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

Last Sunday After Pentecost

November 22nd, 2026
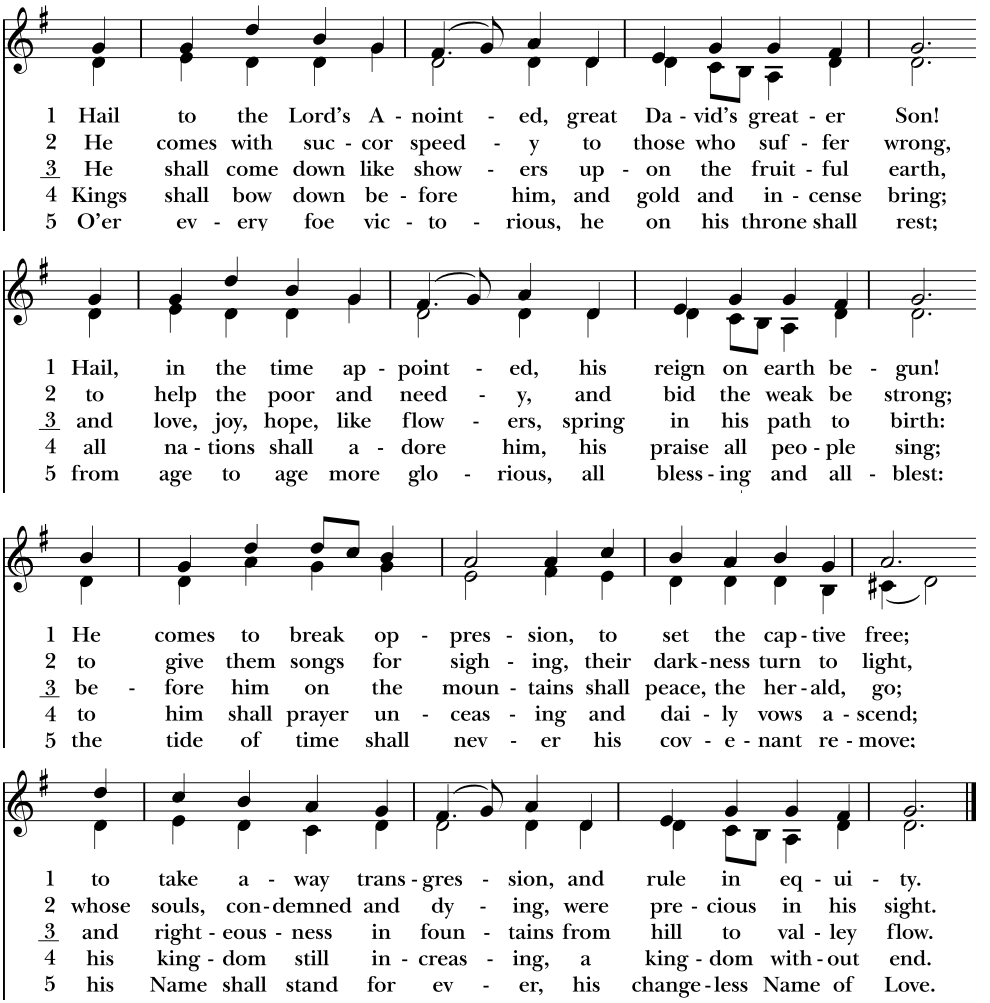
Christ the King

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 #616 "**Hail to the Lord's Anointed**" (vs. 1, 4 and 5 only) Blue Hymnal



Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

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

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords:

Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

please be seated for the readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

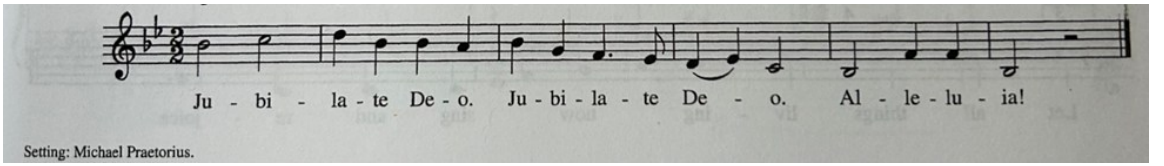
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

