



St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

Tending Mind & Soul in Los Osos, CA

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, **you are welcome here!**

If the customs of the Episcopal Church are unfamiliar to you,
you're invited to simply rest into this sacred time and space,
and let the congregation carry you in worship.

You're presence here today is a blessing!

November 9th, 2025

~ **Prelude** ~

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

Welcome

(please stand as you are able)

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

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

♫ Hymn #427

“When morning gilds the skies”

Blue Hymnal

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People: *Amen*

(please be seated for the readings)

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Reader: *A Reading from the book of Haggai*

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says

the Lord of hosts.

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

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Reader: *Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians*

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 #412

“Earth and all stars” v.1-3

Blue Hymnal



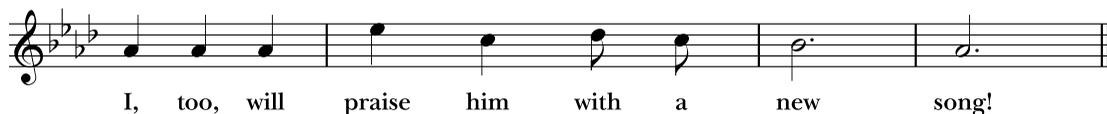
1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



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Luke 20:27-38

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Michael Lucas

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

Affirmation of Faith (please stand as you are able)

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

*All: We trust in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We trust in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.*

Through him all things were made.

*For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We trust in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We trust in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Adapted from Glimpses of Glory by David Adams

Holy God, guide your church as it navigates a most troubling present moment, keep it in your ways of truth and peace; and may it stand, always, for justice and righteousness. We pray for Christians who are being persecuted, for those edged out of their communities, and those who are imprisoned for their faith. May we, and the church to which we belong, be faithful to you and ready to serve those who are in need.

Almighty God, keep us under your protection.
Deliver us from all that is evil.

We pray for all whose lives are often at risk as they serve: those in the armed forces, in the police, those who serve in the fire service, and all first responders who attend accidents and disasters. Bless and protect all those who are in danger at this time. We ask your blessing, also, on all travelers.

Almighty God, keep us under your protection.
Deliver us from all that is evil.

We give you thanks for the place we call home.
Protect, we pray, all who have lost their homes through debt or disaster.
Guide all who are having difficulties in their relationships, all whose
relationships are breaking down.
We pray for all who seek to give their lives in love and service.

Almighty God, keep us under your protection.
Deliver us from all that is evil.

We remember before you all who are struggling with life,
all who are disillusioned, discouraged, or despairing,
all who are without vision or hope.
Bless all involved in accidents or who are taken ill today;
we remember those who are chronically ill and all those who are dying.
We pray for loved ones in their need.

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]

Almighty God, keep us under your protection.
Deliver us from all that is evil.

We give thanks that you bear us up and do not suffer us to face destruction;
you offer us life, which is eternal.
We pray for loved ones departed, for all who have left sorrow and pain for
life and love eternal.

Almighty God, keep us under your protection.
Deliver us from all that is evil

Silence

Officiant: Eternal God,
you give us love, you give us life, you give us yourself;
help us to give our love, our lives, ourselves to you,
that we may dwell in you and you in us;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. *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 #669 "Commit thou all that grieves thee" Blue Hymnal

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with
2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -
3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -
4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful - mer - cy the
cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for
right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their
fraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their
 thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it
 an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom
 keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis
 bring thee to pine in grief and care? God
 choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and
 mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.
 ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.
 bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.
 in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

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 adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

(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,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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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 #481

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Blue Hymnal



1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

Refrain



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

1-3



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -

Final Ending



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -



gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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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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is from the outline in the Book of Common Prayer.
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Ministers of the Service

Officiant:	Michael Lucas
Preacher:	Micheal Lucas
Liturgy Assistant:	Sandy Fisher
Lector:	Bob Pelfrey
Flowers:	Elaine Beckham
Ushers:	Lisa Gonzalez & Barbara Schippers
Intercessor:	Helen Schnieders
Music:	Paul Burkle
Altar Guild:	Pat Stoneman
Online Host:	Don Maruska
Tellers:	Sandy Fisher & Bryson McKelvey
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	Maureen Titus

This Week at St Ben's

Monday	Nov 10
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
Tuesday	Nov 11
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
9:45 a	Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
10:30 a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Wednesday	Nov 12
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
Thursday	Nov 13
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
6:00 p	Choir Practice
Friday	Nov 14
8:30 a	Morning Prayers (Zoom)
Saturday	Nov 15
9:00 a	Men's Breakfast Group

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."*

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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