



## St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

Los Osos, California

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023 10:30 am

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

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### ~ Prelude ~

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Arr. Carol Tornquist

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**People:** *You come to your people and set them free.*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the holiday songs, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

*[Three Candles are lit.]*

All: *Loving God, we open ourselves to you,  
trusting that this is how you made us:  
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *All-compassionate 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.*

♪ Hymn #66

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Blue Hymnal

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: Christ be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: *Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen*

♪ **Trisagion** (repeat three times)

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Reader: *A Reading from the Book of Isaiah*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

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

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

## Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.  
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Reader: *A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

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





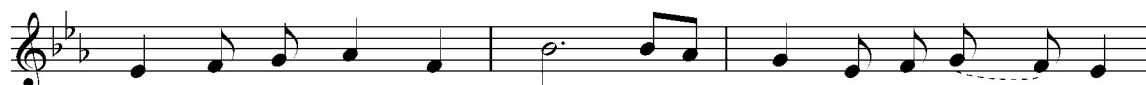
♩ Hymn #75

There's a Voice

Blue Hymnal



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O \_\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God \_\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the \_\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst \_\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The \_\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they \_\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his \_\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ may go!  
 na - tions shall \_\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream \_\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
 lead them, and \_\_\_\_\_ bring them \_\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

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## John 1:6-8,19-28

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

*People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ*

*People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

Rev. Jen Crompton

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

## Affirmation of Faith

*Let us join in the affirmation of our faith.*

All: ***We believe in God the Creator,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Redeemer,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with God's love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in One God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Source: Common Worship, Church of England

## Prayers of the People

Holy God, you come to us, you inspire us, you enable us; grant that we may proclaim your loving presence and show your saving power. Let your church be seen to be working for justice and righteousness, for liberty and peace, that we may live at peace and oppress no one. Make us instruments of peace within our communities and within our homes. Holy One of freedom, ***hear us.***

We remember before you all who are seeking freedom: we pray for nations burdened with great debt, for families who have lost their homes, peoples denied justice. We pray for all who are suffering from violence or tyranny. We pray for the work of Restorative Partners, the Poetic Justice Project, Amnesty International, and all who care for prisoners and captives. Holy One of freedom, ***hear us.***

Gracious God, teach us to appreciate what we have and to be aware of all that is done for us. Let us not take each other for granted. Let us hold fast to all that is good and abstain from every form of evil. May our homes

be places of holiness and hospitality, of grace and goodness. Holy One of freedom, **hear us.**

We remember in your holy presence, God of Mercy, all whose lives have been diminished by poverty or neglect, all whose confidence has been lost through harsh treatment or scorn. We pray for those who have been betrayed, especially those betrayed by loved ones. We remember all who have suffered through robbery or slander. We pray for all who have lost their dignity through illness. We remember all who are suffering from physical and economic hardship; all who are in need of relief, all who are discouraged.

We pray that all who are bereaved at this time may be strengthened. We remember friends and loved ones in their troubles, especially those in the bidding book....

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

Holy One of freedom, **hear us.**

Merciful God, you have done great things for us already, and yet, greater things are yet to come. We pray for all who have departed from us, that they may be numbered with your saints and know the glorious liberty of the children of God. Holy One of freedom, **hear us.**

**Celebrant:** *Come, Holy Spirit of God, come upon us, that you may send us out in your power. Fill us with your grace and goodness, that we may be able to bring the Good News to the oppressed, to comfort the broken-hearted, and to bring liberty and freedom to your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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## Confession and Absolution

*Let us confess our sins to God.*

**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:** *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.*

Please greet others in the chat.

## Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or special concern, 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](http://www.stbenslososos.org) at any time.

