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

November 15th, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

~ Prelude ~

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

At the sound of the bell the congregation is invited to observe a few moments of silence and stillness to prepare for worship.

♪Choir Anthem "**Sing a Jubilant Song**" - Stanton

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 #293 "People of God" (vs. 1-3 only) Take Up the Song



Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

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

Presider: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

please be seated for the readings

Judges 4:1-7

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ Psalm 123

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1 To you I lift up my **eyes**, *
to you enthroned in the **heavens.**

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand
of their **masters**, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her **mistress**,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our **God**, *
until he show us his **mercy**.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have **mercy,** *
for we have had more than enough of con-**tempt,**

repeat the second half of the chant for the last verse

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent **rich**, *
and of the derision of the **proud**.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 #631 "Book of books" (vs. 1 and 2 only) Blue Hymnal



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Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: ***Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker

Silence

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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

All:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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 believe 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 believe 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

Bless the mission of the church, as it seeks to reveal your kingdom.
May we be seen as children of the day, and not of the night, that we may encourage and build up one another in the faith,
that each of us may use our talents to the benefit of others and to your glory.

We pray for all evangelists and preachers of the Word.

Savior of the world,
save us and help us.

We remember before you all those who exercise their gifts in the building up of society.
We pray for those whose talents cannot be used through no fault of their own: those who are living in poverty, those who are struggling to survive oppression, those who are marginalized or peripheralized by the world.

We remember all who are frustrated in their work or in their lives.

We pray for those whose world is collapsing around them.

Savior of the world,
save us and help us.

We rejoice in the gifts you have given to us;
may we share them and use them rightly and in support of the common good.

We pray for folks with creative talents, especially for musicians, artists, writers, craftspeople, scientists, researcher workers and innovators.

Savior of the world,
save us and help us.

We remember all who are navigating diagnoses and sickness, all who are having to manage disability, immobility, or dependence on others.

We pray for all who are in need, especially for those in our Bidding Book:

[here prayers are added from the bidding book and
you are invited to add your own prayers silently or aloud]

Savior of the world,
save us and help us.

We rejoice in the saints of God, all who have triumphed over the difficulties and struggles of life and now have the glorious liberty of the children of God.

We pray for all friends and loved ones departed, especially ...

Savior of the world,
save us and help us.

Presider:

O God, we pray that we may be found ready at your coming:
may we heed your call and do your will.
Guide your church that it may show forth your lights and love;
through Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: ***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.

Absolution

Presider: Almighty 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

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 #490 "I want to walk as a child of the light" Blue Hymnal

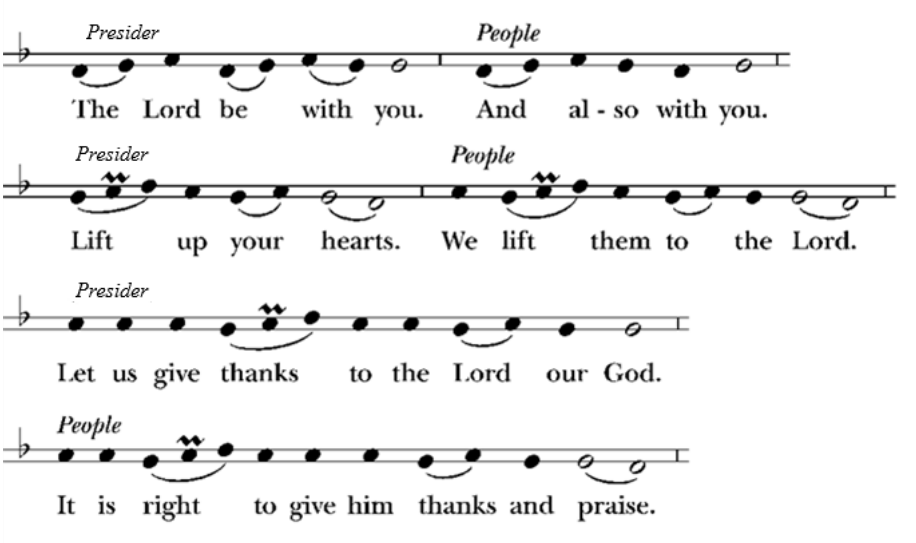


♪ Doxology: [Hymn tune #400]

