



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

The Fourth Sunday in Creation—Advocate

September 24, 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 ~

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Arrg. Anthony Giamanco

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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, Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your Creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole Creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Exodus 16:2-15

Lector: *A reading from the book of Exodus*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

All: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.



Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

Creation Reading

Lector: *A Reading from "Everything that Breathes Praises God," Reflections: God's Green Earth (Spring 2007), Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew*

Responding to the environmental crisis is a matter of truthfulness to God, humanity, and the created order. It is not too far-fetched to speak of environmental damage as being a contemporary heresy or natural terrorism. We have repeatedly condemned this behavior as nothing less than sinful. For beings to cause species to become extinct and to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for humans to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate; by stripping the Earth of its natural forests, or by destroying its wetlands; for humans to injure other humans with disease by contaminating the earth's waters, its land, its air,

and its life with poisonous substances—all these are sins before God, humanity, and the world. We have tended to restrict the notion of sin to the individual sense of guilt or the social sense of wrongdoing. Yet sin also contains a cosmic dimension, and repentance from environmental sin demands a radical transformation of the way we perceive the natural world and a tangible change in the way we choose to live.

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

All: **Thanks be to God**



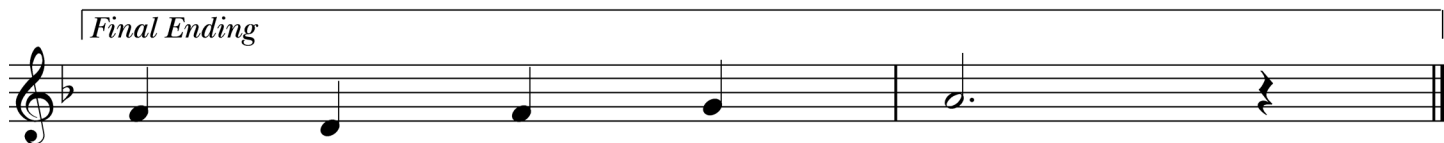
1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com - mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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♪ Hymn #605

What does the Lord Require of Us

Blue Hymnal

Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeller: *The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew*

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Nicene Creed

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

All: ***We trust in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We trust in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;***

*he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We trust in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We trust in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

We pray for Christians in areas where they are oppressed, for those who face cynicism at home or at work, for all who are afraid to confess their faith. We remember those seeking to spread the gospel in non-Christian areas. Lord, in your mercy *help us to be gracious to us.*

Bless all employers with a spirit of fairness and grace. We remember all who have to queue for work, all who depend on Social Security. We pray for all who are without work, for those on low incomes, for those who cannot get work through prejudice or protection rackets. May all who prosper be generous and willing to share with the needy. We pray for all relief organizations. Lord, in your mercy, *help us and be gracious to us.*

We give thanks for our own work and our homes. We pray for all who supply us with the things we need. We remember homes where families go hungry, those who are in great debt, those who have had their homes repossessed. Lord, in your mercy, *help us and be gracious to us.*

We remember all who are unable to work through disability. We pray for all who are handicapped, for all who are permanently on sickness benefit, for the chronically ill, for those who cannot do paid work for looking after a loved one who is ill. Lord, in your mercy, *help us and be gracious to us.*

We give thanks for all who have been faithful labourers in your harvest; may we with them rejoice in your love and generosity in your everlasting kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, *help us and be gracious to us.*

[here prayers are read from the bidding book. You may add your own, silently or in the chat]

Lord, teach us to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Let us not be intimidated by opposition or criticism. Keep us firm in the faith you have set before us; through Christ who has triumphed and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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Confession and Absolution

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: Almighty 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.*

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.