♪ Psalm 100

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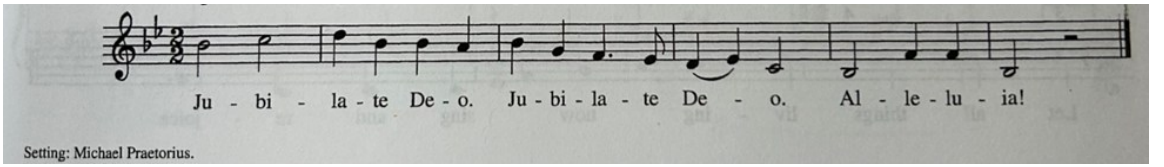
1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

All repeat the antiphon



Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
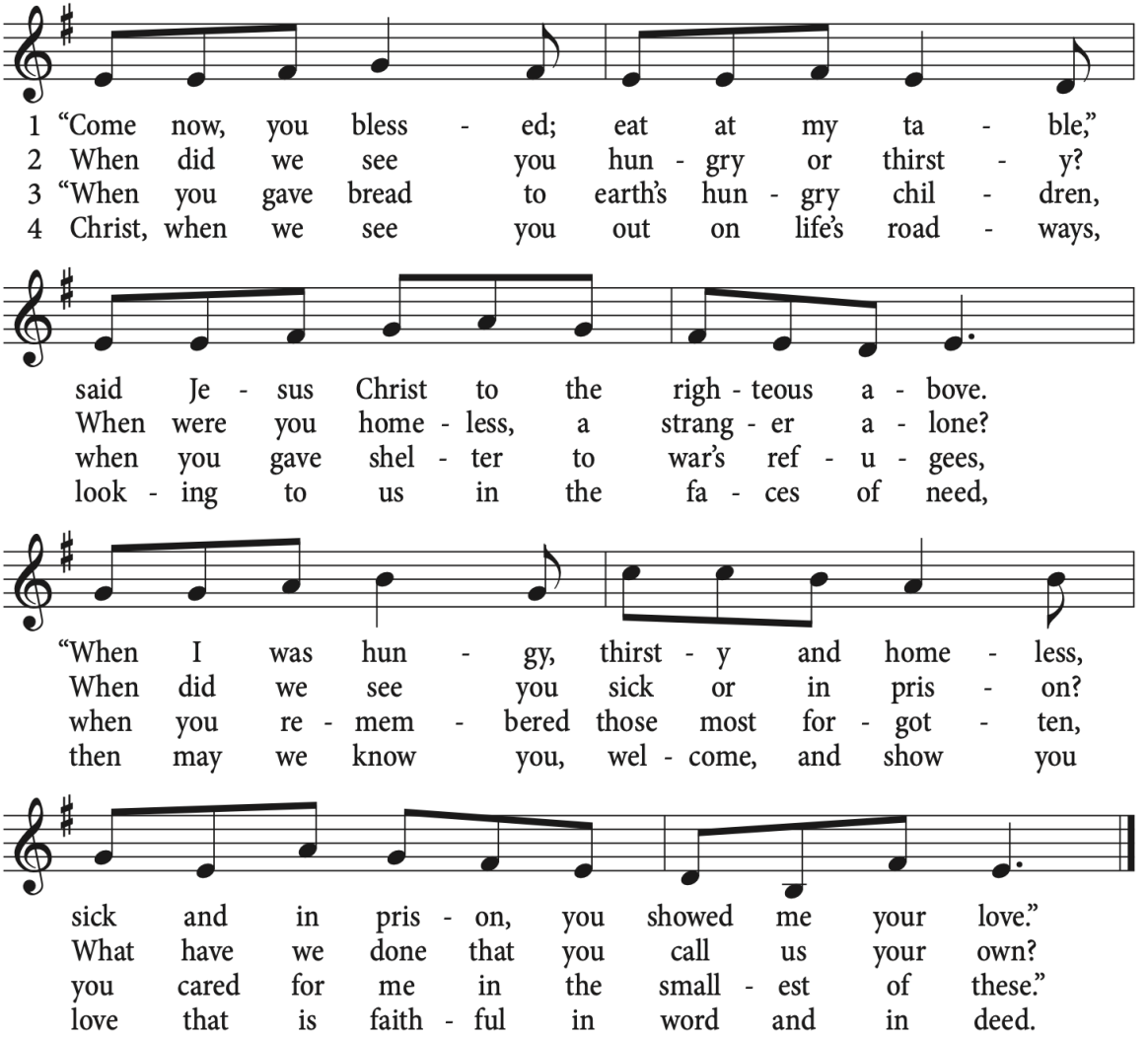
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

