



## St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your faith journey,  
there is a warm welcome for you here at St. Benedict's!

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### ~ Prelude ~

Waltz in A Flat Brahms

Sarah Jane Scott, piano

### A Penitential Order

*The New Zealand Prayer Book*

Hear the teaching of Christ:

A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

*Spirit of God, search our hearts.*

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever  
believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will  
forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

*1 John 1:9*

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,  
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.  
In silence we call to mind our sins.

### *Silence*

Let us confess our sins.

*Merciful God,*

*we have sinned*

*in what we have thought and said,*

*in the wrong we have done*

*and in the good we have not done.*

*We have sinned in ignorance:*

*we have sinned in weakness:*

*we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.*

*We are truly sorry.*

*We repent and turn to you.*

*Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,*

*and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you  
and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.  
*Amen.*

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
*The word of Christ dwell in us richly.*

Celebrant: **Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.**

People: ***God's mercy endures for ever***

## ♪ Kyrie

WLP 840

*Leader* Ky - ri - e

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri -

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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 compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day: make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. Amen.*

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: *A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 130

Read responsively

Reader: Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

People: LORD, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

Reader: If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Reader: For there is forgiveness with you;  
 People: Therefore you shall be feared.  
 Reader: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;  
 People: In his word is my hope.  
 Reader: My soul waits for the LORD,  
 People: More than watchmen for the morning.  
 Reader: O Israel, wait for the LORD,  
 People: For with the LORD there is mercy;  
 Reader: With him there is plenteous redemption,  
 People: And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

People: ***Thanks be to God***

### ♪ Hymn

### Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS 115

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me,  
 Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

Daniel Iverson (1926)

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## John 11:1-45

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in

the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Jen Compton

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

## Affirmation of Faith

(please stand as you are able)

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

*Church of England*

All: *We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us*

*with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

## **Prayers of the People**

Come, Lord, like the wind, move us, direct us. Come as the breath, fill us, refresh us. Come to your church which without you is dull and dry, and fill us with your Spirit. Call us out of death and darkness into life and light. We pray for the renewal of your church in its devotion and mission, for all who proclaim your life-giving powers and share in your redeeming love. Come, Lord, *restore, renew, revive your people.*

We pray for all whose hope is lost, who feel cut off from life, for refugees and displaced peoples, for all who flee from oppression and tyranny, for all who are made homeless, for all who have suffered abuse or violence. Come, Lord, *restore, renew, revive your people.*

We pray for areas of bad housing where communities have broken down or have died. We pray for friends and loved one who are worn out, for relationships that are in danger of dying. Come, Lord, *restore, renew, revive your people.*

We pray for all who are ill, for all who are in weakness, for all who are bereaved. We remember all who have given up on life. We pray for the disturbed, for the mentally ill, for all who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death. We pray for all who suffer torture or violence. Come, Lord, *restore, renew, revive your people.*

[here prayers are added from the bidding book and  
you are invited to add your own prayers silently or aloud]

We give thanks for all who set us an example of love and vitality and who have now entered your greater glory. May we be inspired by their lives and seek to live to your praise and glory. Come, Lord, *restore, renew, revive your people.*

*Holy Creator you have challenged the powers of darkness, through your Son, and have committed your church to share in your redeeming works; grant that we, who bear witness to your saving power in words, may do so in deeds; through him who died for us and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Please greet one another in the chat.

## **Birthday & Anniversary Prayers**

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or travel, please share in the chat.

### 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/lives; 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.*

## Transition Prayer

O God,  
You are the light that illumines our path.  
You are the map that gives us direction.  
You are the peace that makes us strong.  
You are the guide whom we faithfully follow.  
May your light illuminate our entire lives.  
And your guidance bring direction to our work.  
May we find inspiration in your Word,  
And peace in our hearts as we follow you.  
*Amen.*

## The Offertory You may contribute at our website [www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org) at any time.

### ♪ Offertory Hymn #493

### O for a thousand (v1-4)

Blue Hymnal

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

### ♪ Doxology:

[sung to hymn tune #400]

*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

Iona

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now made ready.  
 It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.  
 It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.  
 It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.  
 So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;  
 you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;  
 you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.  
 It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant: May Christ be with you,

