St. Benedict's
Episcopal Church
Tending Mind & Soul
in Los Osos, CA

November 8th, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
with Confirmation & Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
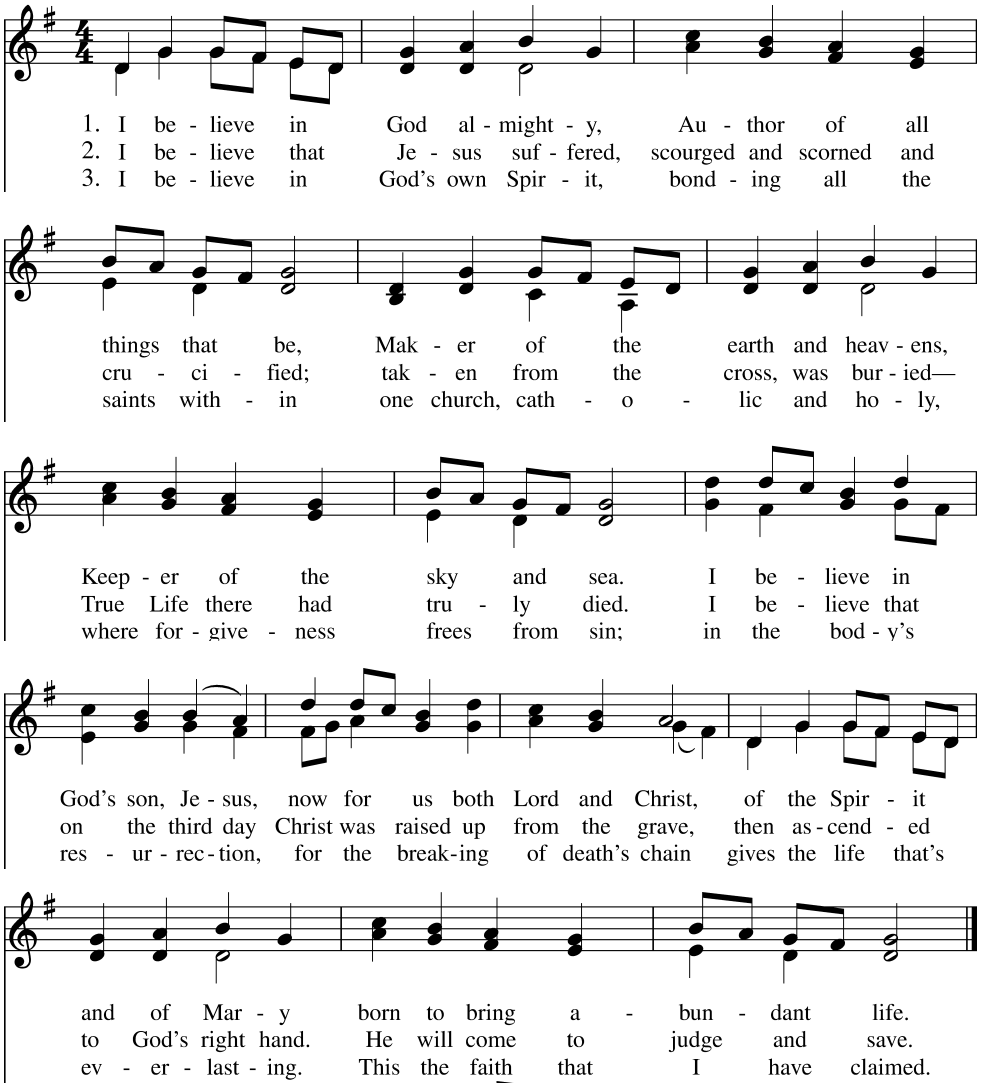
~ Prelude ~
Original Improvisation
Paul Burkle

Welcome The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***
Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

♪ Hymn #769 "I believe in God almighty" WLP



Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Presider: 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.*

please be seated for the readings

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”
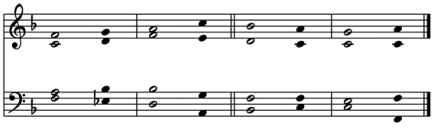
But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ Psalm 78:1-7

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1 Hear my teaching, O my **people;** *
incline your ears to the words of my **mouth**.