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

♪ Hymn #268 **"Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table"** Take Up the Song

verses 1 & 2 sung are sung before the Gospel, vs. 3 & 4 are sung following the Gospel



Matthew 25:31-46

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew

People:* *Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

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

♪ Hymn #268 "**Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table**" Take Up the Song

verses 3 & 4, see previous page

Sermon

Lisa Gonzalez

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

Christ, we confess you as King of kings and Lord of lords;
come, rule in our hearts and claim us as part of your kingdom.
We seek to dedicate our lives to you and to your glory.

We pray for all who are working for the bringing in of your kingdom,
for those striving for justice, peace, and freedom.

Christ Jesus, we seek to do your will.
May your kingdom come.

We pray for rulers of peoples, for leaders of nations,
that they may govern with gentleness and integrity.
We remember all who suffer from injustice.
We pray for the scorned and rejected people of our world,
for all who have lost their freedom,
for all who are deprived of their basic rights.

Christ Jesus, we seek to do your will.
May your kingdom come.

Christ Jesus, we pray that you rule in our hearts, that you rule in our homes,
that you rule in our lives, that you transform your people.

Christ Jesus, we seek to do your will.
May your kingdom come.

We pray for all who are struggling, and for all who cannot cope.
We remember the vulnerable who need protection, those who are lost and long for salvation.
We remember the hungry, the thirsty, and the naked, we remember those who are imprisoned, and those who have no home.

We pray for friends and loved ones who are in need.

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]

Christ Jesus, we seek to do your will.
May your kingdom come.

Christ, O King, ruler of heaven and earth,
in you we triumph over darkness and death, in you we have life eternal.

We pray for all our loved ones departed this life,
that they may be one with you and your saints in your everlasting kingdom;
and that we, setting our hearts on things above,
may be raised up, with them, to that heavenly place
where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Christ Jesus, we seek to do your will.
May your kingdom come.

Presider:

You are the king of Glory, O Christ, you are the everlasting Son of the Father; accept these, the prayers of your people, and in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and upon all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: ***God of all mercy,***
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.***
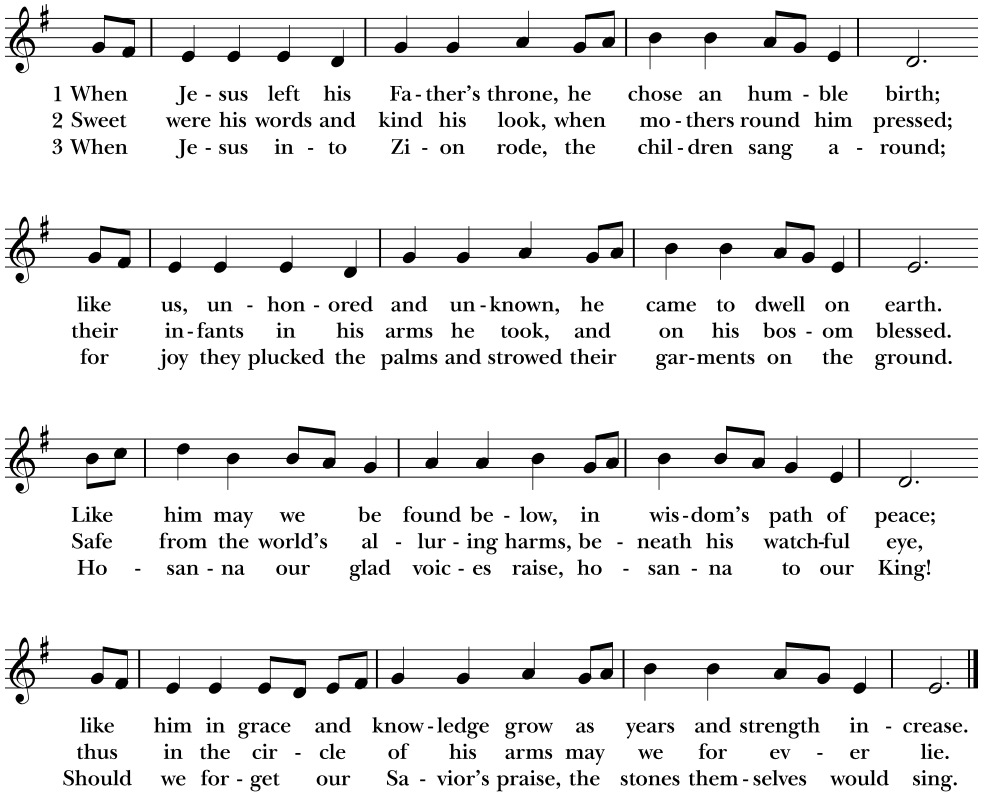
The congregation may greet one another in the name of Christ.