All: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,

All: *We lift them up to God.*

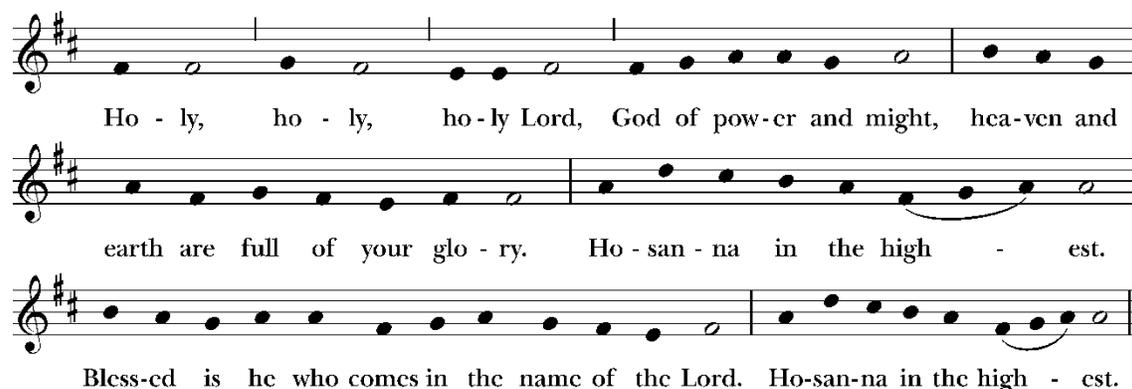
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God,

All: *It is right to give both thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop

us, with Michael and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret, Blessed Mary and Blessed Benedict, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

♪ **Sanctus** S124 Blue Hymnal



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed is our brother Jesus,  
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,  
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it  
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it  
he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,  
This cup is the new relationship with God,  
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.  
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

All: ***Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread,  
So that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.  
We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community  
through the centuries, and shares with us now.  
Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.***

Celebrant: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All: *Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
all honor and glory are yours, All-Compassionate God,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN*

## The Lord's Prayer

New Zealand Prayer Book

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

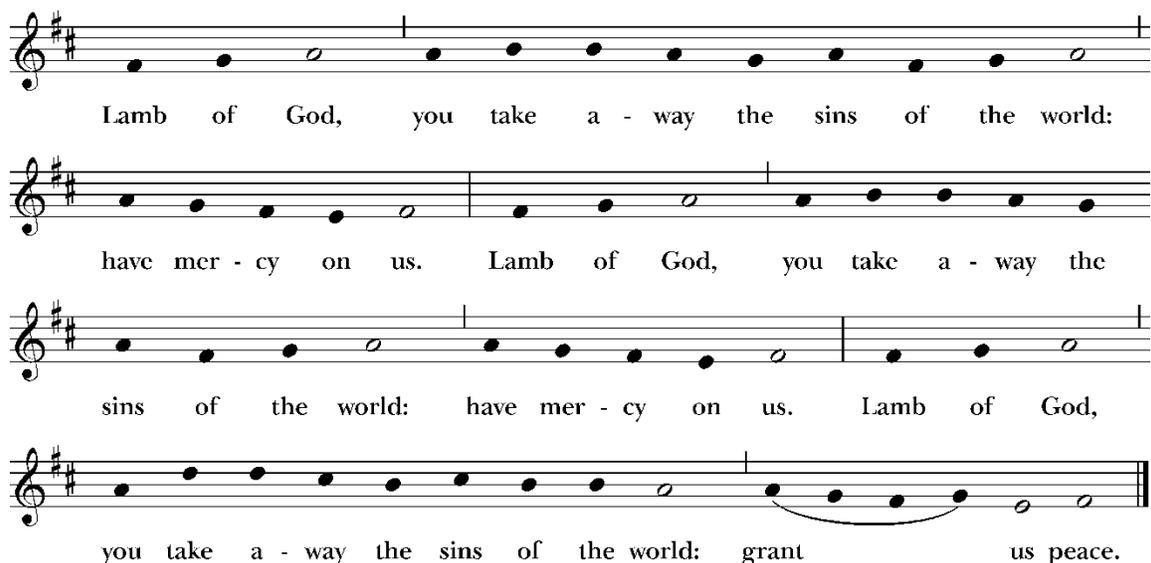
*Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love Maker,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The Hallowing of your Name echo through the universe!  
The Way of your Justice be followed by the people of the world!  
Your Heavenly Will 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 Bread

## ♪ Fraction Anthem

S161 Blue Hymnal



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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# 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

“Agnus Dei” from Mass in G

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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Dave Alm, piano