2 I will open my mouth in a **parable**; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient **times**.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have **told us**, *
we will not hide from their **children**.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the **Lord**, *
and the wonderful works he has **done**.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for **Israel**, *
which he commanded them to teach their **children**;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un-**born**; *
that they in their turn might tell it to **their children**;

repeat the second half of the chant for the last verse

7 So that they might put their trust in **God**, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his com-**mandments**;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself,

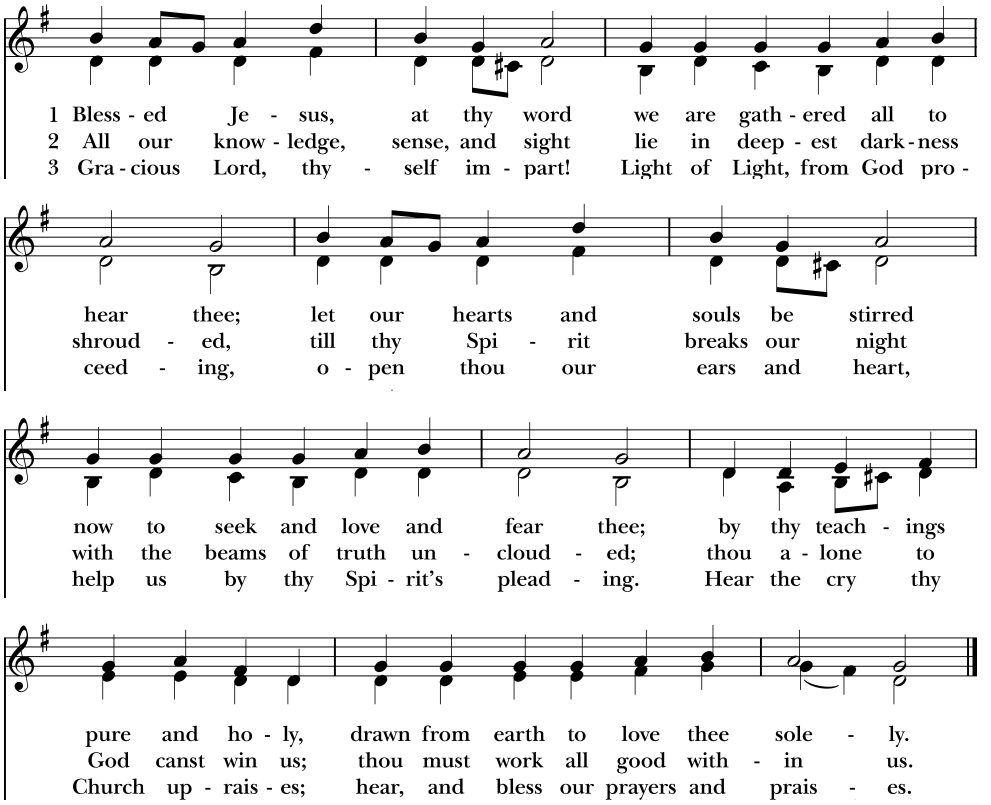
with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 #440 "Blessed Jesus, at thy word" (verse 1 only) Blue Hymnal



Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew
People: ***Glory to You, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.
People: ***Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

Sermon The Right Reverend Lucinda Ashby

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters: I present Hannah for Confirmation.

