



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos ~

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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 ~

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

Welcome

Brian Spolarich

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

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

♪ Hymn #48

"O Day of radiant gladness"

Blue Hymnal

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our



beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our



low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the



“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

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Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things
that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled
to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

People: *Amen*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Reader: A Reading from the book of Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah,
Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 52:1-8,23-24

Deus deorum

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader: *A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

♪ Hymn #707

"Take my life"

Blue Hymnal

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

Luke 12:32-40

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Brian Spolarich

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

Affirmation of Faith

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

All: We trust in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We trust in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and 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

Holy One, we come to you for guidance.

We pray for pilgrims and seekers, for all who strive for a better world.

We ask your blessing on all who are seeking to extend their vision, their sensitivities, or their horizon.

We remember all who are seeking to live disciplined lives, all who are new to the faith, all who are learning about your truth and your presence.

Holy One, guide all leaders and teachers in your church.

Christ Jesus, we put our trust in you.

You are our hope and salvation.

We give thanks for all who have built up our world:

we pray for laborers and construction workers, members of the trades.

Holy God, give us the wisdom to build on firm foundations.

We ask your blessing upon all who live in poverty,
those who are forced to live in challenging and unsafe conditions,
all who live with little hope for a better future.

Christ Jesus, we put our trust in you.

You are our hope and salvation.

We give your thanks for all who have given us fresh understanding,
all who have increased our capacity to perceive the world around us and to love.

We pray for all who have shared their wisdom with us, for preachers, and teachers, for artists, and craftspeople, our friends, and our loved ones.

Christ Jesus, we put our trust in you.

You are our hope and salvation.

We pray for all whose abilities and potential are limited because of illness.

We remember all who are losing their mobility, all who struggle to communicate,
and all who are unable to care for themselves.

We pray for our 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 aloud]

Christ Jesus, we put our trust in you.

You are our hope and salvation.

You, God, will bring us to the Promised Land, where sorrow and pain are no more, but life and joy everlasting.

We come to you and seek your blessing upon our loved ones who have entered into the fullness of our peace.

Christ Jesus, we put our trust in you.

You are our hope and salvation.

Silence

Officiant: Holy God, make us aware of your presence,
make us sensitive to your abiding love and alert to your call,
that we may know that we dwell in you and you in us,
and that we may give ourselves to you in love and service;
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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.***

Please 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 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 any time via our website www.stbenslososos.org



♪ Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

LEVAS-184

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!____ O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,____ Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest,____ I in my

1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine!____ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight;____ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest;____ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, _____ Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. _____
 2. bove _____ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. _____
 3. bove, _____ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. _____

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, _____ Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; _____ This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, _____ Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. _____

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

♪ 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

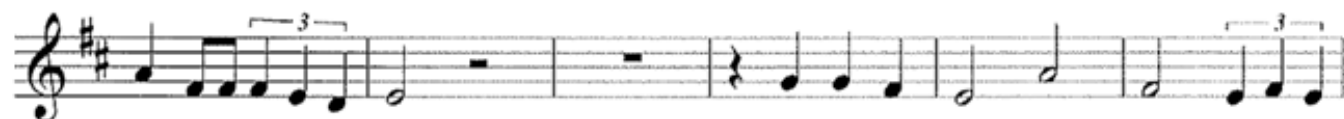
The Lord's Prayer

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

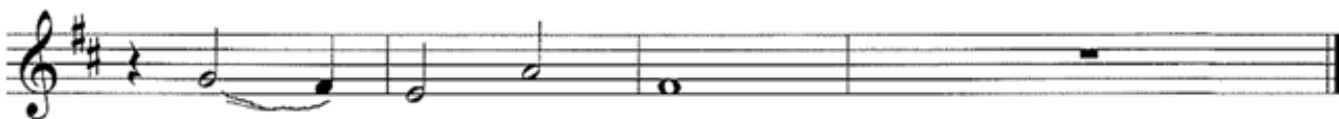
For the



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 #473

“Lift high the cross”

Blue Hymnal

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore_____ his sa - cred Name.



till all the world_____ a - dore_____ his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



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

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

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

Officiant:	Brian Spolarich
Preacher:	Brian Spolarich
Liturgy Assistant:	Bryson McKelvey
Lector:	Jane Wu
Flowers:	Sharon Porter
Ushers:	Maureen Titus & Barbara Schippers
Intercessor:	Helen Schnieders
Music:	Paul Burkle
Altar Guild:	Diana Hammerlund
Online Host:	Connie Weldon
Tellers:	Alice Welchert & Bryson McKelvey
Technical:	Hannah Matthews

This Week at St Ben's

Tuesday	Aug 12
9:45a	Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
10:30a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Saturday	Aug 16
9:00a	Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Cafe
3:00p	Memorial for Brian McHugh
Sunday	Aug 17
10:30a	Liturgy of the Word Service
12:30p	Parish Council Meeting

Announcements

Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation: The Tuesday Morning Prayer and the Spiritual Conversation groups have resumed meeting. The Spiritual Conversation is reading and discussing 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 Season of Creation begins in September: an international, ecumenical time of prayer, reflection, and action, it begins on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis. The central theme for this year is "Peace with Creation," inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

Foundations of Creation Care and Creation Justice: On September 20, the diocesan Social Justice Committee is hosting a conference, Spiritual Foundations of Creation Care and Creation Justice, this is a one-day, in-person conference, and will be held at Church of the Good Shepherd, in Salinas. Folks from St. Ben's Earthcare are planning on driving up, if you'd like to coordinate a ride please reach out to the group. There is a link in the Benediction Weekly.

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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