



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos ~

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 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.

~ Prelude ~

"You are my All in All"

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Welcome

Sandy Fisher

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

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

♪ Hymn #8

"Morning has broken"

Blue Hymnal

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird._____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass._____
born of the one light E - den saw play!_____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: *Amen*

Amos 7:7-17

Reader: *A Reading from the second book of Amos*

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

 `Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
 and Israel must go into exile
 away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

 "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

 You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,
 and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

 Therefore thus says the LORD:

 `Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
 and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
 and your land shall be parceled out by line;
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
 and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 82

Deus stetit

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
 he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, *
 and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; *
 defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; *
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;
 they go about in darkness; *
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
 and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
 and fall like any prince.'"

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
 for you shall take all nations for your own.

Colossians 1:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Paul's letter to the Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

People: Thanks be to God

♪ Hymn #628

"Help us O Lord"

Blue Hymnal

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Luke 10:25-37

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Sandy Fisher

[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 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

Loving God, we give you thanks for all who have given us help when we have struggled, for all who have supported us and protected us.

We pray that we may never avoid our responsibility and pass by on the other side.

We pray today for the work of all organizations that support and protect those who are most vulnerable and those who have the greatest need.

God of compassion and love,

Hear us and have mercy.

We pray for all who have been impacted by violence,
all who have been robbed of their possessions or well-being,
for all those who have been robbed of their livelihood or housing.

We remember all who are treated poorly by employers,
all whose value and worth is unappreciated, and all who are under-compensated.

We pray especially for anyone who has recently lost their job or their home.

God of compassion and love,

Hear us and have mercy.

We give thanks for all who look after our well-being, who protect us, and who seek to take care of our needs.

We ask that you bless this community with your love;

may this place always be a place of gentleness and grace where all are accepted and cared for.

We pray for all places where there is violence and cruelty, and for all those whose lives,
because of threat, are marked by fear and anxiety.

God of compassion and love,

Hear us and have mercy.

We give thanks for first responders and ask your blessing upon all who give their lives to this important work.
We pray for all home-carers, and for all those who work in the medical field.
We remember all who are in crisis at this time; and we pray for all those who are near death, especially if they are lonely and afraid.
We pray for friends and loved ones who are ill.
We pray for all those named in 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]

God of compassion and love,
Hear us and have mercy.

We pray that when we are close to death, we know that you come close to us, O God.
We give thanks for all you have rescued from the valley of the shadow of death.
We remember those of our community and our loved ones who, now, are in the fullness of eternal life.

God of compassion and love,
Hear us and have mercy.

Silence

Officiant: Holy and ever-loving God, you bind up our wounds, heal our sicknesses, and restore us to wholeness; make us always sensitive to all who are in need or trouble, that we may care for the suffering and be generous with our time, our resources, and our presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives, with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. ***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 name of Christ .

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or any special concern, please share in the caht.

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



♪ Hymn #605

“What does the Lord require”

Blue Hymnal



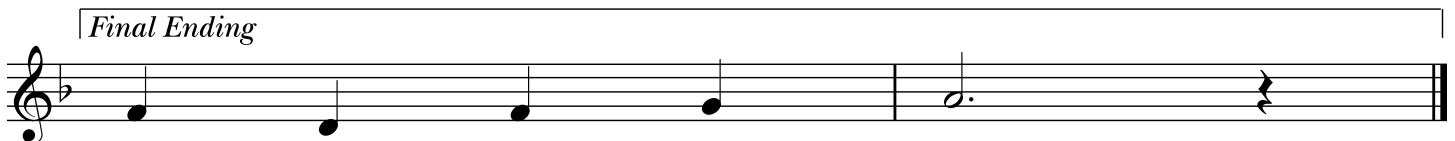
1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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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 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 sing,

Voice

Our Fa----ther in

Heaven Holy be- your name Your kingdom come; Your will be

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



bread. Forgive us our sins as we for- give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri-al and de - li-ver-us from e-vil For the



king - dom the po-wer and the glo----- ry are yours now & for---e---ver



A -----men A -----men A-----men



A -----men A -----men.

Jack Noble White

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Blessing

(source: from Saint Clare)

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 us always. Amen.*

♪ Hymn #551

“Rise up ye saints of God”

Blue Hymnal

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final line. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the three parts of the hymn numbered 1, 2, and 3.

Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

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

“Postlude in G Major”

G.F. Handel

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

Officiant:	Sandy Fisher
Preacher:	Sandy Fisher
Liturgy Assistant:	Helen Schnieders
Lector:	Bryson McKelvey
Flowers:	Sara Chesebro
Usher:	Michael Lucas
Usher:	Barbara Schippers
Intercessor:	Helen Schnieders
Music:	Ann Lucas
Altar Guild:	Sara Chesebro
Online Host:	Don Maruska
Teller:	Alice Welchert
Teller:	Sandy Fisher
Technical:	Hannah Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	John Horsely & Steve Cake

This Week at St Ben's

Wednesday 3:00p	Jul 16 Earthcare
Saturday 9:00a	Jul 29 Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Cafe
Sunday 10:30a 1:30p	Jul 20 Eucharist Service SLO Deanery at St. Paul's Cambria

Announcements

Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation: Both the Tuesday Morning Prayer and the Spiritual Conversation groups will take a break in July. We will resume on August 5th. The Spiritual Conversation will take a look at Pema Chödrön's book [When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times](#). *"The beautiful practicality of her teaching has made Pema Chödrön one of the most beloved of contemporary American spiritual authors among Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike. The book is a treasury of wisdom for going on living when we are overcome by pain and difficulties."*

The Bishop is coming to St. Benedict's! If you're in town, I hope you'll plan on being in church on Sunday, August 3 for Bishop Lucinda's visitation. Now is a great time to consider being Received, Confirmed, or Reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church, these are deeply meaningful sacramental rites and, in The Episcopal Church, can only be administered by a Bishop. If you'd like to know more about these rites, if you're curious, or are ready to sign up, please email Rev. Linzi.

SLO Deanery: The next SLO Deanery meeting which will be held at St. Paul's, Cambria on July 20 (beginning with a potluck lunch at 1:30pm). Clergy and convention delegates are expected to attend; this is how we hear about the work of the various committees of the diocese. Rev. Linzi and Fr. Ian will be offering a short presentation on the work of the College for Congregational Development; Rev. Linzi is a trainer in this network.

Kevin Cadigan's Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, July 26 at 2pm.

Bobbie Shields' Celebration of Life will be on Friday, August 1 at 2pm.

Both liturgies will be at St. Benedict's, all are invited and encouraged to attend.

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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