

St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~ Los Osos, California Reign of Christ Sunday November 20, 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 ~

"Let All Things Now Living with Now Thank We All Our God" Arranged by Lloyd Larson

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Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever!

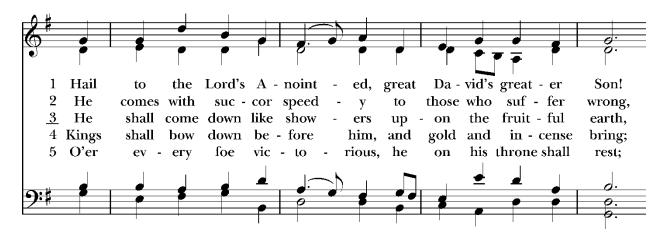
All: Holy and Life-Giving Spirit, You know our innermost thoughts even before they break through into consciousness; You teach us how to pray. Breathe your breath into our hearts and minds this morning. Prepare us for worship, that our thoughts may turn to you and our hearts bow down in grateful praise of God - Creator, Word and Holy Spirit, Amen.

√ Hymn of Praise #616

Tunes: Ash Grove & Nun Danket

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Blue Hymnal





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

Collect of the Day

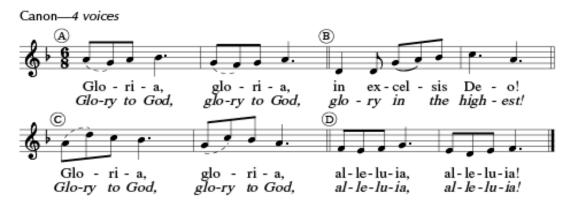
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: God of unbroken weakness, you laugh at our love of power: may we find kingship in the love that is killed for speaking its name without even the shadow of force; through Jesus Christ, King of Fools, Amen.

♪ Taize Gloria



Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994, © 1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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





Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

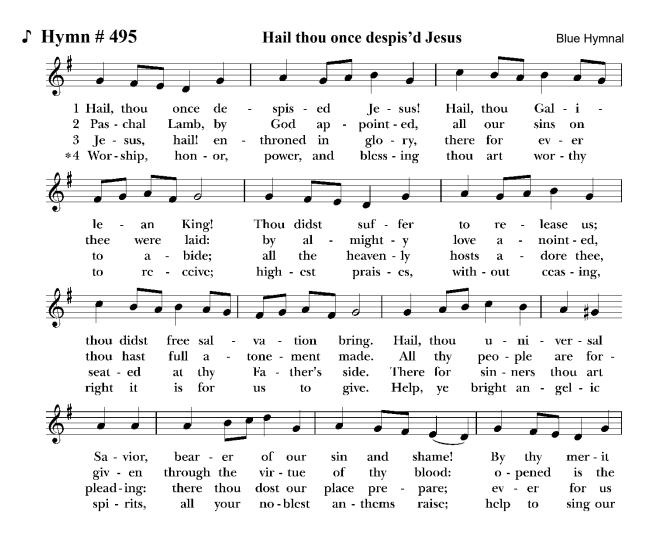
Colossians 1:11-20

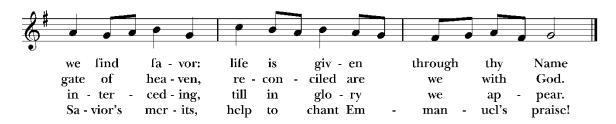
Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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





Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kchl (b. 1935).

Luke 23:1-8

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.People:Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

cf Philippians 2.6-11

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

Affirmation of Faith

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

You are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father; we give you praise for you have conquered the darkness of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. We offer you our obedience, we give you our love, and seek to live to your glory. Sovereign, grant that your church may be an instrument for the coming of your reign on earth. We pray for all who are seeking to bring peace and goodwill to the earth. May your kin-dom come *in us as in heaven*.

We pray for the rulers of nations and people, especially those meeting this week, that they may be open to your will and govern with grace. We ask your blessing on all divided peoples, especially the people of this nation; on all suffering from war especially the people of Ukraine and Russia. We remember all who are striving for freedom, all who are seeking to improve our world, all working to relieve poverty. We look for the day when the kingdoms of this world will be the kindom of Christ. May your kin-dom come *in us as in heaven*.

Sovereign, come and rule in our homes; come rule in our lives and all our relationships; come rule in our dealings; come rule in our hearts. Come Lord, change us and we shall be changed. May your kin-dom come *in us as in heaven*.