I present [Bryson; Gary; Lisa] who desires to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty,***
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.***
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,***
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***
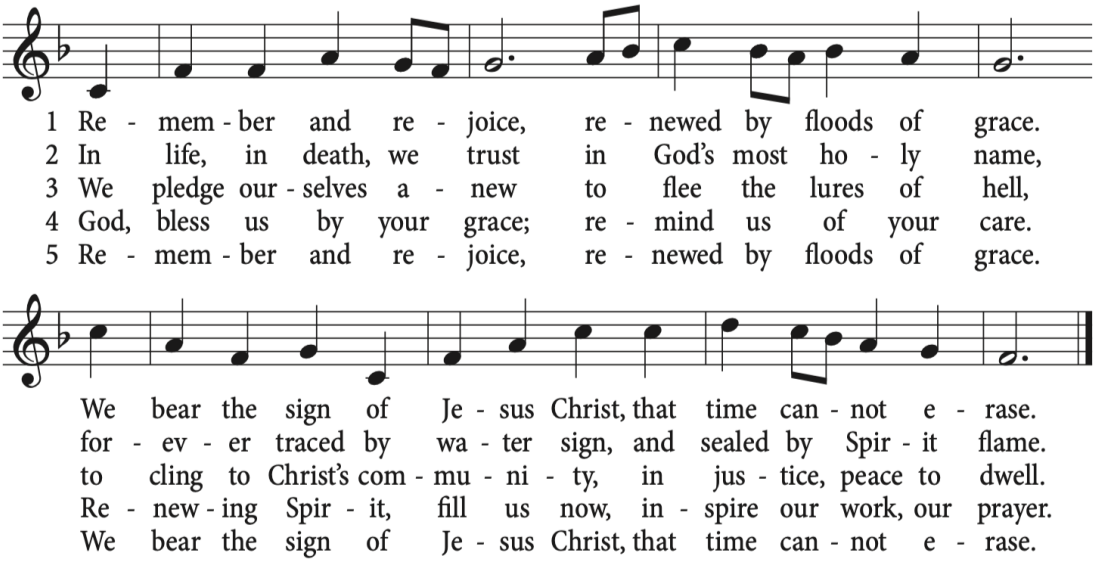
Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Baptismal Sprinkling

The congregation is sprinkled with baptismal water as a sign and reminder of our Baptism.

♪ Hymn #304 "Remember and Rejoice" Take Up the Song



Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deacon: Deliver Hannah, Gary, Bryson, and Lisa, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: ***Christ, hear our prayer.***

Deacon: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: ***Christ, hear our prayer.***

Deacon: Fill them with you holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: ***Christ, hear our prayer.***

Deacon: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: ***Christ, hear our prayer.***

Deacon: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Christ, hear our prayer.***

Deacon: Send them into the world in witness to you love.

People: ***Christ, hear our prayer.***

Deacon: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: ***Christ, hear our prayer.***

A period of silence follows.

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism.

Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon Hannah and prays

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Hannah with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. ***Amen.***

For Reaffirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon Bryson, Gary, and Lisa, in turn, praying

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. ***Amen.***

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***
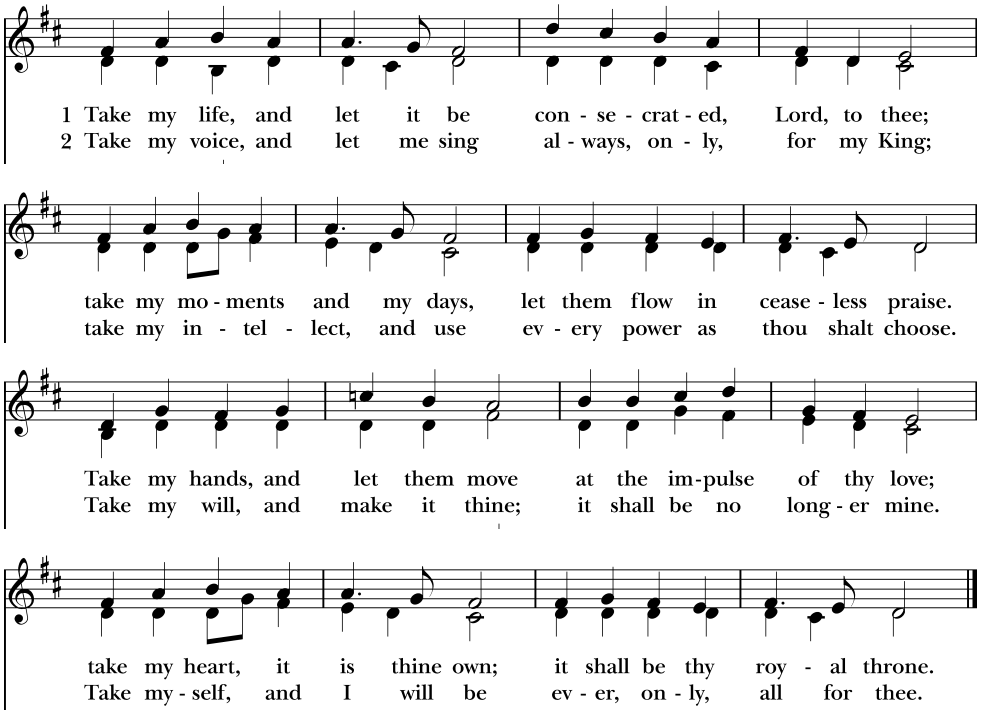
The congregation may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements

The Offertory

You are invited to make a thank offering. If you do not contribute financially today please give thanks for God's blessing as the plate is passed. You can also contribute by scanning the QR Code or at our website www.stbenslososos.org

♪ Hymn #707 "Take my life, and let it be" Blue Hymnal



♪ Doxology: [Hymn tune #400]

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***

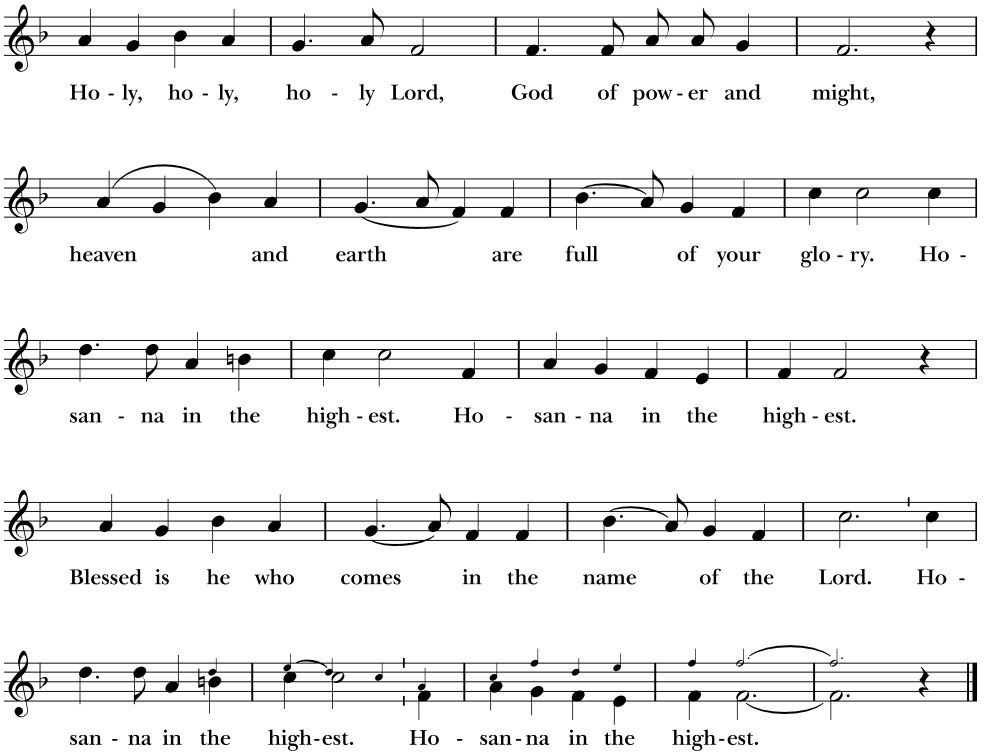
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

