



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos* ~

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 10:30 am

Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, 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.

~ Prelude ~

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba [ancient Irish melody] arr. Dan Forrest

♪ Hymn #188

“ Love's Redeeming Work is Done”

Blue Hymnal



- 1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
- 2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?
- 3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Savannah*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

Welcome

Michael Lucas

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord 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.*

♪ Gloria

Blue Hymnal S-278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



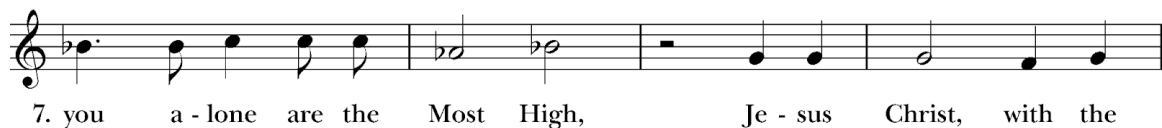
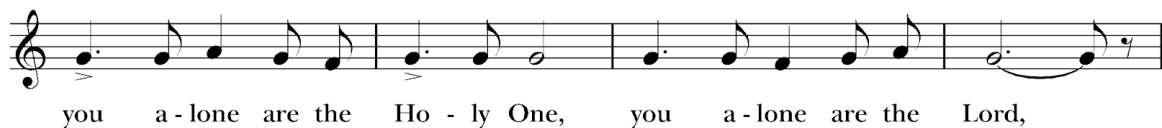
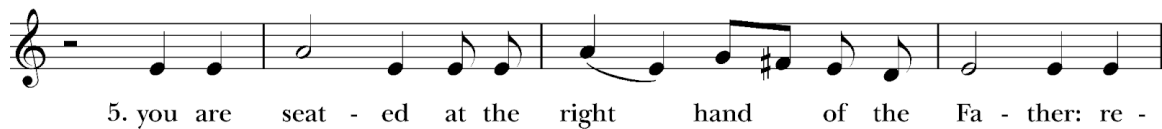
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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Collect of the Day

Officiant: Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: *Amen*

Acts 9:36-43

Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: A Reading from the revelation of John

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

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

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

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

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

People: Thanks be to God

♪ Hymn

"Alleluia"

Blue Hymnal



Music: Alleluia 7; Jacques Berthier, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

John 10:22-30

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What

my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Michael Lucas

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

Affirmation of Faith

(please stand as you are able)

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 became truly human.
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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Adapted from Glimpses of Glory by David Adams

Good Shepherd, we ask you to be our guide: lead us out of trouble, lead us out of fear, lead us out of death, and bring us to the fullness of life eternal. We rejoice with the saints and the whole company of heaven and say, “Salvation belongs to our God.” We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, chaplains and spiritual directors, and for all those who have the care of your people.

Faithful Shepherd, lead us
from death to life eternal.

We pray for all who guide the young, for teachers, counselors, and guides; we pray for our local schools and places of learning. We ask your blessing upon our communities, and our loved ones. We pray for all who have lost direction, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in the world, and in their God. We pray for the disillusioned and the despairing, for all who feel desperate or distressed, that they may know that God seeks for them and loves them. We pray for all who are ill or struggling at this time, and we pray for all those in our bidding book.

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

Faithful Shepherd, lead us
from death to life eternal.

We rejoice that you lead us through the valley of the shadow of death and offer us life eternal. We pray for all those we love and see no longer, who rejoice now in your love

and in your kingdom.

Faithful Shepherd, lead us
from death to life eternal.

Silence

Officiant: Good and gracious God, be our shepherd and our guide:
lead us into life and light eternal; deliver us from all evil, guide us into the ways of
goodness and peace, and when we wander, bring us back to you and your love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, who is alive, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: *Most merciful God,*
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: May the All-Compassionate God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

The congregation may greet one another in the chat.

Announcements

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.*

The Offertory

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

♫ Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LEVAS 109



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be-cause we do not car-ry Ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je-sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866). Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918).

♪ 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 ourselves 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: our Creator has made us holy, has always protected us, and loves us 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)

♪ Hymn #708

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Blue Hymnal

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.

Dismissal

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

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

♪ Postlude

Prelude in C Minor

J. S. Bach

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

Officiant:	Michael Lucas
Preacher:	Michael Lucas
Liturgy Assistant:	Lisa Gonzalez
Lector:	Bob Pelfrey
Flowers:	Elaine Beckham
Ushers:	Connie Weldon & Sandy Fisher
Intercessor:	Helen Schnieders
Music:	Ann Lucas
Altar Guild:	Sarah Chesebro
Online Host:	Jane Wu
Tellers:	Sandy Fisher & Bryson McKelvey
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	

This Week at St Ben's

Tuesday	May 13
9:45a	Prayer of the Morning (Zoom)
10:30a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Thursday	May 15
6:00p	Choir Practice
Saturday	May 17
9:00a	Men's Breakfast
Sunday	May 18
10:30a	Eucharist Service

Announcements

Morning Prayer continues! All are welcome, 8:30am each weekday morning (Monday-Friday), on zoom. The liturgy is approximately 30 minutes. No prior experience with Morning Prayer is needed or expected! Bring your Book of Common Prayer and Bible or follow along with "Venite" either via [their website](#) or their downloadable app. Join Morning Prayer by clicking through here: [zoom link](#). The link is also below in "The Week Ahead" and on the website under "Worship."

Registration for Spring Renewal is now open! Don't miss the opportunity to join us for our annual in-person Spring Renewal on May 16th and 17th at All Saints' Day School in Carmel. Unlike the Diocesan Convention, this event is open to everyone in the diocese.

Our presenters for the 2025 Spring Renewal are the Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, Bishop Provisional of the Missionary Diocese of Navajoland, and Canon Cornelia Eaton, a Navajo priest who serves as Canon to the Ordinary for that diocese. On Saturday May 17th, they will share presentations about their ministry together in Navajoland, the challenges and joys of the work they share, and the unique experience of meeting Navajo spirituality and the spiritual tradition of The Episcopal Church, which they both embody in their respective roles. Our presenters are candid, thoughtful, and deeply committed to the calling they will share with us.

Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation: The Spiritual Conversation group will be discussing ideas from the book [My Life with the Saints](#) by James Martin. Martin's inspiring, witty, and always fascinating memoir encompasses saints from the whole of Christian history. This rich, vibrant, stirring narrative shows how the saints can help all of us find our way in the world. You do not have to read the book to participate. 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 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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