## ♪ Communion Hymn 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul

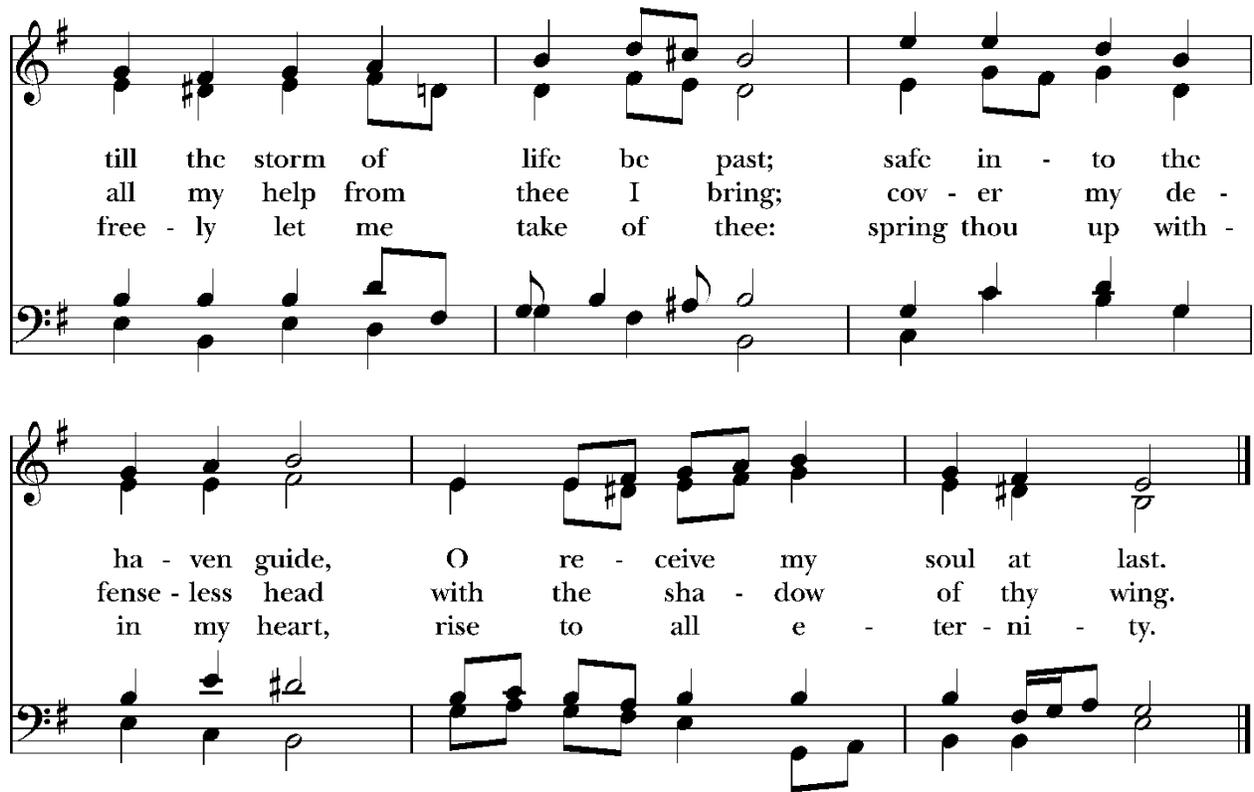
Blue Hymnal

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om  
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on  
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and  
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;  
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.



till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the  
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.  
fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.  
in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1783), alt. Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

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

## Solemn Prayer over the People

## Blessing

## Announcements

# Final Hymn

# God loved the world

Lutheran Worship #323

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
2 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
3 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cued  
4 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
5 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
2 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
3 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
4 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
5 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.  
Music: Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

ROCKINGHAM OLD  
LM

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

Festival in D Major

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Sarah Jane Scott, Organ

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## Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Barry Turner
Preacher:	The Rev. Jen Compton
Eucharistic Minister:	Alan Kiste
Lector:	Brian Spolarich
Ushers:	Michael Lucas and Ron Thompson
Intercessor:	Jill Denton
Altar Guild:	Sarah Chesebro
Online Host:	Jane Wu
Tellers:	Alice Welchert & Diana Hammerlund
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthew

## This Week at St Ben's

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

- 11:00a Laundry Love
- 4:00p Laundry Love

### Thursday

- 3:00p Healing Ministry meeting

### Friday

- 9:00a Gentle Yoga

### Saturday

- 11:00a People's Kitchen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Caro+ will be back on Wednesday.** If you need help please contact Hannah in the office or Maureen Titus

**SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION** - A new conversation starts this week with a video of Brian McClaren, author of The Great Spiritual Migration

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** We serve our neighbors at 40 Prado **on** April 1st. Please let Pat Henry know how you can help.

**CLIMATE CHANGE INSIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:** April 15, 10am

**Caro's Retirement Party** is on May 19. The Parish Council invites your donation to help cover the expenses.

**PERSONAL PRAYER** – If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Jill Denton (805-534-1101) 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).

**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.

### **Our Mission**

St. Benedict's strives to be an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful, creative sacramental worship, loving service within our congregation and our wider community, thoughtful inquiry through in-depth study and prayer, and commitment to social and environmental justice.

### **Our Inclusivity Statement**

When we say that everyone is welcome to worship at St. Benedict's, we mean it. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, 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. St. Benedict's is a long-time supporter of the full inclusion of all Christians in every order (lay, deacon, priest, bishop) and every sacrament and rite of the church.



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