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 #480 "When Jesus left his Father's throne" Blue Hymnal



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♪ 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

On the 4th Sunday of the month, it has long been St. Benedict's custom to use the Eucharistic Prayer from the Iona Community [iona.uk.org]. The Iona Community is an international, ecumenical Christian movement, working for peace and justice, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship.

Presider:

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Presider: May Christ be with you,

All: ***And also with you.***

Presider: Lift up your hearts,

All: ***We lift them up to God.***

Presider: Let us give thanks to God,

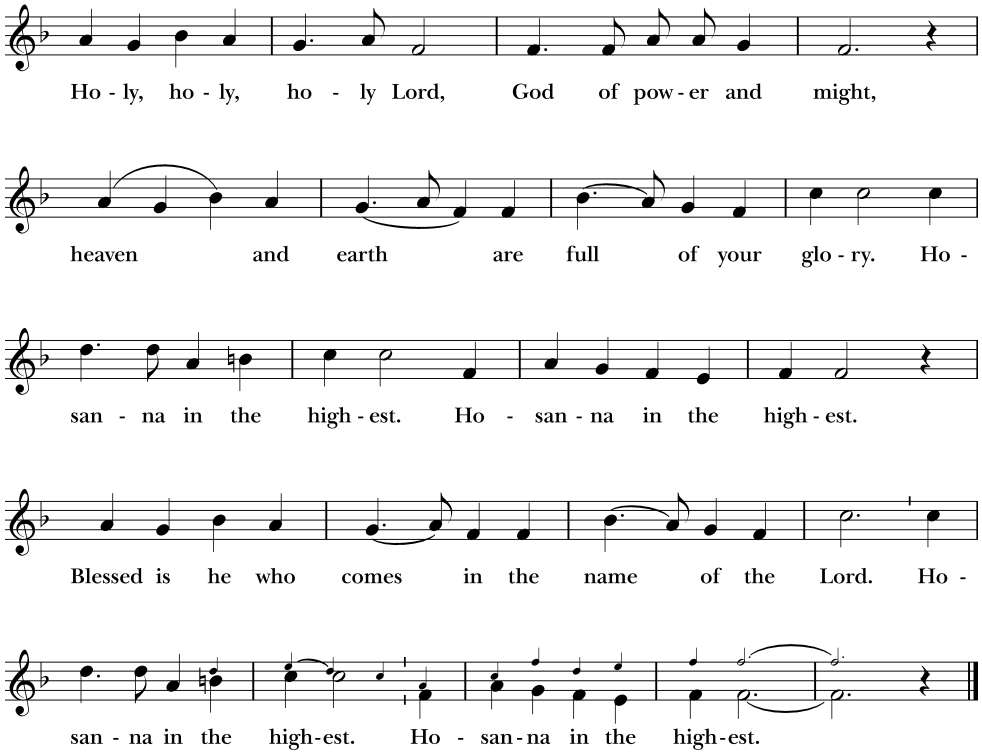
All: ***It is right to give both thanks and praise.***

Presider: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us, with the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, with siblings east and west, north and south, we sing to you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

♪ Sanctus

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The Presider continues

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given to you." In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God."

