



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

Earth Sunday: The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

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

~ Prelude ~

"We Are Called"

David Haas

Arr. by Mark Hayes

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♪ Opening Hymn #297

Descend O Spirit

Blue Hymnal

During this hymn we are sprinkled with water as a reminder of our baptism.



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your



sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

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Celebrant: *Alleluia. Christ is Risen!*

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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 #8

Morning has Broken

Blue Hymnal

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall like on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness Praise of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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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: ***Holy God, your mercy is over all your works, and in the web of life each creature has its role and place. We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, lichen and whale; we honor you for whirlwind and lava, tide and topsoil, cliff and marsh. Give us hearts and minds eager to care for your planet, humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones, justice to share the resources of the earth with all its inhabitants, and love not limited by our ignorance. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who unifies what is far off and what is near, and in whom, by grace and the working of your Holy Spirit, all things hold together. Amen.***

From Propers for the Honoring of God GC 2012 A-053

Romans 8:18-27

Reader: *A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

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

♪ Hymn

Celtic Alleluia (sung 3 times)

MHSO #20

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

John 1:1-14

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

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

Affirmation of Faith

From the Church of South Africa

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

All: O God, the source of our being
and the goal of all our longing
We believe and trust in you.
The whole earth is alive with your glory
and all that has life is sustained by you.
We commit ourselves to cherish your world
and to seek your face.
O God, embodied in a human life
we believe and trust in you.
Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary
you confronted the proud and the powerful
and welcomed as your friends
those of no account.

Prayers of the People

Lord, we give thanks for all who, though they have not seen you, have believed. We give thanks for the disciples and your appearing to them in the Upper Room. Help us to know that you are with us in your risen power. We pray for Christians who are fearful of persecution, for all who are suffering because of their faith. May your church speak out boldly in the power of your resurrection. Christ, risen Lord, be with us *and give us your peace.*

We pray for all who are seekers after justice, freedom and peace. Bless the work of the United Nations and all peace-keeping forces. Protect all who seek to bring new life and peace to troubled communities. We pray for community workers and all local councils.

Christ, risen Lord, be with us *and give us your peace.*

We give thanks for those who taught us the faith, who shared their beliefs with us. We are grateful for all who have set us examples to follow. May we rejoice in your presence in our homes. May we show forth your power in our lives. Bless us in all our dealings and relationships. Christ, risen Lord, be with us *and give us your peace.*

We pray for all who are locked in by guilt or fear, all who are afraid to venture because of risk and danger. We pray for all who need healing of past hurts, for the healing of memories, for all who are suffering from losing loved ones through accidents, crime, or illness. Christ, risen Lord, be with us *and give us your peace.*

[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 have passed beyond death and rejoice in your kingdom, for all who have triumphed over sin and suffering and are now at peace. Christ, risen Lord, be with us *and give us your peace.*

Blessing and praise be to you, Lord our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By your great mercy you have given us new life and new hope through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. You have brought us into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading and in heaven. To you be praise, through Christ our Risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord 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 Lord,
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

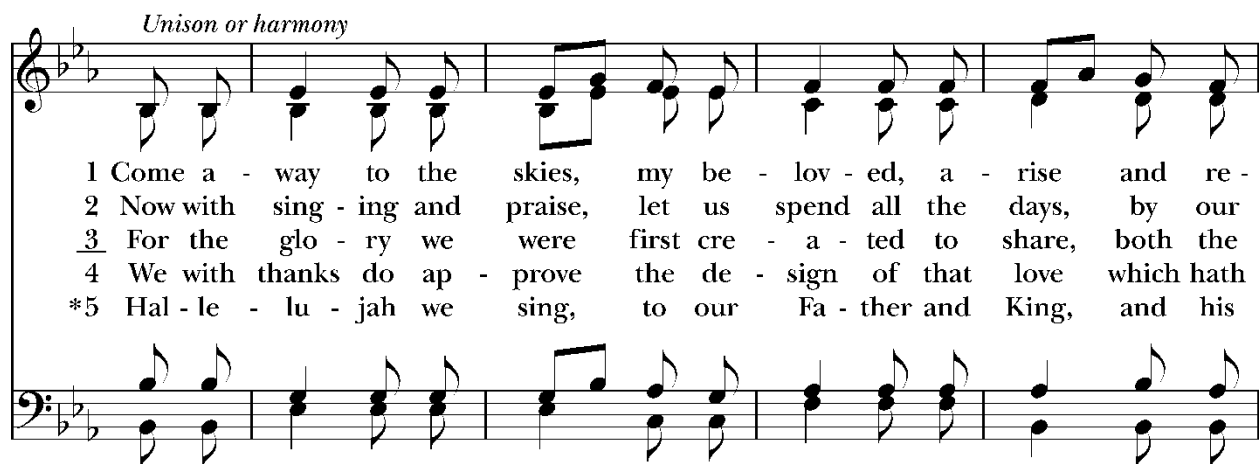
You can contribute at our website www.stbenslososos.org at any time.