♪ Sanctus

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The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
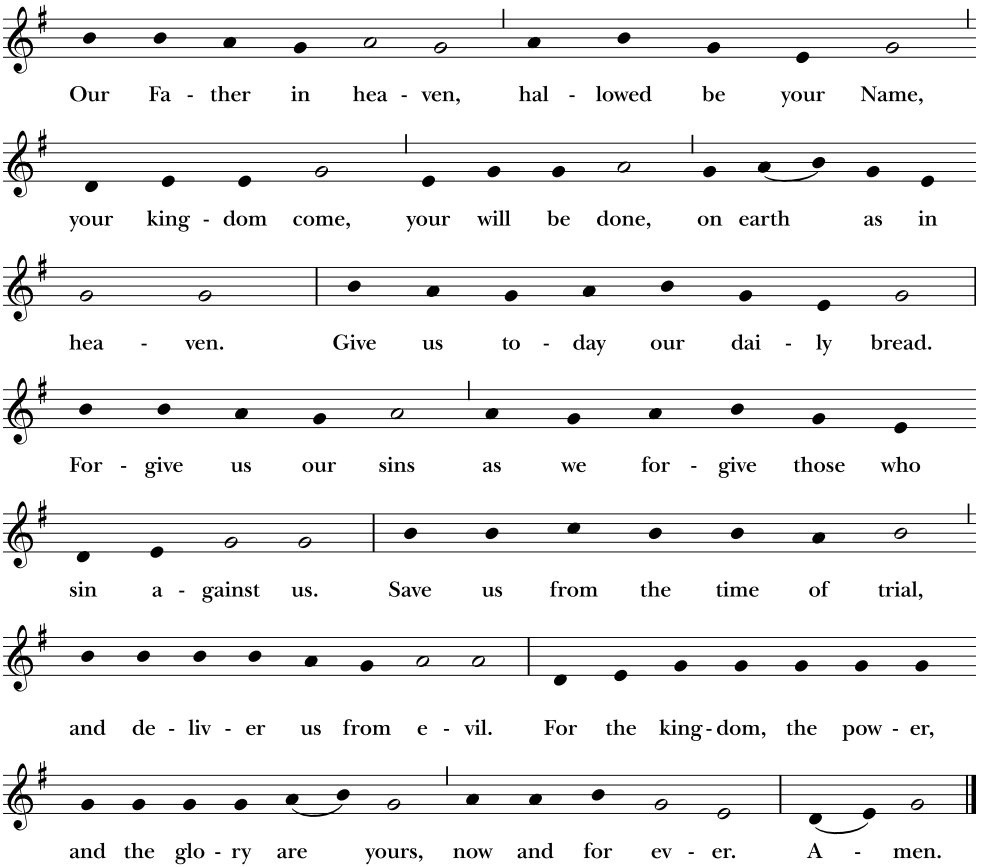
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Benedict and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