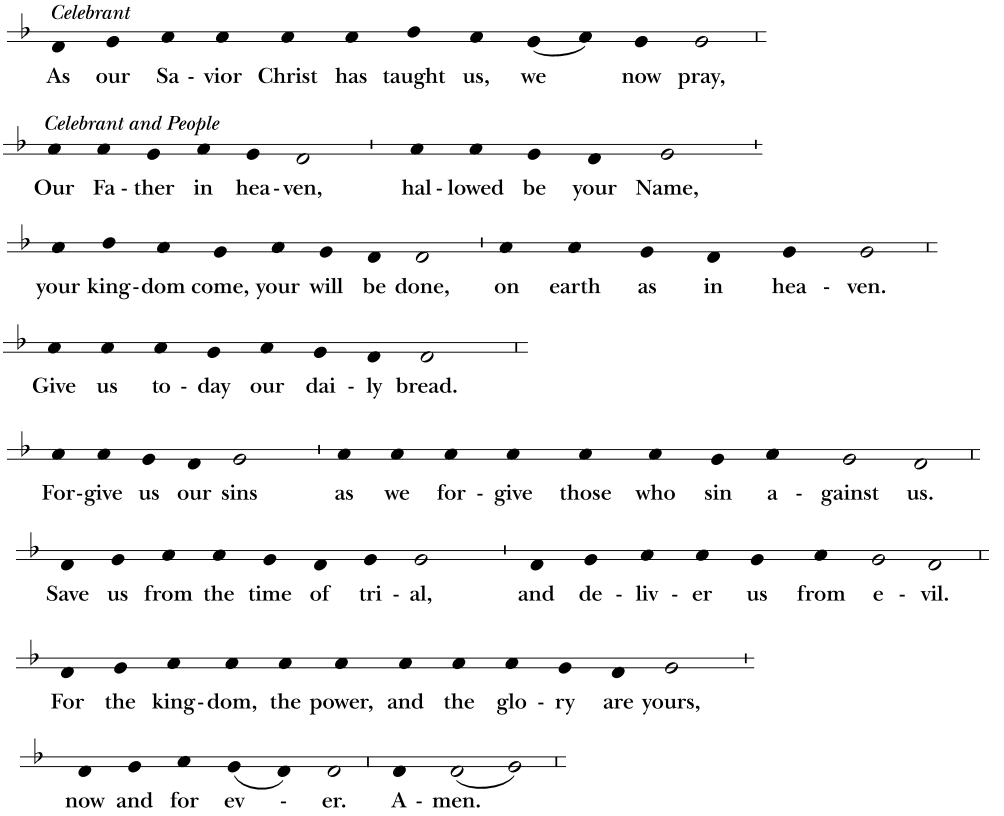
All: ***Loving God,***
through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread,
So that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.
We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

Presider: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

All: ***Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,***
all honor and glory are yours, All-Compassionate God,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN

♪ The Lord's Prayer

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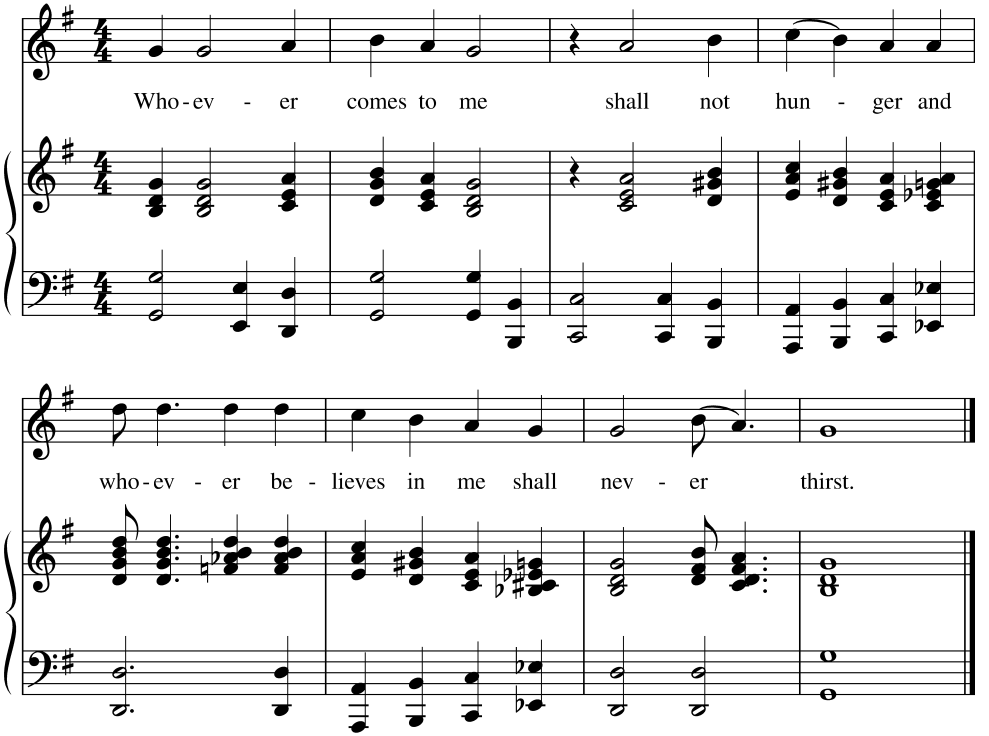


