

# St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

**Los Osos, California**

**Bishop's visit with Confirmations**

**Proper 22**

October 8, 2023



You are warmly welcome at St. Benedict's for who you are and where you are on your faith journey!

## **About Our Service**

An all-gender restroom is located through the white door at the left of the sanctuary. All other restrooms are located by exiting out the doors and going down the outdoor wooden walkway towards the red door and then down the hallway to the left. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

We invite everyone to stand and sit during various parts of the service. Indicators are found within parentheses throughout the bulletin. Apologies if any are missing.

Please silence your phones.

## **During Communion**

We have gluten-free wafers available. Please let your nearest usher know *before the service begins* if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, and they will inform the celebrant. We use wine per the Canons of the Episcopal Church. If you prefer to abstain from alcohol for any reason, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive the cup by sight. Taking Communion with just one element (Bread) is considered complete.

## **~Prelude ~**

*Praeludium in E flat Major, from the Well-Tempered Clavier Book II*

*J. S. Bach*

Please take a few moments of silence to arrive and become fully present

**♪Opening Hymn            516 Come Down O Love Divine.**

*(Please Stand as you are able)*

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Celebrant continues*

*People*        There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant*    One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People*        **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

*(Please be seated for the readings)*

## **Exodus 20;1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.” Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

The Lord said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I spoke with you from heaven. You shall not make gods of silver alongside me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. You need make for me only an altar of earth and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your offerings of well-being, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. But if you make for me an altar of stone, do not build it of hewn stones, for if you use a chisel upon it you profane it. You shall not go up by steps to my altar, so that your nakedness may not be exposed on it.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament<sup>[a]</sup> proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and nothing is hid from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> But who can detect one's own errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent,<sup>[d]</sup>

do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless  
and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### **Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake, I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of

me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* Here ends the Reading

**♪Sequence Hymn            536 God Has Spoken to His People**

*(Please Stand as you are able)*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Priest     The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People    Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**The Sermon**

**Bishop Lucinda Ashby**

*A period of silent reflection is kept*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

Bishop     The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.



Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving

your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
People **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
People **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant continues

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

*The Bishop Continues*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these your servants* the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servants Alicia / Molly. with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. *Amen.*

## Welcoming the newly Confirmed

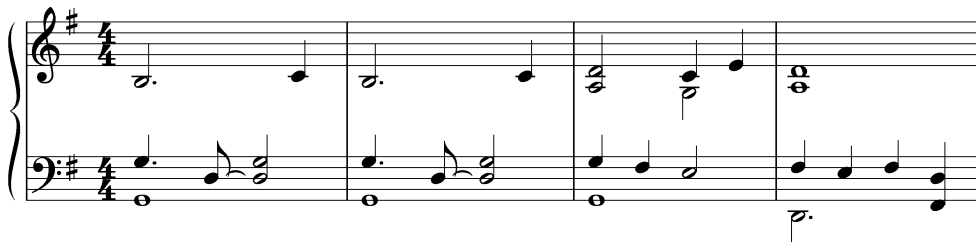
### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** And also with you.

### The Offertory

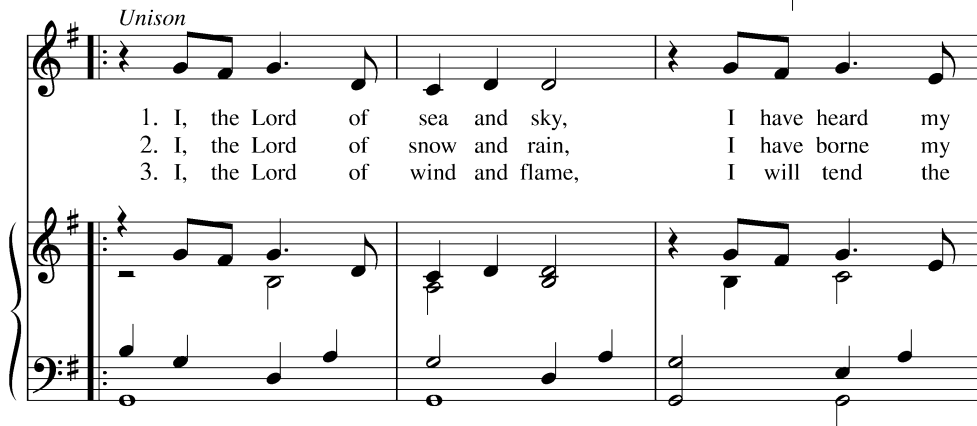
#### Offertory Hymn I, the Lord of sea and sky

WLP, #812



Piano accompaniment for the offertory hymn. The music is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the bass clef, with some chords in the treble clef.

*Unison*



Vocal line for the offertory hymn. The music is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of a single treble clef staff. The melody is simple and easy to sing.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. | 3.

heart. \_\_\_\_\_ heart. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Communion**

*(The people stand)*

*Celebrant* The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**



*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People sing together.*

**Sanctus - Santo, Santo, Santo**

WLP 785

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The first system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has two lines of lyrics: "San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi" and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and a simple bass line. The second system also has two lines of lyrics: "cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor." and "heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line, ending with a double bar line and a fermata.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Benedict, Stephen, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN!*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,**

and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept*

## Fraction Hymn

**WLP 874**

*Principal Canon*

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

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

## Invitation

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Distribution

*Note: For those individuals in Recovery, we use real wine per the Canons of the Episcopal Church. Taking Communion with just one element (Bread) is considered complete.*

*During communion if you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. As your group is called forward, please spread out to widen the circle and increase safe social distancing.*

### **♪ Communion Music**

*Nearer, Still Nearer arr. Dan Forrest*

### **♪ Communion Hymn– 649 Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Jen may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with *them*, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

## **Announcements**

**♪ Sending Hymn - 376 Joyful Joyful We Adore The**

## **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Spirit.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## **♪ Postlude**

**“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”**

**arr. Joel Raney.**

**Celebrant:** The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

**Confirmands:** Alicia Perry

Molly Wyer

**Preacher:** Bishop Lucinda Ashby

**Assisting Priest** Rev. Jen Crompton

**Bishop’s Chaplain:** Sarah Chesebro

**Presenter of Confirmation Candidates:** Fr. Ian Delinger

**Eucharistic Minister:** Michael Lucas

**Musician:** Ann Lucas

**Lector:** Sandy Fisher

**Flowers:** Sharon Porter

**Altar Guild:** Diana Hammerlund

**Usher:** Jim Malone

**Usher:** Maureen Titus

### ***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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