**Hymn** (repeat three times)

**Wait for the Lord**

G332

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984  
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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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

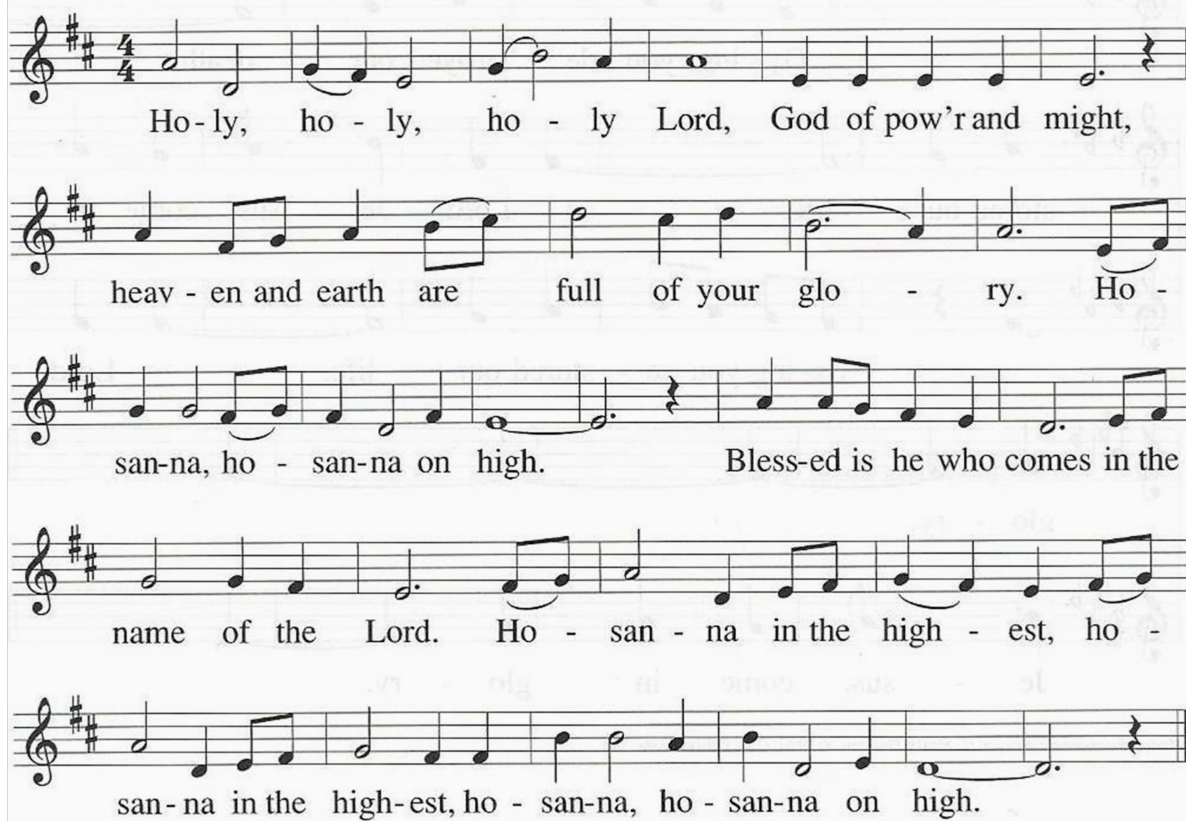
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## ♪ Sanctus

Gather 297



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san-na, ho-san-na on high. Bless-ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-  
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na, ho-san-na on high.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: *Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Mary and blessed Benedict all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

