



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos ~

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28th, 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 ~

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

Welcome

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Opening Hymn # 381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness" Blue Hymnal



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

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Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: O Creator God, you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People: *Amen*

(please be seated for the readings)

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Reader: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

The chant setting will be played once through, then all chant the Psalm together, changing tone for the bolded word.



(b. 1930)

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most **High**, *
abides under the shadow of the Al-**mighty**.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my **stronghold**, *
my God in whom I put my **trust**."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the **hunter** *
and from the deadly **pestilence**.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his **wings**; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and **buckler**.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by **night**, *
nor of the arrow that flies by **day**;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the **darkness**, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-**day**.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I de-**liver him**; *
I will protect him, because he knows my **Name**.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will **answer him**; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to **honor**.

(repeat the second half of the chant setting)

- 16 With long life will I **satisfy him**, *
and show him my sal-**vation**.

A Reading from “Environment as the Responsibility of All”, by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Bartholomew (b. 1940) is the 270th Archbishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch, regarded as first among equals in the Eastern Orthodox Church. His efforts to promote religious freedom and human rights, his initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's religions, as well as his efforts to promote ecology and the protection of the environment, have earned him the title "The Green Patriarch".

Reader: Unfortunately, humanity has lost the liturgical relationship between the Creator God and the creation; instead of priests and stewards, human beings have been reduced to tyrants and abusers of nature. It is crucial, then, that we recognize and respond to the interconnection and interdependence between caring for the poor and caring for the earth. They are two sides of one and the same coin. Indeed, the way that we treat those who are suffering is reflected in the way that we approach the ecological crisis. And both of these in turn mirror the way that we perceive the divine mystery in all people and things, the way that we kneel in prayer before the living God.

Reader: Here ends the reading

(please stand as you are able as we welcome the Gospel)

♫ Hymn #628

“Help us O Lord to learn”

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.

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Luke 16:19-31

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send

Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

President: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caro Hall

[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 believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.
Amen.**

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Prayers of the People

Adapted from Glimpses of Glory by David Adams

Holy God, Creator of all, give us a sense of respect for all people:
let your church work for the good of all and the uplifting of those who are
downtrodden.

We pray for all relief organizations, for those working among the world's
poor.

We remember the church in its work with all those who have greatest need.
Holy One, guide us that we may be good stewards of what you have given
to us.

O God, make us a loving people
hear us and help us, O God.

We pray for all who work for poor pay, and for all who are forced to live in
poverty:

all who are abused and cheated in the world of work and trade.

We pray for all countries faced with unpayable debts, for places of famine
and hunger.

We remember all whose homes and land have been spoiled by war, by a
lack of respect for the earth, by the greed of multi-national corporations;
for all who are losing their heritage through the power of others.

O God, make us a loving people
hear us and help us, O God.

We give thanks for all who taught us love by loving us,
for those who gave us respect for ourselves and confidence.
Loving God, teach us to be open to the needs of others in our homes and in
our communities:
let us not be hardened or neglectful.
We pray for homes where there is no respect for each other,
where there is neglect and apathy, where there is abuse and animosity.

O God, make us a loving people
hear us and help us, O God.

We pray for all who lack well-being, those who are ill at home or in the
hospital.
We remember those who have no home or security, those who have no one
to care for them.
We pray for all who suffer through feeling unwanted or rejected,
all who have been betrayed in love, all who have been deserted.
We pray for friends and loved ones in their needs,
for all who are ill, for all who are suffering.

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]

O God, make us a loving people
hear us and help us, O God.

We give thanks for all who have entered the fullness of joy and peace with
you,
for all who are refreshed and restored in your kingdom.
We ask you to bless our friends and loved ones departed.

O God, make us a loving people
hear us and help us, O God.

Silence

Concluding collect

Good and gracious God, all that we have comes from you;
make us sensitive in all our dealings with each other and with your
whole creation. Grant that we may reflect your generosity in our lives to do
your will here on earth, that we may come to rejoice in your heavenly
kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

*Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.*

*We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us
and all that lives.*

*We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.*

*We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.*

*We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world
for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.*

*Forgive and renew us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live
and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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

The Peace

Presider: 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, may come forward. Prayers can be found on the white or yellow card in your pew.

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 www.stbenslososos.org at any time.



♫ Hymn #655

“O Jesus I have promised”

Blue Hymnal



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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(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

EOW Prayer 2

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the staves to indicate who sings each part.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

