

St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~ Los Osos, California All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023

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

~ Prelude ~

"Prelude in F minor"

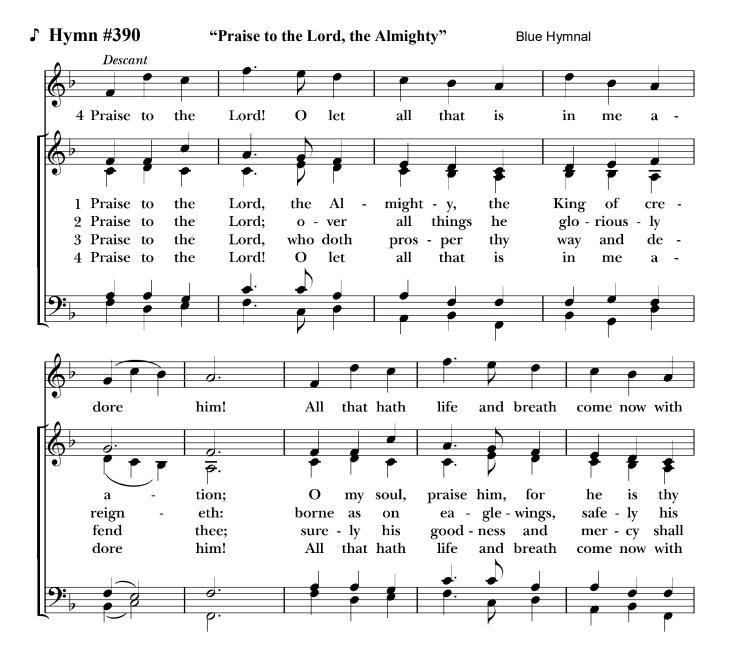
J.S. Bach

Well Tempered Clavier Book 1

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful 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.





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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: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: A Reading from the book of Revelation

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:1-10,22

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

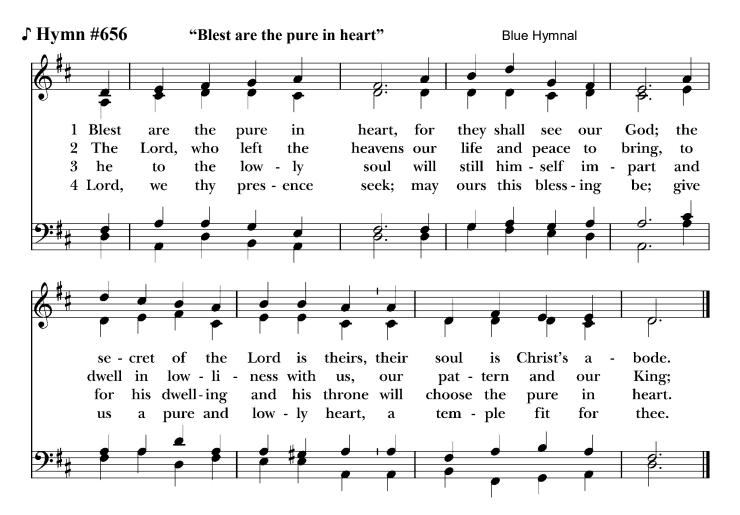
The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

1 John 3:1-3

Reader: A Reading from John's first letter

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The word of the Lord People: *Thanks be to God*



Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Matthew 5:1-12

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Sr. Greta Ronningen

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us renew our baptismal vows.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good

News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving

your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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 of the People

In confidence that our prayers will be heard and answered, let us address God with boldness and in trust, praying that God's will may be dune here and throughout the world, saying: In your mercy, O God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the baptized everywhere and for those preparing for holy baptism, that they may be strong, resolute and faithful as they await the coming of the resurrected Christ. In your mercy, O God, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for the church throughout the world, that it may fulfill its holy task, drawing all people into the family of the redeemed and showing the world the way to peace and justice. In your mercy, O God, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for the leaders of all the nations of the world, that they may renounce war and all which makes for war, giving priority to peace and to that which makes for peace. In your mercy, 0 God, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for the hungry, the homeless, those who are denied dignity, and those who have no hope, that human compassion will improve their condition and that national compassion will remove the causes of their suffering. In your mercy, O God, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for the sick, the hospitalized, and those in childbirth, especially

[prayers from the bidding book read here....Please share silently or in the chat]

For all who suffer in mind or body, that they may be granted wholeness and health. In your mercy, O God, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for the dying, that love and loving care may surround them as they prepare for their final journey home. In your mercy, O God *hear our prayer*.