♪ Offertory Hymn #213

Come away

Blue Hymnal

Unison or harmony



1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ccive
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain
 4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

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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

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.
 People: *And also with you.*
 Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven
 People: *where Christ in Glory reigns.*
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.
 People: *It is right to offer thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God. In the very beginning you brought forth all things out of the void, as the Spirit swept over the waters and the world began.

In the creative power of the Godhead the cosmos was born; every day, Creator God you bring new life to the ever-expanding universe, and continually reveal yourself as the fountainhead of fullness and overflowing love. Wherever we look, we see your bountiful love.

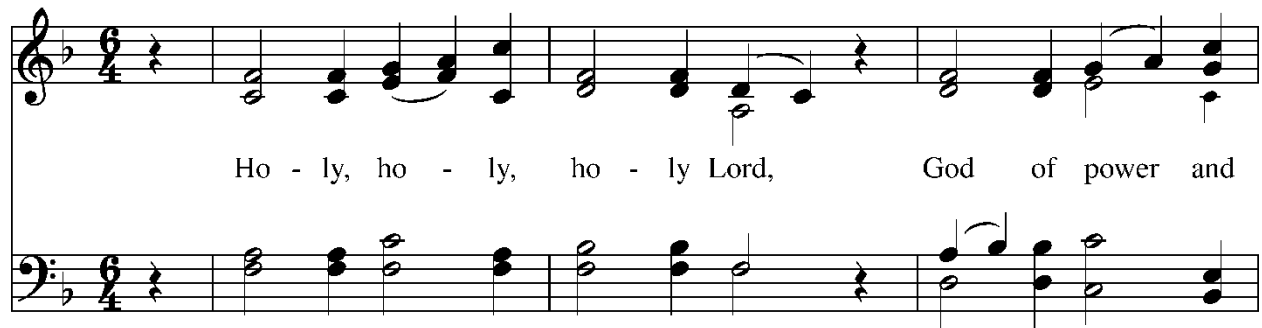
Even though we humans took it upon ourselves to try to create on our own, and in the process caused pain and damage to each other and to our planet, Holy God you never stop loving us. You never leave us but come to us to help us find our way back to oneness with you and with all creation.

You call us together into your Church, your Body, so that together we may work for the coming of your reign, share our bread and feed the starving; that together we may be your hands and feet in the world.

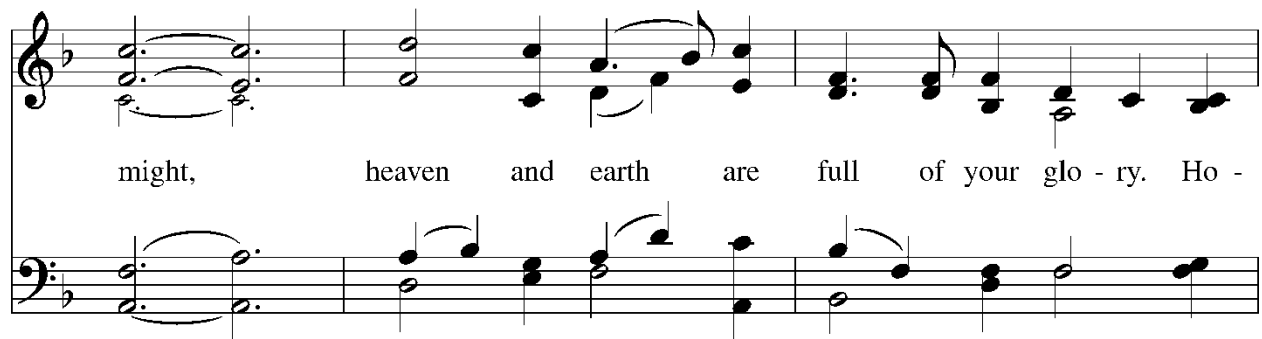
And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing,