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.*

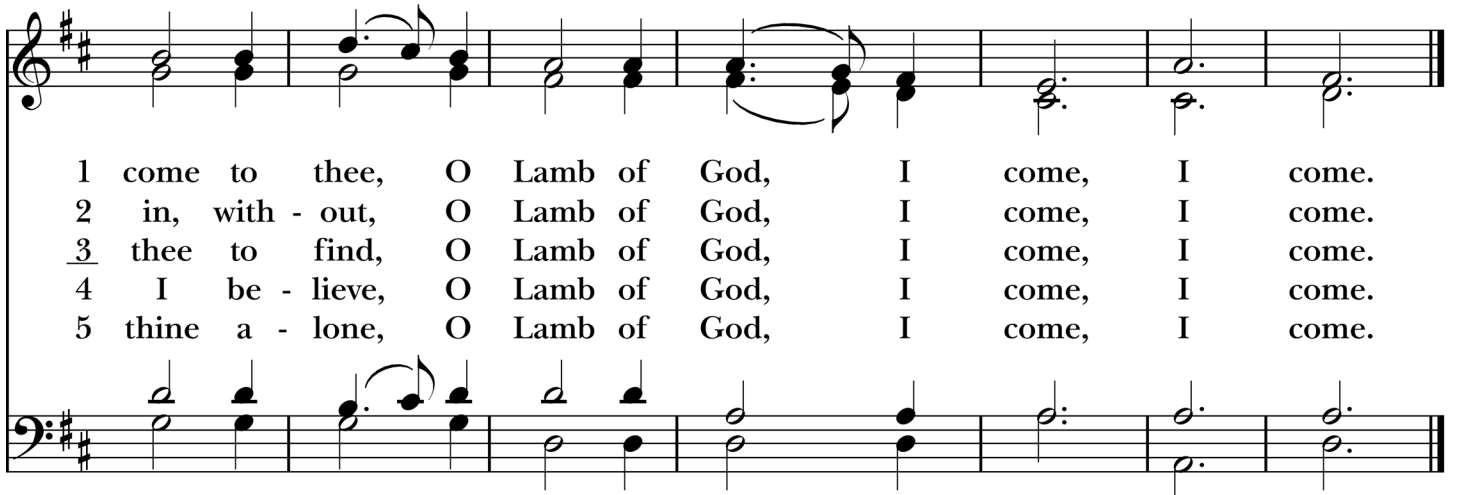
The Offertory



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

♪ Offertory Hymn #693

Just as I am without one plea

Blue Hymnal

♪ 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

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.

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:

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).

♪ Sanctus

WLP 785

Celebrant: 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 The New Zealand Book of Prayer

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

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
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 peoples 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 for ever.
Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

Silence

Principal Canon

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

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

Fraction Anthem (sung in rounds) WLP 874

Holy Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 ~
“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Arr by Fred Offutt

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1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un - der our feet. _____ Peace with - in us,
 love un - der our feet. _____ Love with - in us,
 light un - der our feet. _____ Light with - in us,
 Christ un - der our feet. _____ Christ with - in us,

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. _____
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. _____
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. _____
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. _____

5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
6. Peace before us, peace behind us,
peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
let all around us be peace. (*three times*)

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♪ Communion Hymn #791

Peace before us

Blue Hymnal

Silence

Closing Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

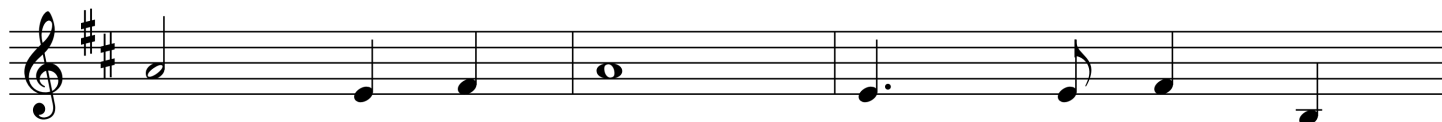
Announcements



1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to



God; For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
 done; In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God; For the good we all in - her - it,



Thanks be to God; For the plow - ing,
 God's will is done; In our world - wide
 Thanks be to God; For the won - ders



sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 that a - stound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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♪ Final Hymn #424

For the fruit of all creation

Blue Hymnal

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

~ Postlude ~

"Every Time I Feel The Spirit"

Arr. Fred Offutt

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| Intercessor: | Sandy Fisher |
| Altar Guild: | Letty Cotta |
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| Tellers: | Bryson McKelvey & Steve Cake |
| Technical: | Hannah-Jaye Matthews |
| Coffee Hour Host: | John Horsley and Steve Cake |

This Week at St Ben's

Monday 3:30p	Sep 25 Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 9:45a 10:30a 5:30p	Sep 26 Prayers for the Morning (Zoom) Spiritual Conversation (Zoom) Vespers in-person
Wednesday 11:00a 4:00p	Sep 27 Laundry Love Laundry Love
Thursday 3:00p	Sep 28 Healing Ministry
Sunday No 8:00a Service 10:30a	Oct 1 St. Francis Day & Eucharist Service

Potluck on Sunday, October 8th to honor the Bishop's visit!

If your last name begins with **A thru F**, please bring a **Dessert**

If your last name begins with **G thru L**, please bring a **Main Dish**

If your last name begins with **M thru Z**, please bring a **Salad or a Side dish**

Announcements

The Altar Guild serves each Sunday by setting up and creating sacred space and then putting the vessels and linens away at the end as well as by looking after everything we use in worship. There are openings for two or more people to join the team. If God is calling you to this special ministry please talk to Diana Hammerlund.

Spiritual Conversation: The Spiritual Conversation discussion will be based on ideas from Joan Chittister's [Awakenings: Prophetic Reflections](#). You do not have to read the book to participate. Tuesdays at 10:30 on [Zoom](#).

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Personal Prayer: If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Sandy Fisher. Prayer requests may also be emailed at any time to prayers@stbenslosos.org and requests for pastoral

care may be sent to 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.

Liturgy Committee: If you have any computer skills, the Liturgy committee welcomes you to join our team and learn how compile and format the Sunday morning bulletins.

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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