



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul* ~

Los Osos, California

PRIDE SUNDAY

June 9, 2024 10:30 am

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

About Our Service

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.

We invite everyone to stand and sit as you are able 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; it is offered either from the common cup or individual cups. 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 ♪

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

♪ Opening Hymn

“All are welcome”

Gather 753

(see pages 2-3)

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

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

All: ***Holy and Life-Giving Spirit, you know our innermost thoughts even before they break through into consciousness; you teach us how to pray. Breathe your breath into our hearts and minds this morning. Prepare us for worship, that our thoughts may turn to you and our hearts bow down in grateful praise of God - Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit, Amen.***

♫ Opening Hymn

“All are welcome”

Gather 753



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
 words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've
 taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the
im - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
faith of Je - sus;
feast that frees us; } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
fear and dan - ger:
floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come in this place.

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Hymn of Praise A poem of the Episcopal Saint, Pauli Murray Spoken in Unison

Whatever is good
Does not always cry with the color of banners
Or shout with the thunder of drums,
Or rush on wings of cannon---
It sometimes descends, slowly, as night
Or grows in silence as the lifting dawn
Whatever is good is not more
Than the world-shaking event
Of planting a rose,
Or plucking a truant weed,
Or watching a chimney-swallow after rain
Patiently restoring its nest.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: *God of all Creation, you have made us in your image, a rainbow of every color, culture, gender expression, language, orientation, and nation; grant that, when we look at one another, we may see You, expressed in yet another language of love; and grant that we may honor your holy presence in every life. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.*

From The Reverend Kay Sylvester, St. Paul's, Tustin

(please be seated for the readings)

Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight

and honored and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, ‘Give them up,’
and to the south, ‘Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.’”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,”
even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon 11:21-26; 12:1

You can exert your great strength at any moment –
who can resist the power of your arm?

With you, the entire universe is nothing more than a grain of sand that barely tips the
scales,
or a drop of dew settling on the grass in the morning.

But because you can do all things,
you are merciful to all and overlook the sins of the people so that they may be brought
to repentance.

You love everything that exists
and you don't hate anything you have created:
for what other reason would you have made everything?

How could anything remain in existence had it not been your will?

How could anything have lasted unless you called it into being?

You save all things because they are yours, O God, and you love all that lives,
for your imperishable breath fills every one of them.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

(please stand as we welcome the Gospel)

♪ Hymn

Canticle of the Turning
(see pages 8-9)

Gather 556

Mark 3:20-35

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

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

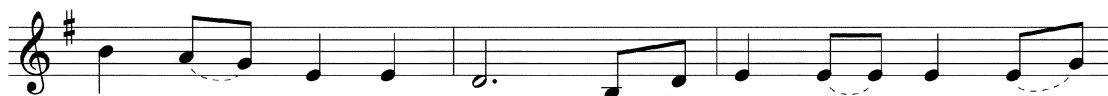
Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



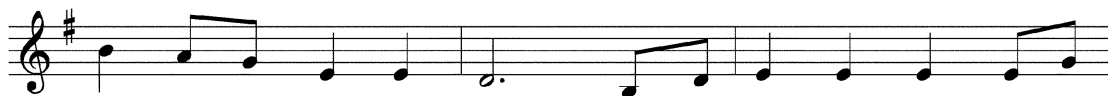
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -




won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
 depths of the past to the end of the age to
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the




weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.
 Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952

(return to page 7 for the Gospel reading)

Sermon

The Rev. Jen Crompton

[We pause for a few moments' reflection before standing to affirm our faith.]

Affirmation of Faith

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

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

All: ***We believe that God is present
 in the darkness before dawn;
 in the waiting and uncertainty
 where fear and courage join hands,
 conflict and caring link arms,
 and the sun rises over barbed wire.***

*We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.*

*We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability,
and into the streets.*

*We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life
and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.*