We remember all who are struggling and cannot cope on their own. Lord give comfort and strength to all who are ill, all who are fearful. We pray for friends and loved ones who are in need at this time, starting with those in the bidding book.

[you are encouraged to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud]

May your kin-dom come in us as in heaven.

You, King of Glory, have triumphed over death, you have defeated darkness, you have redeemed us by love. We commend to you all our loved ones and friends who have departed this life. May your kin-dom come *in us as in heaven*.

To you O Christ, our Sovereign and our God, belongs all power, dominion and authority in heaven and earth. Come, rule in our hearts, help us to forward your reign on earth. We ask this in your holy name, Jesus Christ our Lord, living and reigning with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 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

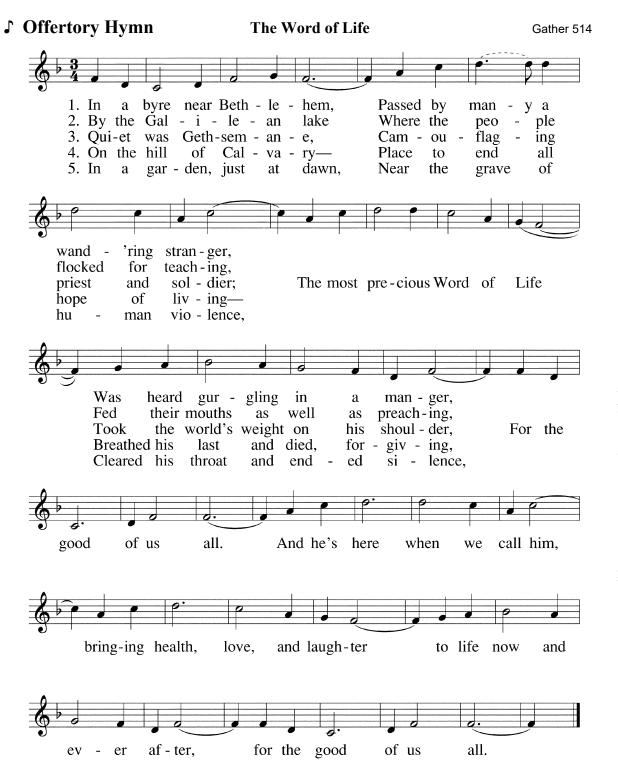
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, 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.



♪ Doxology:

[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

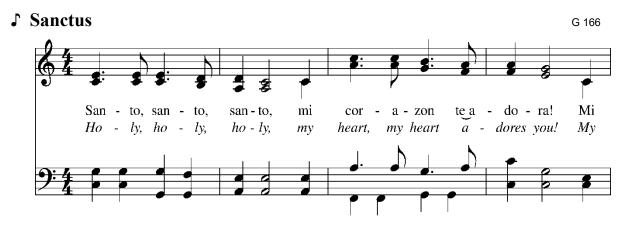
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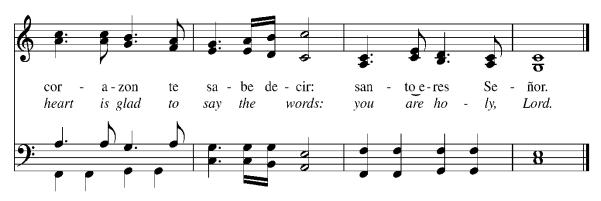
Celebrant:	May God be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you O God for your creation of the universe, and for gifting this planet Earth with, air, water, fire and soil - all the requirements for life to flourish. And we thank you for revealing yourself to us through the wonders of creation, through the incarnation of your Word, through the written scriptures and through the witness of your saints.

You call us to yourself to participate in your great work, in the redemption of the universe and the reconciliation of all beings.

And so, in response to your call, we join with the Communion of Saints and with the heavenly hosts who proclaim your glory day and night as we sing:





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

And we thank you that the Christ, the Lord of the Universe, chose to become human. He embraced the limitations of humanness in order to help us find our way back to you, ready to serve you in newness of life, no longer depending on our own strength but entirely upon your promises. He showed us how to live lives of forgiveness, gentleness and non-violence.

Our hope is in his promise that he will be with us always, even unto the end of the age. And so we anticipate and long for that great day when the reign of Christ will be fully manifest and we will be able to serve and praise you, completely free of sin and all that holds us back.