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



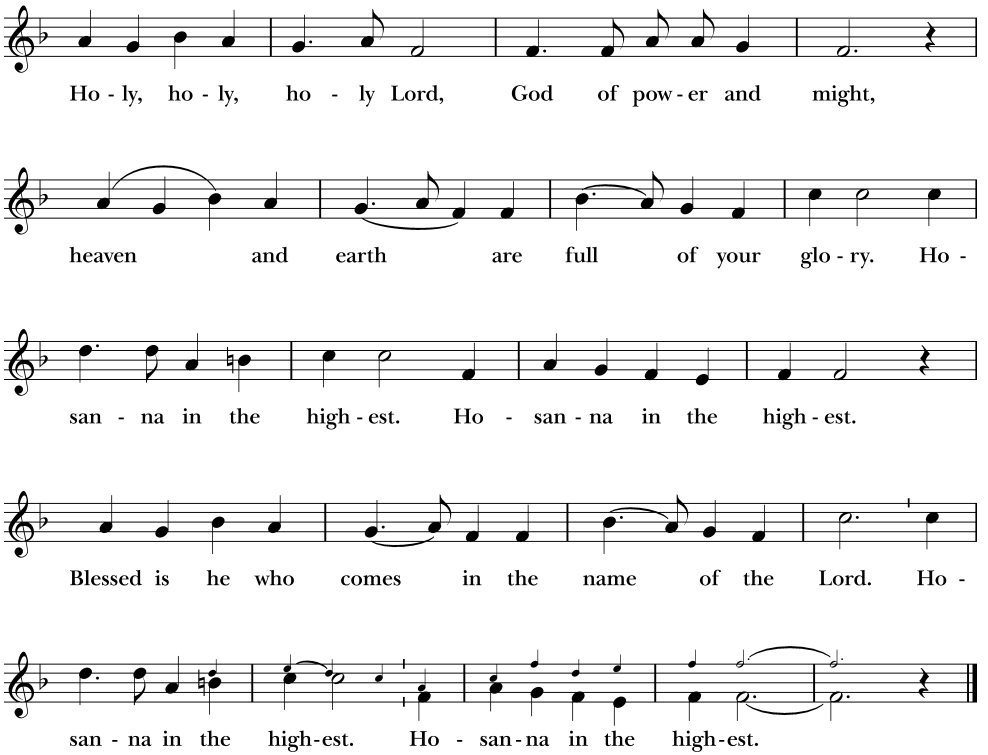
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Maker of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

♪ Sanctus

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The Presider 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 Presider continues

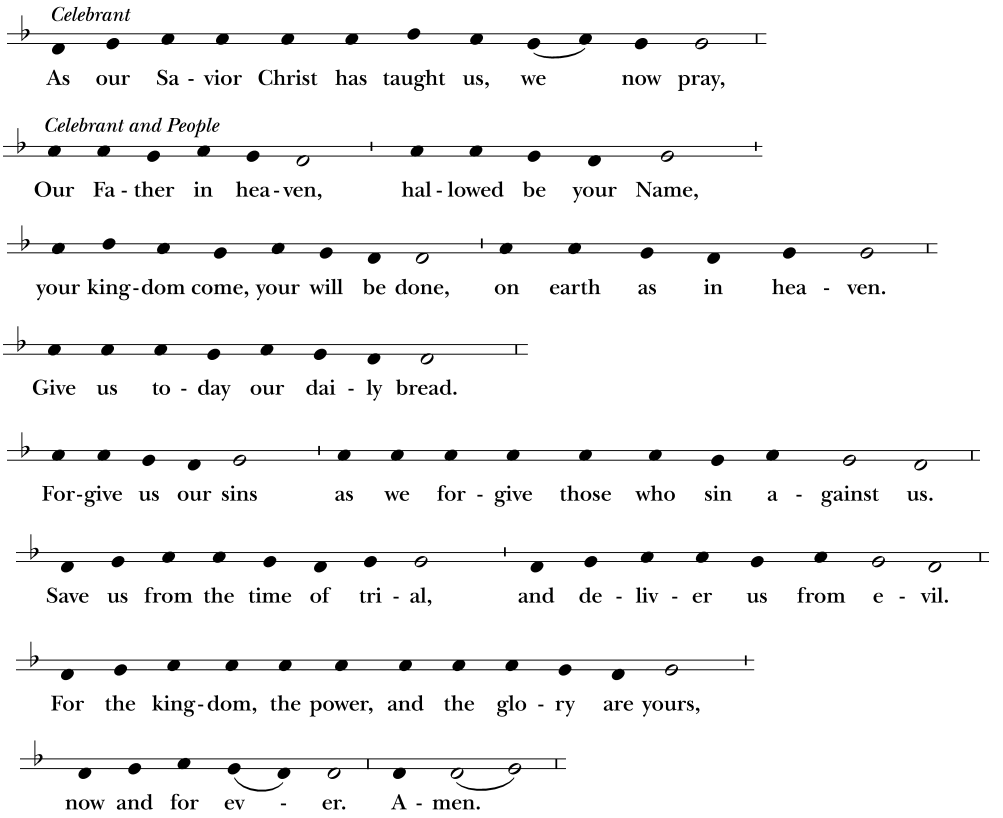
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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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The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem

WLP 878



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Holy Communion

Presider: 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.

♪ Communion Music

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

A time of silence and stillness is observed

♪ Postcommunion Hymn #312 "O Bread of Life" Take Up the Song



(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 "We Are One in the Spirit"



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

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Usher:	Maureen Titus
Music:	Paul Burkle
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Coffee Hour Host:	Lisa Gonzalez

This Week at St. Ben's

Monday	Nov 16
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday	Nov 17
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 18
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
3:00 p	Earthcare
Thursday	Nov 19
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
6:00 p	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Friday	Nov 20
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Saturday	Nov 21
9:00 a	Men's Breakfast Group @ Celias
9:00 a	Pollinator Garden Planting Day

Land Acknowledgment

St. Benedict's acknowledges with gratitude the yak tityu tityu yak tiłhini (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 the people of this parish 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 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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