

St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

The Sunday of the Passion — Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 10:30 am

Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, economic condition, gender, sexual orientation, or physical or mental ability—your presence here today is a blessing!

About Our Service

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are warmly welcome at St. Benedict's! If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply rest into the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

Please silence your phones.

Today's service begins outside with the blessing and procession of the palms.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Luke 19:28-40

The deacon reads the lesson.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Blessing of the Palms



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.



After singing the first verse in place, the congregation follows the ministers of the liturgy in procession into the sanctuary as the rest of the hymn is sung.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A Reading from the book of Isaiah

The Lord GoD has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 S414

Chant on a single note, changing note with the bolded word.

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in **trouble**; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my **belly**.



For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with **sighing**; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are con-**sumed**.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my a-cquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of **mind**; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a-round; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your **hand**; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who **persecute me**.

Make your face to shine upon your **servant**, * and in your loving-kindness **save me**."

Philippians 2:5-11

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



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The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

All: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All: "Crucify, crucify him!"

A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull,

All stand, as able

they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

All kneel, as able. A deep bow is also appropriate. Silence is kept.

All stand, as able, when the Presider stands, and remain standing until the conclusion.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

[An extended period of silence is kept following the Gospel]

Sermon Br. Dennis Gibbs

Prayers of the People

On this day the church hears again the Passion of our Savior, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: *Christ have mercy*.

For the whole church throughout the world, its bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, let us pray to our Savior. *Christ have mercy*.

For those who are preparing for baptism, and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to our Savior. *Christ have mercy*.

For peace among nations and forbearance among all people, let us pray to our Savior. Christ have mercy.

For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, let us pray to our Savior.

Christ have mercy.

For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, especially those from our bidding book.

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

Let us pray to our Savior. Christ have mercy.

We give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray to our Savior. *Christ have mercy*.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet others in the chat.

Announcements

The Offertory

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

♪ Hymn #168

"O Sacred Head"

Blue Hymnal

♪ Doxology: Traditional Hymn

[sung Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Eucharist

EOW Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

 $\label{eq:celebrant} \text{ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.}$

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



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.

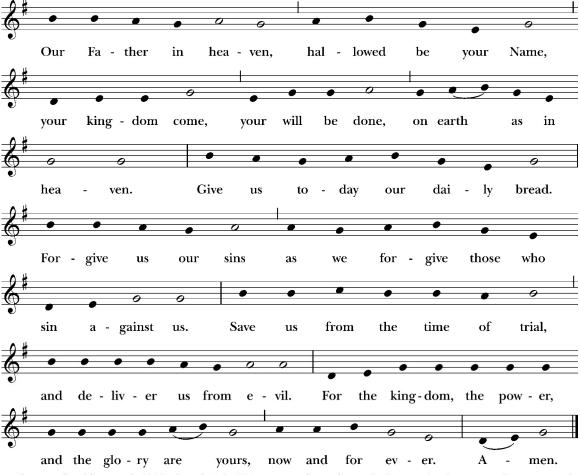
Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with

the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with blessed Mary and blessed Benedict, the patron of this house, and 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,



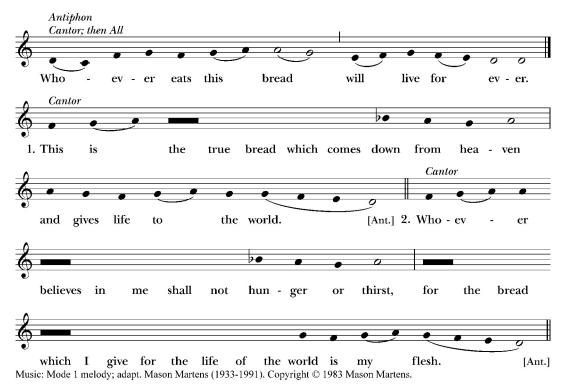
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The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem





Holy Communion

The celebrant continues:

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

Original Improvisation
Paul Burkle

↑ Choir Anthem

"Ave Verum Corpus"

Wolfgang Mozart

Silence

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

Solemn Prayer over the Assembly

Celebrant: Let us bow down before God.

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*.



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Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The congregation departs in silence.

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Ministers of the Service

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Thurifer Alan Kiste
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Coffee Hour Host:

Holy Week at St. Ben's

Tuesday Apr 15

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

Thursday Apr 17

6:00p Agape Meal

7:00p Maundy Thursday

Friday Apr 18

7:00p Good Friday Service

Saturday Apr 20

7:45p The Great Vigil

Sunday Apr 21

10:30a Easter Eucharist Service

Announcements

Easter Flowers The Flower Guild invites your donations of \$10 or more to underwrite St. Benedict's Easter Flowers. Please let Hannah know if you'd like to dedicate your flowers to a loved one, all names submitted will be printed in the Easter service bulletins. You can make your donation at church in one of the envelopes, or contact Hannah in the office.

Lenten Morning Prayer Rev. Linzi will offer Morning Prayer each weekday morning (Monday - Friday) through Lent at 8:30am. Bring your BCP and Bible or follow along with "*Venite*" either via their website or their downloadable app. The zoom link is on the calendar listing on the website.

Stations of the Cross are now installed in the sanctuary. The church will be open on Holy Tuesday from 2-5pm, for personal prayer and devotions.

Tuesday Morning Spiritual Conversation During Lent the Spiritual Conversation group will be reading from *Living Well Through Lent* by Living Compass. The pamphlet is available for free as a PDF file or contact Roz Malone. You do not have to do the reading to participate, all are welcome. Join on Zoom.

Coffee Hour hospitality is such an important ministry of the church, it creates a warm welcome for all, and a time and space for community-building. If you'd like to know more about what's involved hosting Coffee Hour, please reach out to Barbara Hirahara, who can fill you in on what's involved.

Personal Prayer A member of the Healing Prayer team is always available after the liturgy for personal prayer. Please look for them in the pew closest to the altar after worship.

Please note that the church office will be closed for the week after Easter so that everyone can have a bit of a rest! If you need to reach Rev. Linzi urgently, <u>please email.</u>

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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