**All: *Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,***

***to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN***

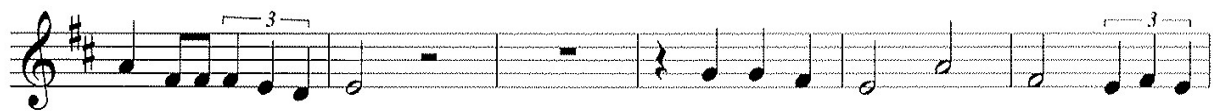
## **The Lord's Prayer**

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


Voice 

Our Fa-----ther in

  
Heaven Holy be-<sup>3</sup> your name Your kingdom come; Your will be

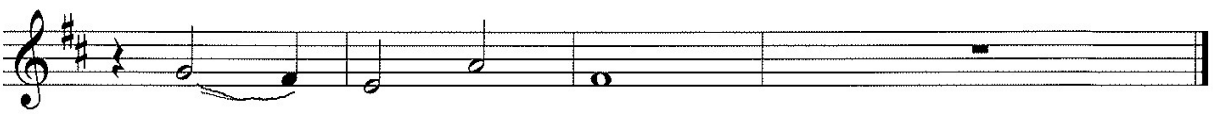
  
done on earth as in heav'n- Give us this day our dai-----ly

  
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

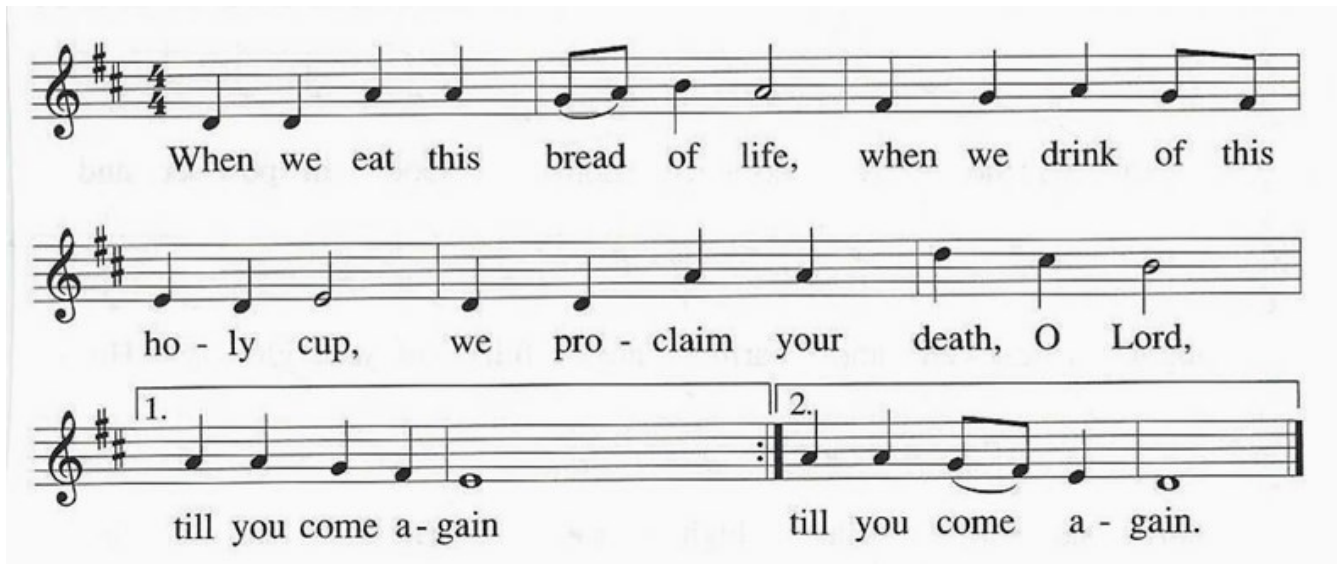
  
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# The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

## ♪ Fraction Anthem

Gather 298



When we eat this bread of life, when we drink of this  
ho - ly cup, we pro - claim your death, O Lord,  
till you come a - gain                      till you come a - gain.

## 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

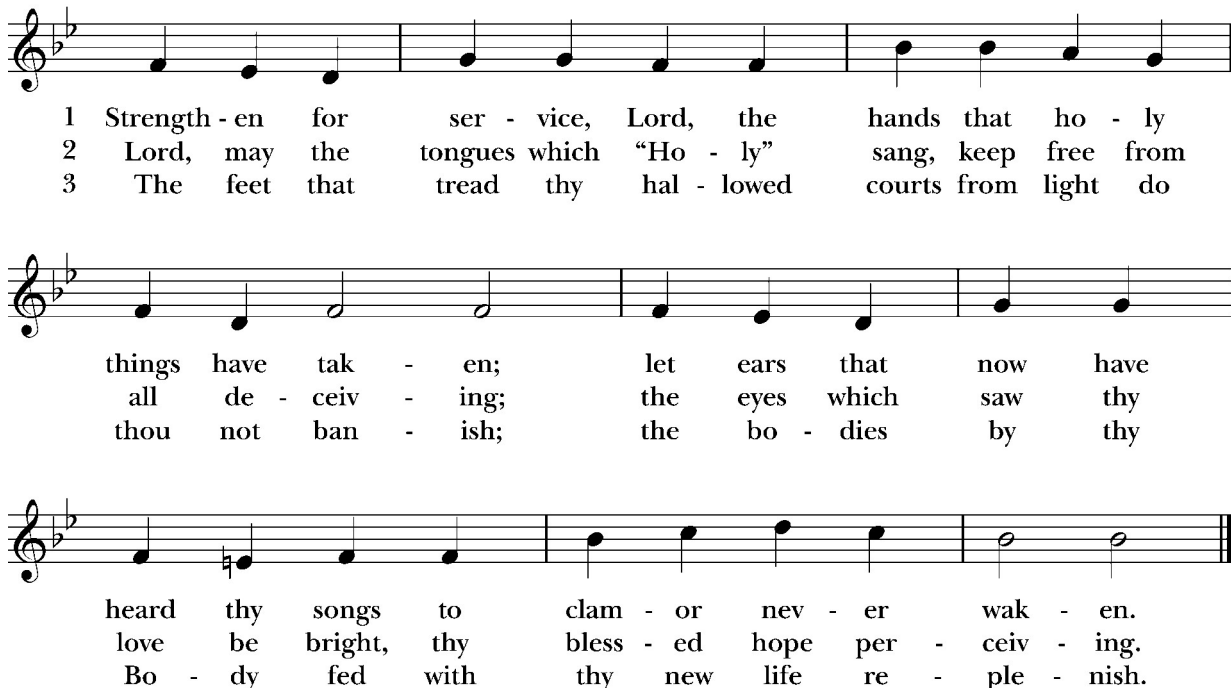
“Gesu Bambino”