♪ The Lord's Prayer

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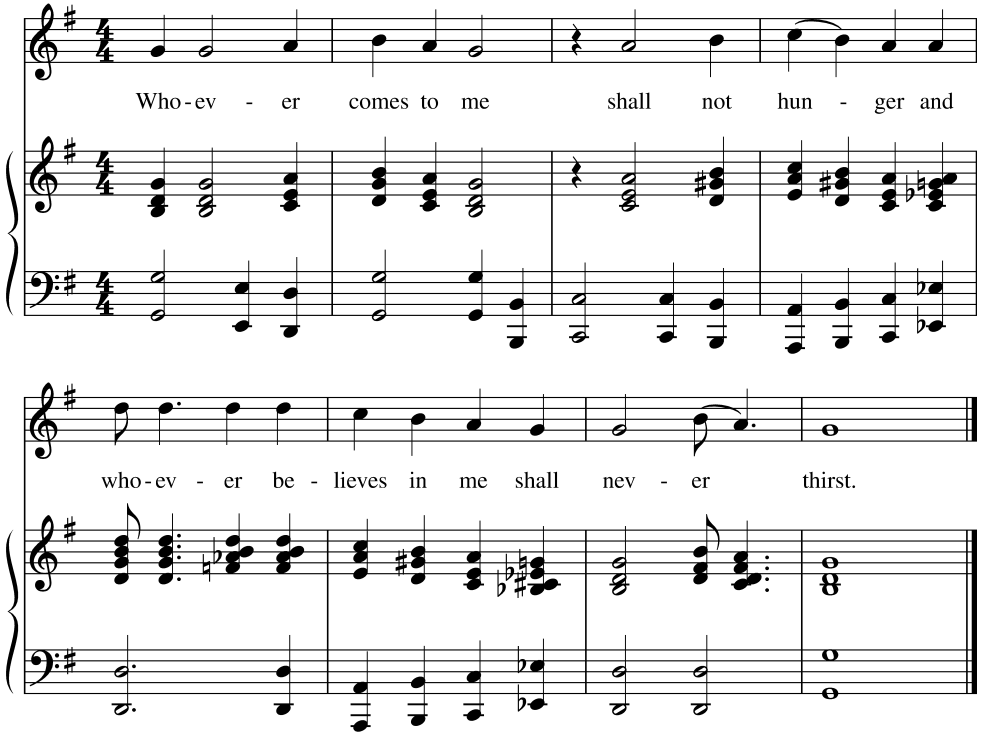


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The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem

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Holy Communion

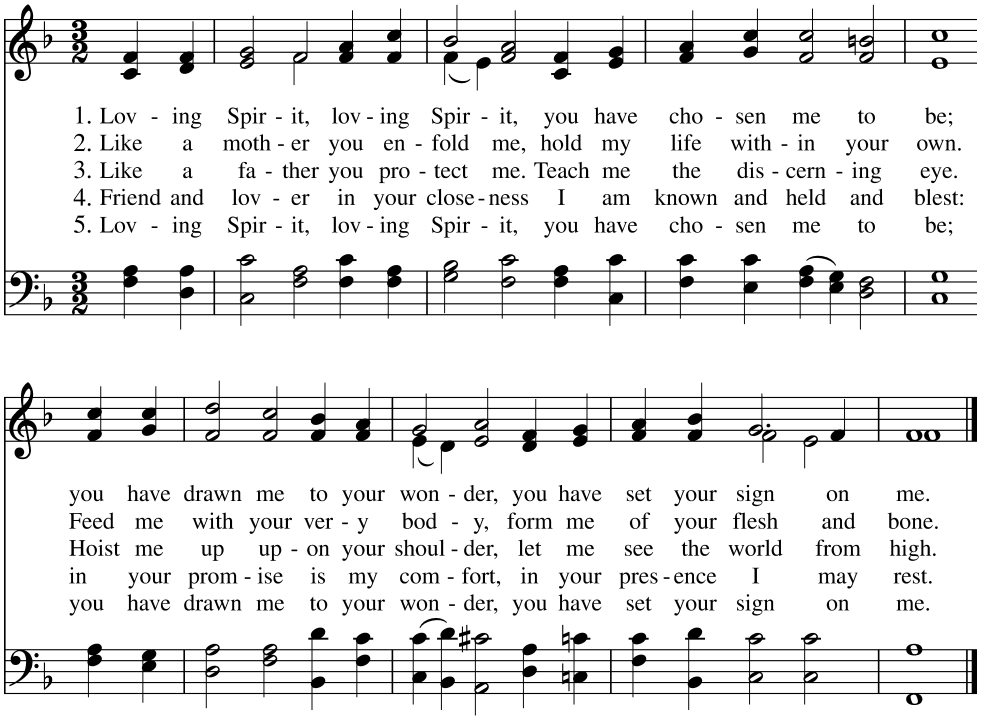
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If God is calling you, you are welcome to receive communion when the Presider invites your section forward.