Sanctus

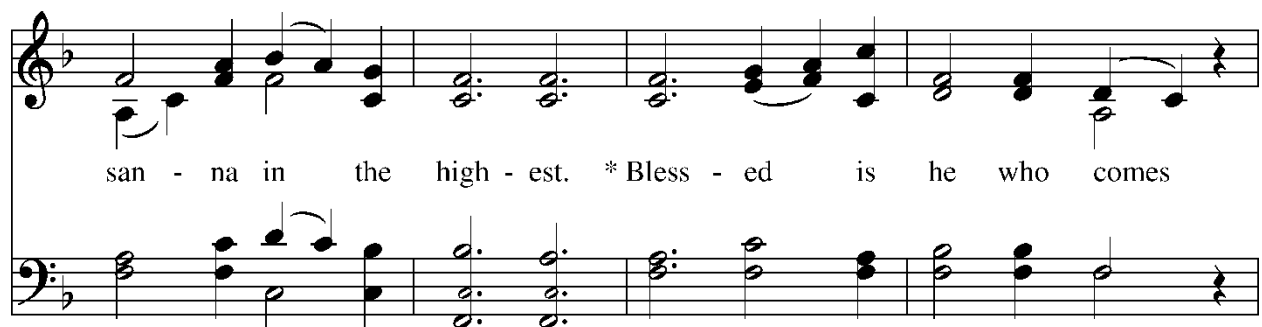
WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

The Celebrant continues

Walking amongst us, Jesus showed us how to live; forgiving, loving and sharing ourselves with one another and especially with the stranger. Your love expressed through and in him, led him to death on a cross; killed by the very people he had come to reach with love. Yet his glorious resurrection shows that love is never destroyed by violence; that God's love survives the very worst that humanity can do.

Even when we are beset by the storms and tempests of life, your love never waivers. And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: ***Christ has died***
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Now O God, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Beloved Creator, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us a living sacrifice of praise; a church renewed, healed and filled with you, caring for your creation and sharing your never-ending love with the world.

All: *By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, All Gracious Creator, now and for ever. AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Voice

Our Fa-----ther in
Heaven Holy be-³ your name Your kingdom come; Your will be
done on earth as in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-----ly
bread. Forgive us our sins as we for- give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri- al and de - li- ver- us from e- vil For the
king - dom the po- wer and the glo----- ry are yours now & for---e---ver
A -----men A -----men A-----men
A -----men A -----men.

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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Silence

Prayer

*Holy One, we thank you that you have redeemed all Creation
 and filled the Universe with your limitless love.*

*We thank you that in this meal we come close to you
 and you come close to us; heaven and earth are united.*

*Now fill us with your grace and strength
 to bring your kin-dom on earth,*

and to serve all your creatures to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Blessing