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The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem

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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.
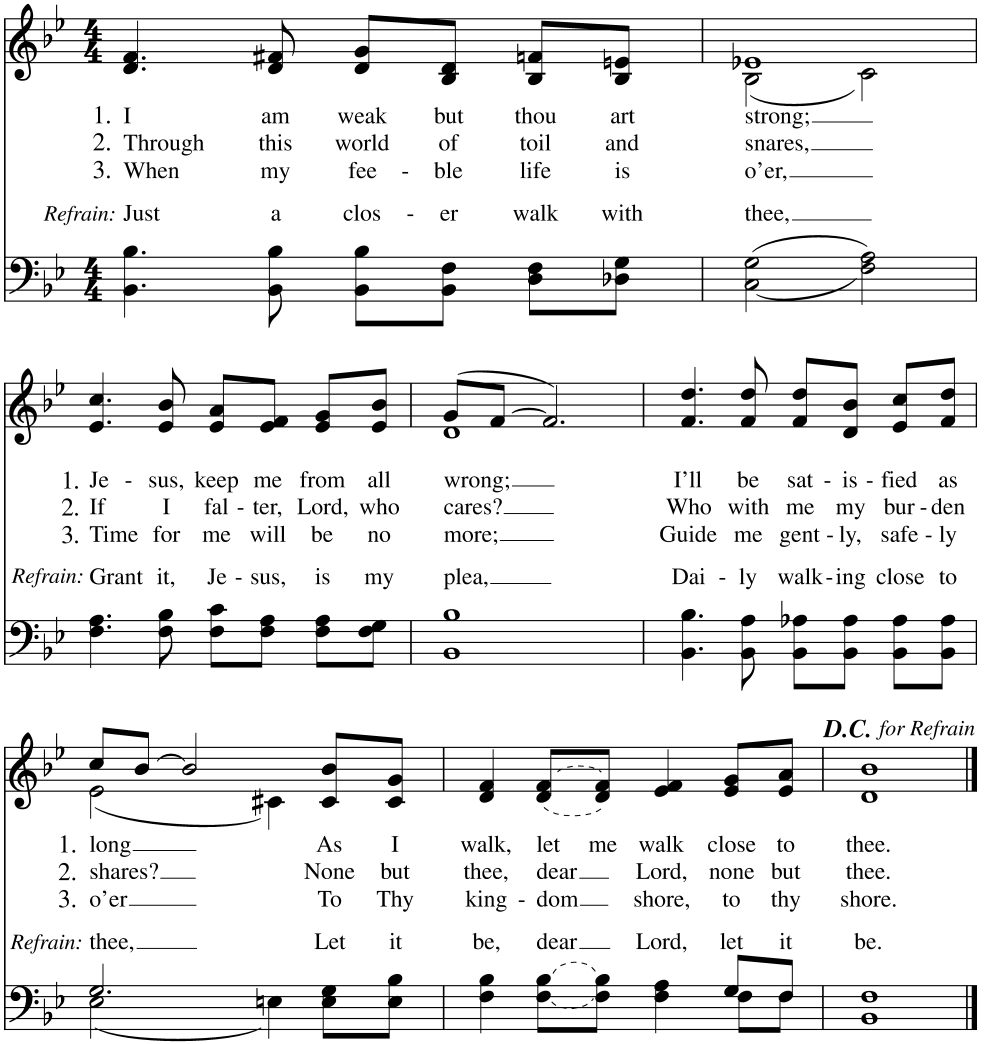
♪ Communion Solo

