa Gonzalez
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Our Mission Statement

St. Benedict's is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.

The people of St Benedict's are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons in Los Osos and beyond, providing worship, nurture, fellowship, and service.

Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, or 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.

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