



# St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Rogation Day

May 5th 10:30 am

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

## ~ Prelude ~

*Original Improvisation*

Paul Burkle

*During our opening hymn, the congregation is sprinkled with water as a reminder of our baptism.*

♪ *Opening Hymn* (3 times) **"Christ is Risen From the Dead"**

**WLP 817**

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on  
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

Music: Early American, adapt. Richard Fabian (b. 1942).

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

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 #291

“We Plow the Fields”

Blue Hymnal

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;  
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;  
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

*Thanksgiving Day.*

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Wir pflegen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

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## Collect of the Day

Officiant: Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray together.

All: *Holy One, Creator of heaven and earth: we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Acts 10:44-48

Reader: *A Reading from the book of Acts*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*

and the peoples with equity.

## 1 John 5:1-6

*Reader: A Reading from the first letter of John*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

*People: Thanks be to God*



♪ Hymn #455

“O Love of God”

Blue Hymnal



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
 high, our life to live, our death to die.  
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM

**John 15:9-17**

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

*People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Officiant: The Gospel of Christ*

*People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon**

Brian Spolarich

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

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*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 rejoice that you have called us to be children of God, you have given us a faith that in you conquers all things. Bless, O Lord, all who are seeking to live by what they believe, all who long to hear your word and do your will. We pray for all in their ministry and vocation, especially any going through a time of trial or temptation. Lord Creator God, **your will be done.**

Guide all leaders in industry and commerce; may the goods of this world be neither hoarded nor squandered. We pray that there may be a more fair distribution of wealth. We pray for all who are ill treated in the world of trade. Creator God, **your will be done.**

Holy One, we rejoice that you have called us to know you, you have called us to love you, you have called us to serve you. May we reveal our calling, love and service in all our dealings. Bless and protect our homes and loved ones. Creator God, **your will be done.**

God of love, be a comfort to the sorrowing, strength to the weak, give hope to all who are dying. We pray for all who have been injured this week, all who have fallen into illness or disability, for those who can no longer cope on their own; that each in their trouble may know your love. Creator God, **your will be done.**

We pray for those whose lives are close to ours, especially those from our bidding book.

[here prayers are added from the bidding book and  
you are invited to add your own prayers silently or in the chat]

Creator God, **your will be done.**

We pray for our loved ones departed. We look forward to the time when we shall see and know, when we shall know and love, when we shall love and enjoy you for ever, when we shall share with your saints in glory. Creator God, **your will be done.**

Officiant: *Lord, as you have chosen us, empower and equip us; make us worthy of our calling that we may reveal your love and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit abides for ever. Amen.*

Adapted from *Traces of Glory* by David Adam 1999

## 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 #602

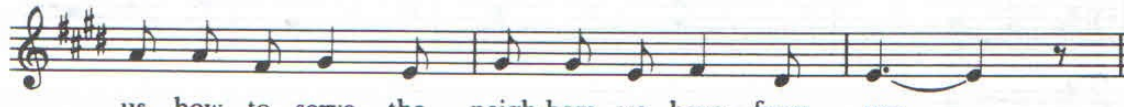
### “Jesu, Jesu”

### Blue Hymnal


*Chorus*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show




us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

*Repeat Chorus*



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.  
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Words: Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925), alt.

Music: *Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]*, Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925) Irr.

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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*

## The General Thanksgiving

*All: Holy One, author of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

(silence)

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*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.*

## Blessing

Officiant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a parent. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen.* (source: from Saint Clare)

## Announcements

(please stand as you are able)

### ♪ Hymn #304

### "I Come with Joy"

### Blue Hymnal

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.  
5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.  
Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)  
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## **Dismissal**

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

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

## **♪ Postlude**

*Original Improvisation*

Paul Burkle

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is from the outline in the Book of Common Prayer.  
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## Rogation Procession

Gather on the veranda

Officiant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Presider: Let us pray.

*Bountiful God of heaven and earth: By your gracious providence give and preserve the harvests of the land and sea for the good of all creatures, that those who receive good things from your hand may always give you thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Canticle 12

## A Song of Creation

Benedicite

Say together

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.

O people everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Officiant: Holy God, you give your people a desire to know and to worship you: Bless all who gather here in your name, that they may find a welcome and lift their hearts and voices in praise of you, who makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

O heavenly God, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of the One through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us go forth in peace.

**People:** *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

[Process down veranda to the Long Room]

### **Mark 6:35–44**

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

“How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”

When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All:** *Generous God, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every creature: We give you thanks for all who prepare and serve the food we eat. Bless them in their labor and bless all who benefit from their service; through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.*

Officiant: *Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*



## **Ministers of the Service**

Officiant:	Brian Spolarich
Preacher:	Brian Spolarich
Liturgical Assistant:	Alan Kiste
Lector:	John Horsley
Flowers:	Sarah Chesebro
Music:	Paul Burkle
Ushers:	Maureen Titus & Barbara Schippers
Intercessor:	Lisa Gonzalez
Altar Guild:	Sarah Chesebro
Online Host:	Jane Wu
Tellers:	Bryson McKelvey & Diana Hammerlund
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	Potluck

## **This Week at St Ben's**

Monday 3:30p	May 6 Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 9:45a 10:30a	May 7 Prayers of the Morning (Zoom) Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Sunday 8:00a 10:30a	May 12 Contemplative Service Eucharist Service

## Announcements

**Join us at Central Coast Pride events!** St Benedict's Discovery Team continues its work to reach out to the community around us. Upcoming plans include staffing booths at local Central Coast Pride events. Each year the central coast LGBTQ+ community comes together in joyful celebration, and we will be there representing St. Ben's, offering blessings, prayer, and some water or lemonade instead of our traditional coffee. All are welcome to join and share in our support for our local LGBTQ+ community. You could even help at the booth and then enjoy the rest of Pride Fest. Join us as we share the love! <https://www.slopride.com/events>

- Trans Pride Saturday May 11 in Meadow Park from 11-4 pm
- Pride in the Plaza Saturday June 1 from 11-5 pm
- Pride in the Park on Sunday June 2 from 1-6 pm

**Meet Me in San Luis** - You are cheerfully invited to meet me at noon on Thursday, May 9 at Golden Gong on Mercado at Madonna Road for conversation, fellowship, and delectable Chinese lunch. Questions? Call or text Bryson (805) 235-3045.

**Personal Prayer:** If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Lisa Gonzalez (805) 441-3386. 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).

**The Tuesday Spiritual Discussion group** - The Tuesday morning Spiritual conversation will conclude our discussion on [How to Live: What the Rule of St. Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning and Community](#) by Judith Valente on May 7th. We will not meet on May 14th. Beginning May 21st we will be taking a look at Marilynne Robinson's *Reading Genesis*, which is "a powerful consideration of the profound meanings and promise of God's enduring covenant with humanity. This magisterial book radiates gratitude for the constancy and benevolence of God's abiding faith in Creation." You do not have to read the book to participate. Tuesdays at 10:30 on [Zoom](#).

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.

## 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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