♪ Choir Anthem **"The Eyes of All"** - Berger

A time of silence and stillness is observed

♪ Postcommunion Hymn "Loving Spirit"



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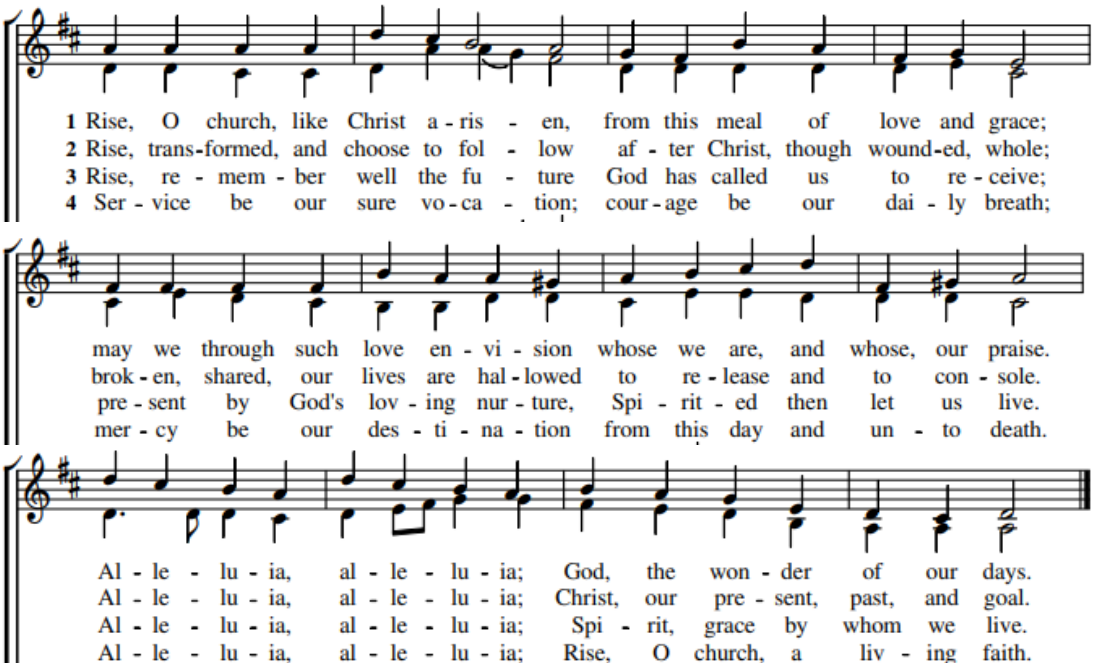
(please stand as you are able)

Prayer

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

♪ Hymn "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"



Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

♪ Postlude

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Ministers of the Service

Presider:	The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker
Preacher/Celebrant:	The Right Reverend Lucinda Ashby
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Sharon Dalrymple
Bishops Chaplin:	Brian Spolarich
Altar Guild:	Diana Hammerlund
Eucharistic Minister:	Alan Kiste
Lectors:	Jane Wu, John Horsley
Flowers:	Pamela Bleisch
Usher:	Lisa Gonzalez
Usher:	Michael Lucas
Music:	Paul Burkle
Intercessor:	Helen Schnieders
Tellers:	Bryson McKelvey, Alice Welchert
Online Host:	Don Maruska
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	Bob and Kirsten Pelfrey

This Week at St. Ben's

Monday	Nov 9
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday	Nov 10
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
9:45 a	Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
10:30 a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
11:30p	Bible Study
Wednesday	Nov 11
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
3:00 p	Earthcare
Thursday	Nov 12
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
6:00 p	Choir Practice
Friday	Nov 13
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Saturday	Nov 14
9:00 a	Pollinator Garden Planting Day

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Our Mission Statement

St. Benedict's is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and invites spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry, and commitment to social justice.

Our Inclusivity Statement

St. Benedict's strives to welcome all, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic condition, or physical or mental ability.

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