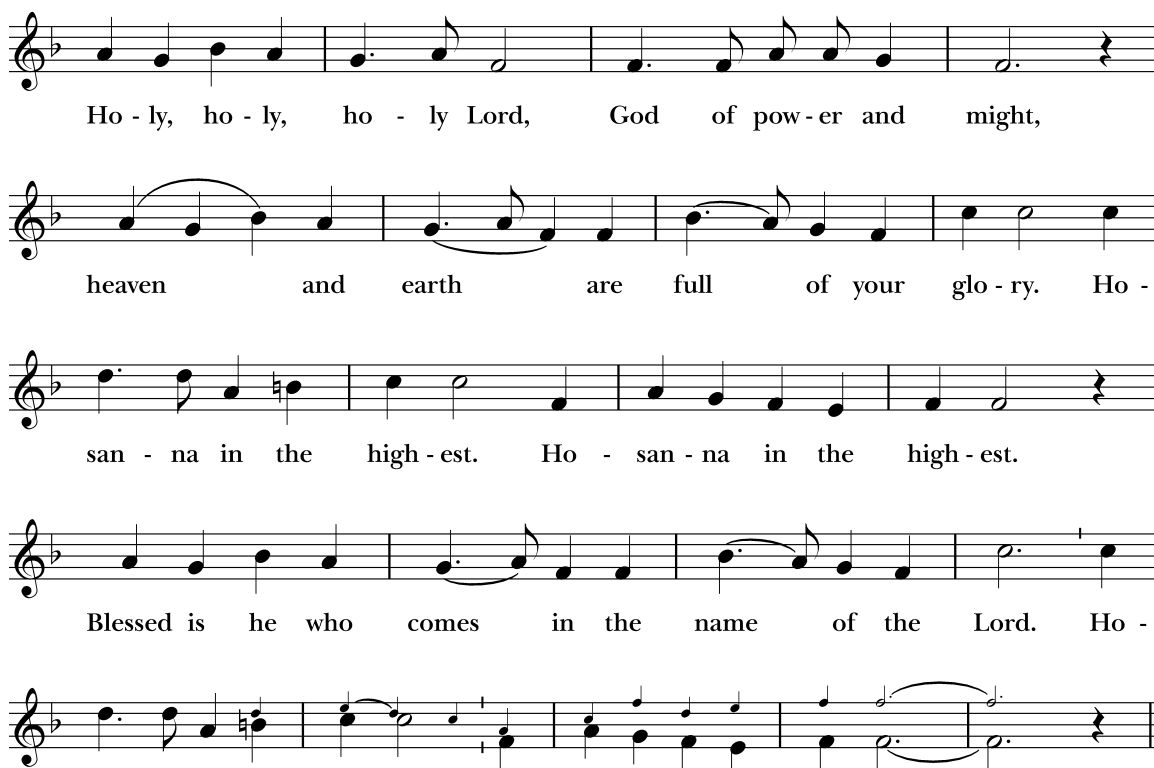
Staff 4: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

♪ Sanctus

S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. Slurs are used to group notes across measures, particularly in the phrases 'heaven and earth' and 'san - na in the high - est'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you,

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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Benedict the patron of this house and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to

feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer written by Martha Blacklock,
Mother Thunder Mission, "Honoring God in Creation"

The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the Bread

Fraction Anthem

S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Presider: This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People: *All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.*

Presider: 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.

Holy Communion

If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion when the celebrant invites your section forward. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

♪ Communion Music

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

♩ Hymn #704

“O thou who camest”

Blue Hymnal

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
 2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
 3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
 * 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of

les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
 bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
 speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
 faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less

sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
 source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
 ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
 mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Hereford*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

Silence

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitor If no visitation is to be made, prayer is not said.

When the Eucharist is brought to people at any place outside our walls, we say the following to send our Lay Eucharistic Visitors or other Ministry team members out with care and blessings.

Presider: In the name of this parish family, I send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, to _____. Together, we share in the body and blood of Christ. And we who are many are one Body because we share one Bread and one Cup.

All: *We who are many are one Body, because we share one Bread and one Cup. Amen*

(please stand as you are able)

Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

♫ Hymn #490 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

Blue Hymnal

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life — is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy — of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The tempo is marked 'a tempo'. The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.' The word 'Je' is followed by a long dash, indicating a sustained note.

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Dismissal

Presider: Tend the earth,
care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely,
so give freely.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

♪ Postlude

Original Improvisation
Paul Burkle

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Ministers of the Service

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| Presider: | The Rev. Dr. Caro Hall |
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| Eucharistic Minister: | Michael Lucas |
| Chalice: | Diana Hammerlund |
| Lector: | John Horsley |
| Flowers: | Sharon Porter |
| Usher: | Maureen Titus |
| Usher: | Jim Malone |
| Music: | Paul Burkle |
| Altar Guild: | Sarah Chesebro |
| Intercessor: | Sandy Fisher |
| Teller: | Alice Welchert |
| Teller: | Bryson McKelvey |
| Technical: | Hannah Matthews |
| Coffee Hour: | John Horsley & Steve Cake |

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This Week at St Ben's

Tuesday

9:45 a

10:30 a

Sep 30

Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)

Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)

Saturday

12:00 p

3:00 p

Oct 4

People's Kitchen

Blessing of the animals

@ Abundance Shop

Sunday

10:30 a

12:15 p

Oct 5

Eucharist Service

Potluck

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is 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:

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.
My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Blessing of the Animals will be in the yard at the Abundance Shop, on **Saturday, October 4**. We will have a short prayer service at 3pm, during which we'll bless those animals present, and offer prayers for all those companion animals we love. We could use some help planning and coming out on the day for this, so if you can help support this event, an important way St. Benedict's brings the love of God out into the community, please let Rev. Linzi know via email.

Announcements

Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation: The Spiritual Conversation group is reading 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 Feast of All Saints falls each year on November 1, but it's a feast day which can be moved to Sunday, so this year we'll observe this major feast day on Sunday, November 2. All Saints' is the day on which we remember the exemplary lives of the saints of the church, known and unknown, who lived remarkable lives of holiness and faith; during this liturgy we give thanks for their witness to the Gospel, and all the ways their lives continue to serve as an inspiration for our own.

All Souls' Day is November 2, the day after All Saints'. This year we'll be celebrating the Feast of All Saints at our morning service on November 2, and so we will observe All Souls' later that same day (on 11/2), at 5pm, with a candlelit service. All Souls' is a powerful time of remembrance of all those we love but see no longer, all those who have died in the faith, our beloveds, those whose memories we cherish, all the 'ordinary' believers. There will be more to come about this service, in the meantime, please mark your calendars and let friends and loved ones who might be interested know that everyone is invited and welcome.

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 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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