

# St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

Day of Pentecost

March 28, 2023

—8 a.m. Service—

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

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People: *Christ 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*

## Canticle G

## A Song of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from among all nations; \*  
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you; \*  
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.  
A new heart I will give you \*  
and a new spirit put within you.  
I will take the stone heart from your chest \*  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
I will help you walk in my laws \*  
and cherish my commandments and do them.  
You shall be my people, \*  
and I will be your God.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you  
People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.  
All: *Unlocked Spirit, you are the breath of peace; no door keeps you out: invade our warring confusion, disarm our defences and shape us to live as a people of forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, the word of reconciliation. Amen.*

## Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

— *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to God's People.*

## **PSALM 104: 25-35**

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I watch the sea, wide and deep, filled with fish, large and small,  
with ships that play their trade, and your own toy, Leviathan.  
All look to you for food when they hunger;  
you provide it and they feed. You open your hand, they feast;  
you turn away, they fear. You steal their breath, they drop back into dust.  
Breathe into them, they rise; the face of the earth comes alive!  
Let God's glory endure and the Lord delight in creating.  
One look from God, earth quivers; one touch, and mountains erupt.  
I will sing to my God, make music for the Lord as long as I live.  
34 Let my song give joy to God who is a joy to me.  
35 Rid the world of sinners, rid it of evil! I will bless you, Lord! Hallelujah!

## **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

— *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to God's People.*

## **John 20:19-23**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John.  
People: ***Praise and Glory to God.***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his

side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Gospeller: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
People: *Praise to Christ, the Word.*

## Discussion of the Readings

### Prayers of the People

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Holy Spirit, bringing order out of chaos, bring order to our actions and purpose to our lives. Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Holy Spirit, moving in the deep places of creation, move in the depth of our hearts. Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Holy Spirit, breathing life into all creatures, refresh, renew, restore your people. Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts, help us to use our talents and abilities aright. Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Holy Spirit, giving life to dry bones, give hope and joy to all who are weary. Restore the lives which without you are dead.

[here prayers are added from the bidding book.  
You are encouraged to add your own prayers silently or aloud]

Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Holy Spirit, giver of love, kindle the hearts which without you are dull and cold. Fill your church, our hearts and minds with love. Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Come, Holy Spirit, upon the newly baptized and all new Christians.  
Come upon the recently confirmed and all who are growing in their faith.  
Come upon all who are testing their vocations and all who are in new work.  
Come upon all bishops, priests and deacons, upon all who seek to serve you.  
Come upon all who strive to proclaim your power and your presence.  
Come upon the powerless and the oppressed.  
Come, be known among the unemployed and the exploited.  
Come and comfort the anxious and the fearful.  
Come and give strength to the ill and the dying.

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, **renew the face of the earth.**

Lord God Almighty, pour upon us your Spirit, and set us on fire with love for you, that we may bring forth the fruits of love, joy and peace, and live to the praise of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People:

***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 our all-compassionate God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.***

*To maintain safe social distancing, please simply greet others verbally or with a bow or nod.*

*Collection plates are not passed, but you may put your contributions in the plate by the usher's station before the service, or at the Peace, or contribute at our website any time.*

## **The 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.***

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are

you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we say with joy:

All: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant            Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

***Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.***

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All                    ***Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!***

Celebrant            Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed virgin Mary, blessed Benedict, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

All

*Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All

*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 you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.*

New Zealand Prayer Book

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: *We who are many are one body, for we all  
share in the one bread.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table and all are welcome here.

*If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion, If you prefer to receive a blessing,  
please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Closing Prayer

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

All:

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## The Blessing

## Dismissal

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