Pietro Yon

## ♪ Hymn #312

### Strengthen for Service

Blue Hymnal



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 Lord, may the tongues which “Ho - ly” sang, keep free from  
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do  
things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy  
heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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## Prayer

*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*

## Blessing


Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path and the blessing of God Almighty. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*

## Announcements

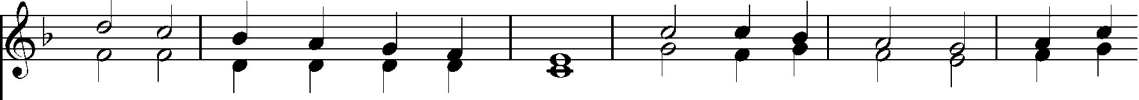

### ♪ Hymn #359

### God of the Prophets (v. 1-2)


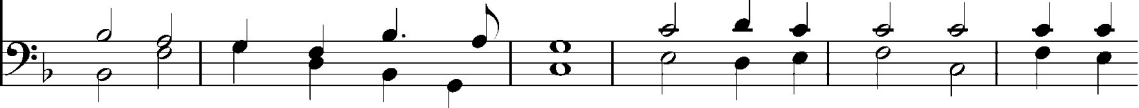
Blue Hymnal




1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's  
2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man  
3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy  
\*4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them  
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they



1 man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn  
2 need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make  
3 roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in  
4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or  
5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count



1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.  
2 el - o - quent for right - eous - ness that shall all e - vil break.  
3 word and deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.  
4 ty - rant's sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.  
5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.



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## Dismissal

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

## ♪ Postlude

*“Variations on Adeste Fidelis”*

Raynor Taylor

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## Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	Rev. Jen Crompton
Preacher:	Rev. Jen Crompton
Eucharistic Minister:	Lisa Gonzalez
Eucharistic Assistant:	Michael Lucas
Lector:	Bryson McKelvey
Music:	Ann Lucas
Flowers:	Brian Spolarich
Ushers:	Michael Lucas & Connie Weldon
Intercessor:	Louisa Beeler
Altar Guild:	Lisa Gonzalez
Online Host:	Jane Wu
Tellers:	Diana Hammerlund & Alice Welchert
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	Letty Cotta

## This Week at St Ben's

Monday	Dec 18
3:30p	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday	Dec 19
9:45a	Prayers of the Morning (Zoom)
10:30a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
5:30p	Blue Christmas service
Sunday	Dec 24
10:30a	Eucharist Service
4:30p	Carols Around the Creche
7:45p	Carols followed by 8p Eucharist

## Announcements

**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.

**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](mailto:prayers@stbenslososos.org) and requests for pastoral care may be sent to [pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org).

**Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation:** The Tuesday Spiritual Discussion group will be using an Advent program sponsored by a group called Living Compass. The four-week program includes Sunday and weekday meditations for the Advent season. The program booklets are available as pdf electronic copies for free or a print copy available for \$1.00 plus postage. A limited number of print copies are available in the back of the church. Order your booklets at <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent-lent>. You do not have to read the book to participate. Tuesdays at 10:30 on [Zoom](#).

## Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with gratitude the yak tityu tityu yak tihini (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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