Prayers of the People for Pride Sunday

We pray for all of God's people throughout the world, for Lucinda, our Bishop, and for all ministers, leaders, and people who serve your church. God in community, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for justice and peace among all nations, for the goodwill and well-being of all people, and for a vision of your world as your love would have it. God in community, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for our siblings who suffer from oppression and are excluded and shamed by religious people because of their sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. There is a fundamental call to justice in our scriptures, and true justice flourishes when we are able to live with authenticity and integrity. God in community, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the queer, trans, and intersex children who embody the uncategorizable and boundary defying nature of the Divine. For those who do not feel safe in their communities and who are struggling with isolation. Pray that they will be met with love wherever they go. God in community, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for the neglected persons whom we often forget: the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those struggling with addiction, and those in prison, anyone in need or trouble. God in community, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for all searching for God and a deeper understanding of the Beloved. Pray that they may know the unconditional love of God. God in community, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the departed. Remembering especially our siblings who have died because of who they were or who they loved; for those murdered every day all over the world; for those that have taken their own lives, driven to despair by hate. God in community, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for guidance as we seek justice here on earth. Give us the courage to reconcile with those harmed by religion. We ask for your blessing as we seek to co-create a world where people are free from injustice, violence, and discrimination. May we work to build a community where all God's children are celebrated as full and equal members, recognizing their many gifts. God in community, *hear our prayer.*

We thank you for the many blessings in our lives and ask for your intercession, beginning with those names listed in the bidding book.

[you are invited to add your own prayers silently or aloud]

Celebrant: Holy One, as you have blessed us and heard our prayers, we pray that you will send us in your name. Help us to imagine the future and work toward it, encouraged by your word of hope. Strengthen us when we falter; offer us light when we cannot find our way. Grant us joy today as we celebrate, and tomorrow, we ask that you fill us with your light, your love, your power, and your strength for the work at hand. Remind us that you are with us always, even as you push us gently away from the shore. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

To maintain safe social distancing, please greet others verbally or with a bow or nod.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or travel, may come forward. Prayers can be found on the white or yellow card in your pew.

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 are invited to make a thank offering. If you choose not contribute financially today please give thanks for God's blessing as the plate is passed. You may contribute at our website www.stbenslososos.org at any time.

♪ Offertory Hymn

Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives

#39

1. Im - par - tial, com - pass - ion - ate God of all lives,
2. Un - ho - ly, un - just - i - fied fear we in - cite,
3. Cre - a - tor of beau - ty, we stand not in pride,
4. Our hope is your free - dom for both great and small,
5. All hon - or - we give you, O help us to see,

in Christ you have shown us your love ac - tual - ized,
when we shun our neigh - bors yet cling to our rights.
we do not as - sume you will stay on our side.
to strive for per - fec - tion and know all means all.
your chil - dren are wor - thy to claim vic - to - ry.

in - car - nate and weak in the arms of the poor,
 Your chil - dren still wan - der the streets left in pain,
 For yours is the sa - cred, un - tar - nished by sin,
 We chal - lenge and quest - ion each law with - out grace,
 And so let our ac - tions flow out of our praise,

de - stroy - ing all sys - tems that keep closed the door.
 we pass laws a - gainst them to prove our dis - dain.
 a re - fuge for out - casts that all may come in.
 af - firm - ing the im - age of Christ on each face.
 to seek trans - for - ma - tion, your Kin - dom to raise.

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From Songs for the Holy Other, Hymns Affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ Community

(please stand as you are able)

♪ Doxology

[Hymn tune #400]

[sung] Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Praise God the Source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Eucharist

Iona

Celebrant:

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant: May Christ be with you,

All: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,

All: *We lift them up to God.*

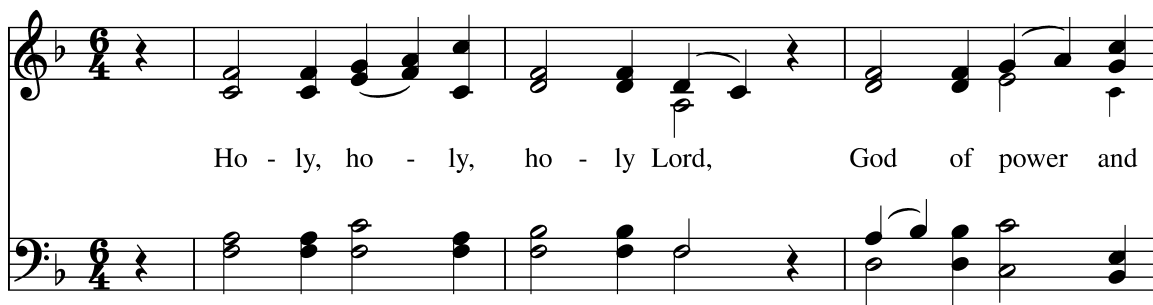
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God,

All: *It is right to give both thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with Michael and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with Columba and Brigid, Patrick, Pauli and Margaret, Blessed Mary, and Blessed Benedict, with siblings, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

♪ Sanctus

WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * 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.