We place these petitions before you, merciful God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who assures us that if we ask we shall receive, and in response to our baptism, desiring to be used by you as you give answer to our prayers; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: May the All-Compassionate God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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

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



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

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 BCP Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you all.

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.*

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

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:



Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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,

All: 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 blessed_Mary and blessed Benedict and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

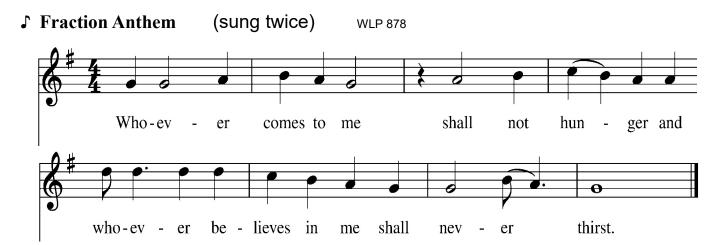
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread



Holy Communion

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The celebrant continues:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

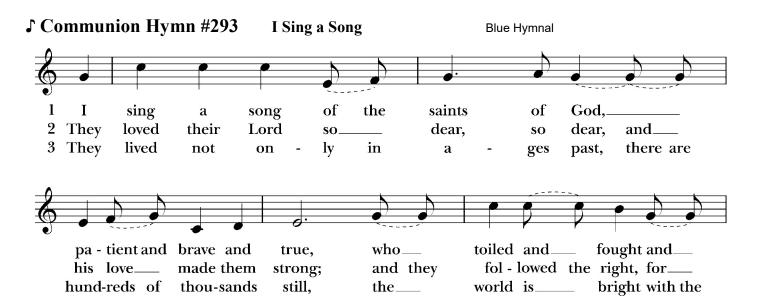
If God is calling you, you are welcome and invited to receive communion.

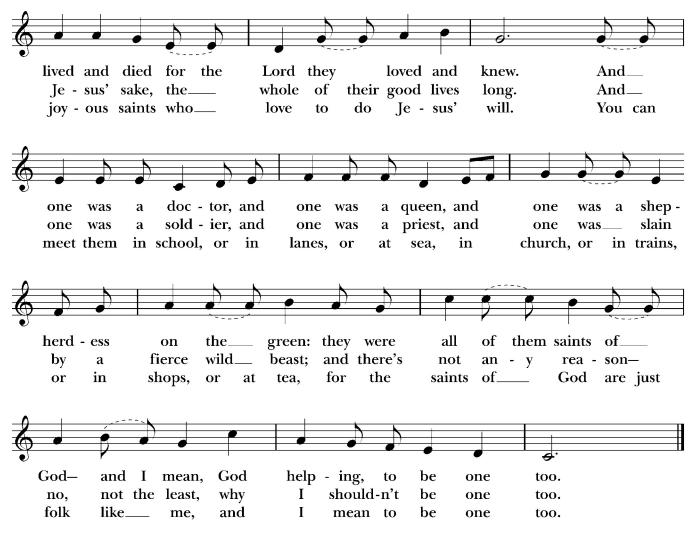
Please contact the church office to arrange to receive communion in your home.

♪ Communion Music

♪ Communion Anthem

"My Jesus I Love Thee" arr. Dan Forrest





Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: Grand Isle, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

Silence

Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements



Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Postlude

"For All the Saints"
Ralph Vaugh Williams, arr. Fred Bock

Today's Eucharist Liturgy is from the outline in the Book of Common Prayer.

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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant: Sister Greta Ronningen
Preacher: Sister Greta Ronningen

Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas
Lector: Bryson McKelvey
Flowers: Brian Spolarich

Ushers: Alan Kiste & Brian Spolarich

Intercessor: Berkeley Johnson
Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman
Online Host: Don Maruska

Tellers: Dianna Hammerlund & Sandy Fisher

Technical: Hannah-Jaye Matthews

Coffee Hour Host: Potluck

This Week at St Ben's

Monday Nov 6

3:30p Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday Nov 7

9:45a Prayers of the Morning (Zoom) 10:30a Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)

5:30p Vespers in-person

Sunday Nov 12

10:30a Liturgy of the Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP SAVE LIVES IN THE HOLY LAND Please urge your members of Congress to push for the creation of a humanitarian corridor into Gaza to allow urgently needed food, water, medical supplies, and fuel to vulnerable people.

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/resources-for-the-conflict-in-the-holy-land/

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION - This week we will have a discussion based on ideas from Joan Chittister's <u>Awakenings: Prophetic Reflections</u>. You do not have to read the book to participate. Tuesdays at 10:30 on Zoom.

PERSONAL PRAYER – If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Louisa Beeler (805) 543-2898. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned. 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.

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.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with gratitude the yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini (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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