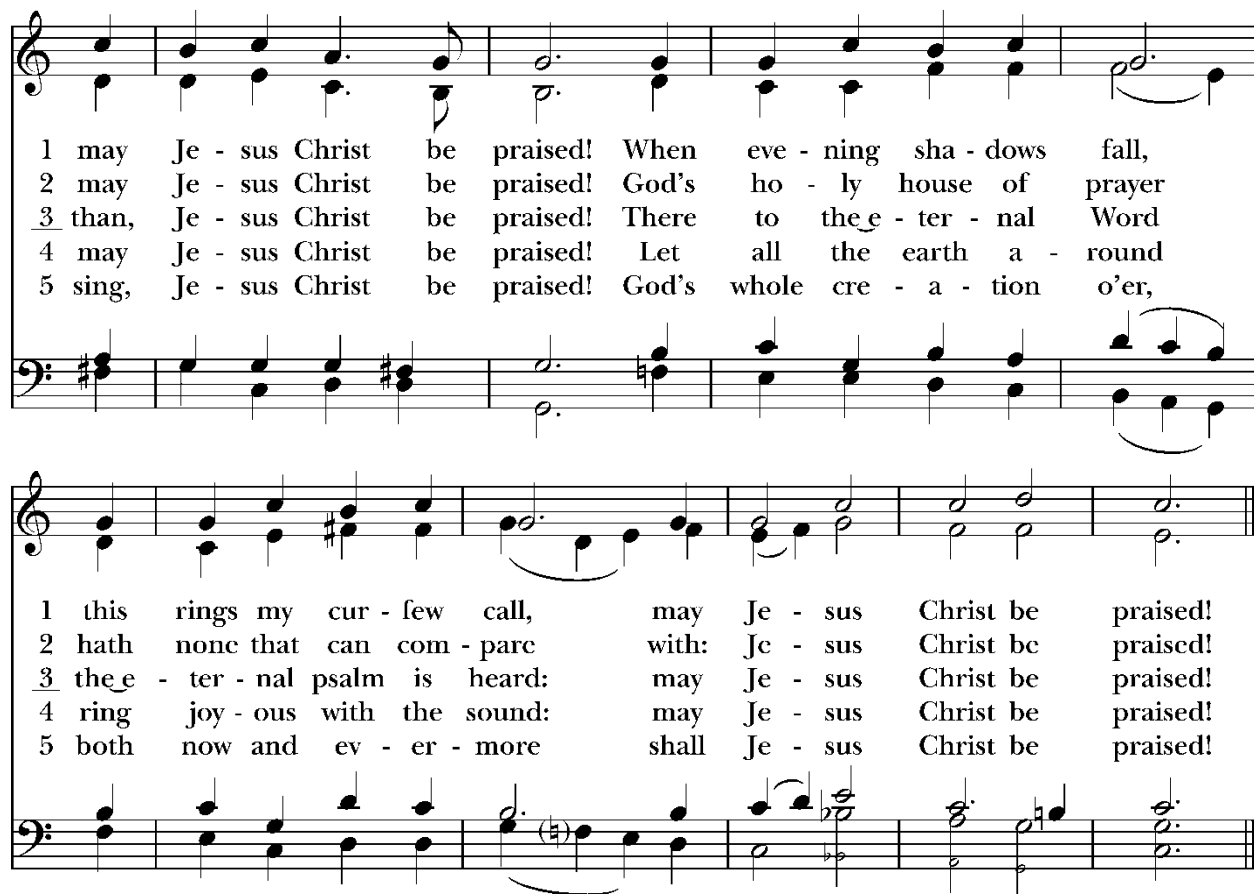
Announcements

Final Hymn #427

When morning

Blue Hymnal

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

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

“Thanks Be To Thee”

arr. by Hal Hopson

Sarah Jane Scott, Organ

Today's Eucharist Liturgy
 is from the outline in the Book of Common Prayer, page 401,
 utilizing prayers written by the Rector.
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Ministers of the Service

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| Celebrant: | The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall |
| Deacon: | The Rev. Jen Crompton |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Brian Spolarich |
| Lector: | Alan Kiste |
| Flowers: | Brian Spolarich |
| Ushers: | Connie Weldon and Maureen Titus |
| Intercessor: | Louisa Beeler |
| Altar Guild: | Lorienne Schwenk |
| Online Host: | Pat Henry and Suzanne Vaughn |
| Tellers: | Alice Welchert & Bryson McKelvey |
| Technical: | Hannah-Jaye Matthew |

This Week at St Ben's

Monday Rector's Sabbath

Tuesday

9:45a Prayers for the Morning

10:15a Spiritual Conversation

5:30p Vespers

Wednesday

3:00p Earthcare Meeting

Friday

9:00a Gentle Yoga

5:30p Messy Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECTOR VACATION: Caro+ and Jill will be away this week, Monday—Saturday. If you need help please contact Maureen Titus or Hannah (the office is open M/W/F 2-5)

SEARCH COMMITTEE: We are now forming the Search Committee which will complete the Parish Profile and accept applications for our new priest. We hope to have a diverse group which is representative of the parish as a whole. If you would like to express an interest in participating, there are nomination forms on the ushers table. If you are unable to pick one up please ask Hannah Jaye to mail you one.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION - This week we will continue a conversation based on the ideas in [The Great Spiritual Migration](#) by Brian McLaren. You do not have to read the book to participate. Tuesdays at 10:30.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN; We are looking for someone to lead this ministry going forward. For more information talk to Pat Henry or to Caro+.

We know you are looking forward to sharing **Caro's Retirement Party** with her, our church and community members on May 19. The Parish Council invites your donations to defray the costs. Donations may be made at church, by mail or online. Please mark your gift for Caro's Party expenses. We appreciate your generosity to make this a wonderful celebratory day.

The Diocesan **SPRING RENEWAL** is April 28-29 in Salinas. This year, the Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, is the Keynote Speaker. She will engage us more deeply with our theme for 2023, "Courage in the Wilderness." Participants will worship, share a banquet to honor our ministries, enjoy presentations and conversation, and most of all, simply be together as a diocese. Spring Renewal is an in-person only event and there will not be an online option available. Everyone is welcome. Registration is now open. <https://www.realepiscopal.org/spring-renewal-2023/>

PERSONAL PRAYER – If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Louisa Beeler (805-543-2898) Prayer requests may also be emailed at any time to prayers@stbenslososos.org and requests for pastoral care may be sent to pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude the yak tityu tityu yak tilhini (ytt) / the Northern Chumash People, and the Salinan Tribe / the T'epot'aha'l, "People of the Oaks," on whose ancestral homelands we gather, and whose vibrant culture continues today. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world.

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.

Our Inclusivity Statement

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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