"Thanksgiving Eve" - Bob Franke - Solo by Joe Morris

Paul Burkle

A time of silence and stillness is observed

♪ Postcommunion Hymn #72 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" LEVAS



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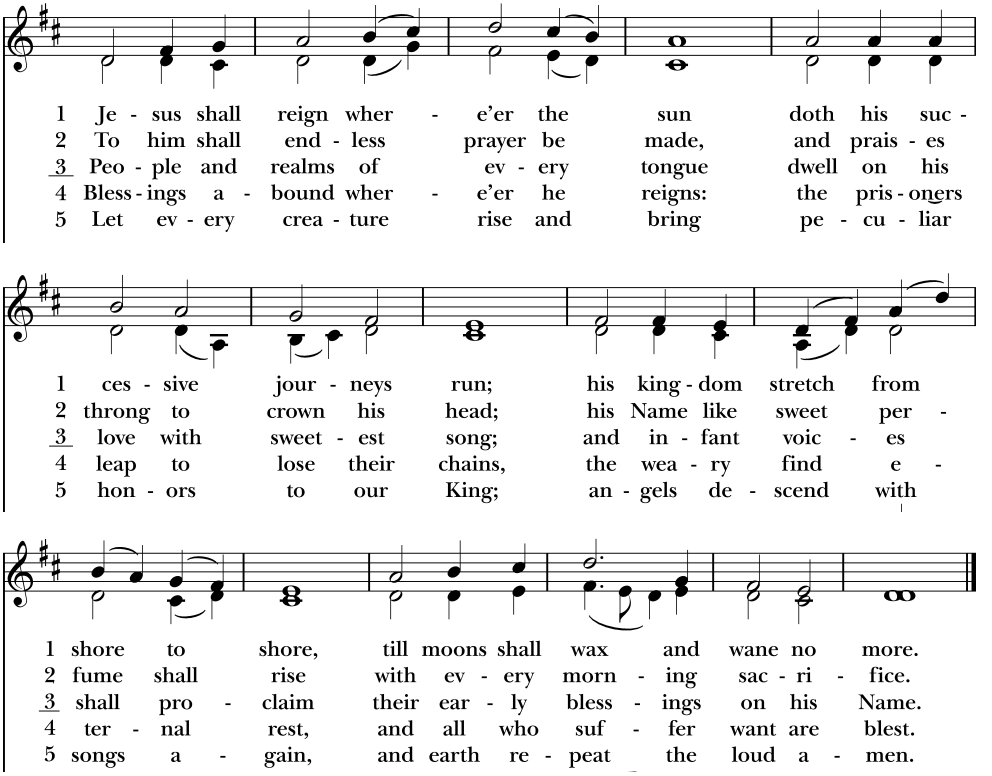
(please stand as you are able)

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 #544 **"Jesus shall reign"** (vs 1,2 and 4,5) Blue Hymnal



Dismissal

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

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

♪ Postlude

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

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Ministers of the Service

Presider:	The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker
Preacher:	Lisa Gonzalez
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Sharon Dalrymple
Altar Guild:	Diana Hammerlund
Eucharistic Minister:	Maureen Titus
Chalice:	The Rev. Deacon Sharon Dalrymple
Lectors:	Michael Lucas, Diana Hammerlund
Flowers:	Elaine Beckham
Usher:	Connie Weldon
Usher:	Jim Malone
Music:	Paul Burkle
Intercessor:	Sandy Fisher
Tellers:	Steve Cake, Alice Welchert
Online Host:	Don Maruska
Technical:	Hannah-Jaye Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	Helen Schnieders

This Week at St. Ben's

Monday	Nov 23
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday	Nov 24
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
9:45 a	Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)
10:30 a	Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
11:30 p	Bible Study
Wednesday	Nov 25
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
11:00 a	Laundry Love
4:00 p	Laundry Love
Thursday	Nov 26
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
4:00 p	Thanksgiving @ St. Ben's
6:00 p	NO CHOIR PRACTICE
Friday	Nov 27
8:30 a	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Saturday	Nov 28
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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