



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ *Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos* ~

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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, your presence here is a blessing! 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

(please stand as you are able)

Welcome

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

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

♪ Hymn #7

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Blue Hymnal

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect - day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People: *Amen*

(please be seated for the readings)

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Reader: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 66:1-11

Jubilate Deo

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Reader: *A Reading from Timothy*

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

People: Thanks be to God

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

♪ Hymn #633 “Word of God, come down on earth” Blue Hymnal



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be -



heaven de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heaven to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spi - rit, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

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we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
pi - ty spo - ken; heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
all truth lead us, Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

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Luke 17:11-19

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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 (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

Holy and Mighty God, how wonderful is all your creation;
we give you thanks and praise for all you have given to us.
We pray for the work of the church among the scorned and rejected, among
those who live on the edges of society.
We pray for the church's work among those suffering with difficult
illnesses, and among all those of whom society is afraid or scornful.
We pray for Christian who work in dangerous or lonely places;
we remember those who suffer persecution for their faith.

O God, you are our hope.

We put our trust in you.

We pray for the overcrowded areas cities, for areas of deprivation and
places where people are trapped in poor conditions.

We pray for all who are not allowed a fair chance in life because of where
they come from or because of their looks.

We remember all areas where there is prejudice and hostility, all places
where there is racism and exclusion.

O God, you are our hope.

We put our trust in you.

We give thanks for those who have accepted us as we are, and we pray for
our friends and our loved ones,
that our communities may be places of peace and mutual love,
that we may learn respect for all peoples.
We remember all those who feel rejected and unloved.

O God, you are our hope.
We put our trust in you.

We pray for all whose lives have been altered by accident, injury, or illness.
We remember those who suffer because of the thoughtlessness and cruelty of others.

We pray for all who are working with people with contagious diseases.
We remember friends and loved ones who are ill at this time.

We pray especially for 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, you are our hope.
We put our trust in you.

We give thanks that you heal and renew your people.
We pray for loved ones who have been received into your glory.

O God, you are our hope.
We put our trust in you.

Silence

Officiant: O merciful God, by your grace you have called us,
not as we deserve but in your goodness and generosity;
guard and protect us in our calling,
that we may be strong in the faith and serve you in joy and
love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, 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, may come forward. Prayers can be found on the white or yellow card in your pew.

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 #401

“The God of Abraham praise”

Blue Hymnal

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” cry, “Al - might - y King!
5 “Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

(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***

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.*

(please stand as you are able)

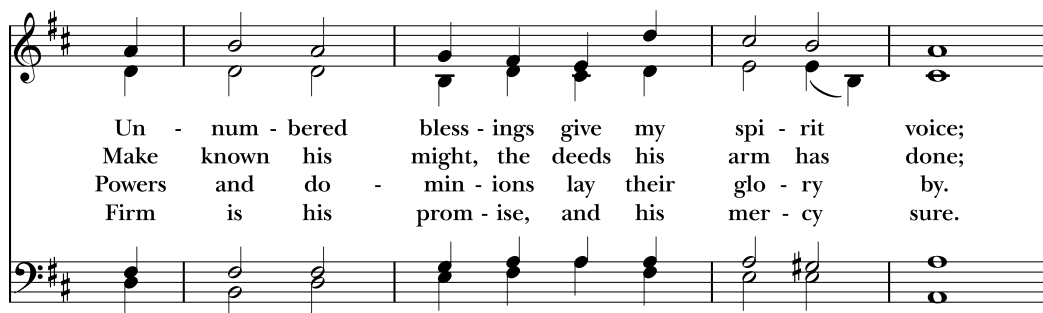
♩ Hymn #437

"Tell out, my soul"

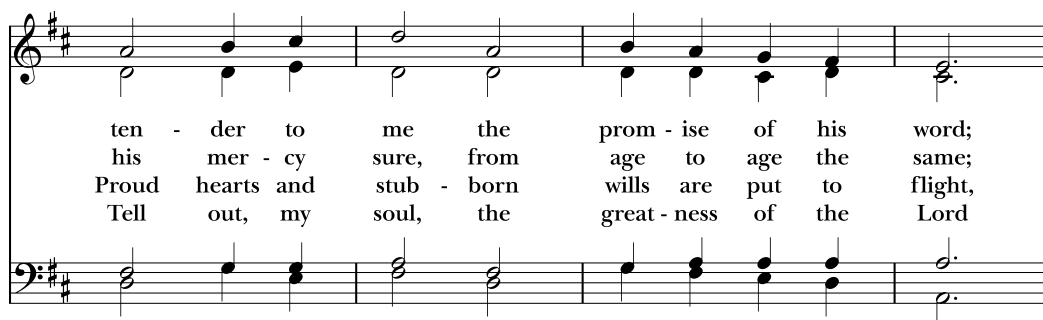
Blue Hymnal



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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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

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Ministers of the Service

Officiant: Sandy Fisher
Preacher: Sandy Fisher
Liturgy Assistant: Lisa Gonzalez
Lector: Bob Pelfrey
Flowers: Pamela Bleisch
Ushers: Maureen Titus & Barbara Schippers
Intercessor: Louisa Beeler
Music: Paul Burkle
Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund
Online Host: Elaine Beckham
Tellers: Steve Cake & Bryson McKelvey
Technical: Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host: Maureen Titus

This Week at St Ben's

Monday	Oct 13
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
Tuesday	Oct 14
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
9:45 a	Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
10:30 a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Wednesday	Oct 15
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
3:00 p	Earthcare (Zoom)
Thursday	Oct 16
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
6:00 p	Choir Practice
Friday	Oct 17
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)

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 (<https://www.venite.app/>) or their downloadable app. Join Morning Prayer by finding the link on the website Calendar Page or Worship Page.

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."*

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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