Even as we look forward to the day when Christ will be all in all, we remember and we draw strength from the day when, facing his arrest and death on the cross, Jesus gathered with his disciples in the upper room. That night, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so today we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ. Sanctify us also that we may be fully incorporated into the Body of Christ and, as your people in this place, work for the coming Reign of Christ, for peace and justice among all people.

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

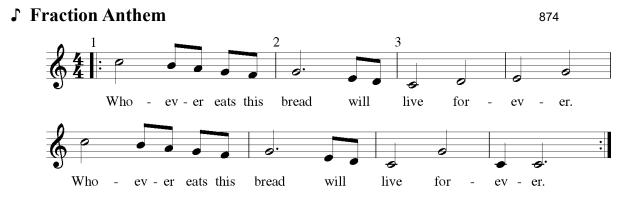
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we sing:



The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

silence



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

♪ Communion Music

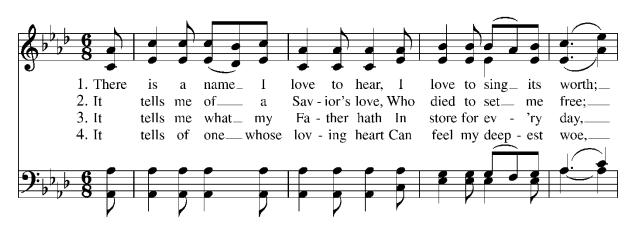
"I've Got Peace Like a River" © 2019 Soundforth

Spiritual Arranged by Gina Sprunger

↓ Communion Hymn

O how I love Jesus

LEVAS 95





Words: Frederick Whitfield (1829-1904). Music: American Melody.

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,

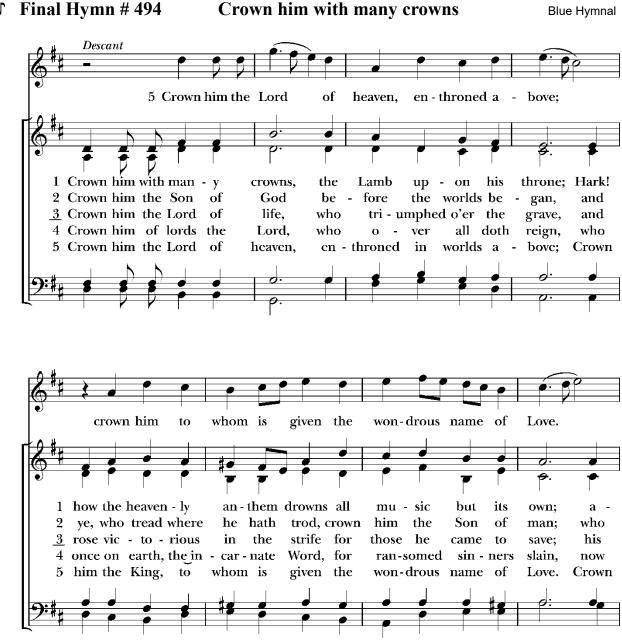
to your eternal glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



Final Hymn # 494 Crown him with many crowns 5



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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

"O Worship the King"

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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
Eucharistic Minister:	Diana Hammerlund
Acolyte:	Areanna Welch
Lector:	John Horsley
Flowers:	Brian Spolarich
Ushers:	Lisa Gonzalez & Barbara Schippers
Intercessor:	Louisa Beeler
Altar Guild:	Lorienne Schwenk
Online Host:	Elaine Beckham
Tellers:	Alice Welchert & Judith Cadigan
Director of Music:	Dave Alm
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthew

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION has started a new conversation based on the book <u>Lives of</u> <u>Unforgetting</u> 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. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you read the book. Tuesdays at 10:15 on Zoom.

VESPERS is now in-person only, no Zoom. Everyone is welcome and also for supper afterwards.

PERSONAL PRAYER - If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Helen Schnieders (818) 324-2646. If there is 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 may be to care sent pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org.

BIDDING BOOK PRAYERS – If you'd like to include someone's name in the prayers 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.

This Week at St Ben's

Monday Rector's Sabbath

Tuesday

- 9:45a Prayers for the Morning
- 10:15a Spiritual Conversation based on Lives of Unforgetting by Stant Litore
- 5:30p Vespers

Thursday

5:30p Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

- 8:00a Contemplative Communion
- 10:30a Eucharist



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