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

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it
he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"This is my body, given to you."

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it
he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
"This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God."

All: *Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in
the sharing of this bread, So that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We
celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these
gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.*

Celebrant: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and
wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and
making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed
into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world.

All: *Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
all honor and glory are yours, All-Compassionate God,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN*

The Lord's Prayer

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

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

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,*

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

Silence

♪ Fraction Anthem

(sung twice)

WLP 874

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

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

Words and Music: Eric H. F. Law (b. 1957) from *Christ, You Are In The World*. Copyright © 1986, 1992 Eric H. F. Law.

Holy Communion

Celebrant: 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 to receive 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

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

♪ Communion Hymn

“All the Colors of the Rainbow”

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Songs for the Holy Other, Hymns Affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ Community

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres-sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,



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Silence

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer

All:

*Holy One, we thank you that you have redeemed all Creation
and filled the Universe with your limitless love.*

*We thank you that in this meal we come close to you
and you come close to us; heaven and earth are united.*

*Now fill us with your grace and strength
to bring your kin-dom on earth,*

and to serve all your creatures to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant:

Let us go from here to proclaim the good news:

God takes on flesh in the strange and surprising.

Love liberates from the margins.

Together, we have what we need to resist evil and oppression.

With a renewed commitment to solidarity with God, all LGBTQIA+
and Two-Spirit people,

May the blessing of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you now
and always. Amen.

(please be seated)

Announcements

♪ Final Hymn

“This little light of mine”

LEVAS 221

1. This lit - tle light of mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, _____ I'm gon - na let it

Oh _____

1. shine, _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
 2. shine, _____ Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, _____ Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh _____

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Je - sus gave it to

Oh _____

1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 3. me, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it

Oh _____

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arr. Copyright © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer.

Dismissal

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

All: *Thanks be to God.*

♪ Postlude ♪

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

Affirmation of Faith and Eucharist Liturgy
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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Jen Crompton
Eucharistic Minister:	Lisa Gonzalez
Eucharistic Assistant:	Helen Schnieders
Lector:	Ann Lucas
Flowers:	Sarah Chesebro
Music:	Paul Burkle
Usher:	Maureen Titus
Usher	Dianna Hammerlund
Intercessor:	Helen Schnieders
Altar Guild:	Letty Cotta
Online Host:	Don Maruska
Tellers:	Dianna Hammerlund
Tellers:	Steve Cake
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	Barbara Schippers

This Week at St Ben's

Monday	June 10
3:30p	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday	June 11
9:45a	Prayers of the Morning (Zoom)
10:30a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Saturday	June 15
9:00a	Men's Breakfast (Celia's Garden Café)
Sunday	June 16
8:00a	Contemplative Eucharist
10:30a	Eucharist Service
12:30p	Vestry/Parish Council Meeting

Announcements

Personal Prayer: If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Helen Schnieders (805-439-2104). 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 Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Discussion group - We will 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.

Meet Me in San Luis - You are gaily invited to meet Bryson McKelvey for conversation, fellowship, and Chinese lunch at 1:00pm on Thursday, June 13 at Golden Gong on Mercado at Madonna Road. Questions? Talk to Bryson McKelvey, in person or you may reach her at (805) 235-3045.

Tell Congress to Pass a Faithful Farm Bill - People of faith believe in the moral call to uplift human dignity, love our neighbors, and protect our Sacred Earth. A Farm Bill for both people and the environment could ensure a future where all people have reliable access to healthy food, while prioritizing sustainable farming practices, and dignified treatment for those who work the land. Visit interfaithpowerandlight.org for more information.



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 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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