



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos ~

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024 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!

~ Prelude ~

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: All-compassionate and most merciful 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.

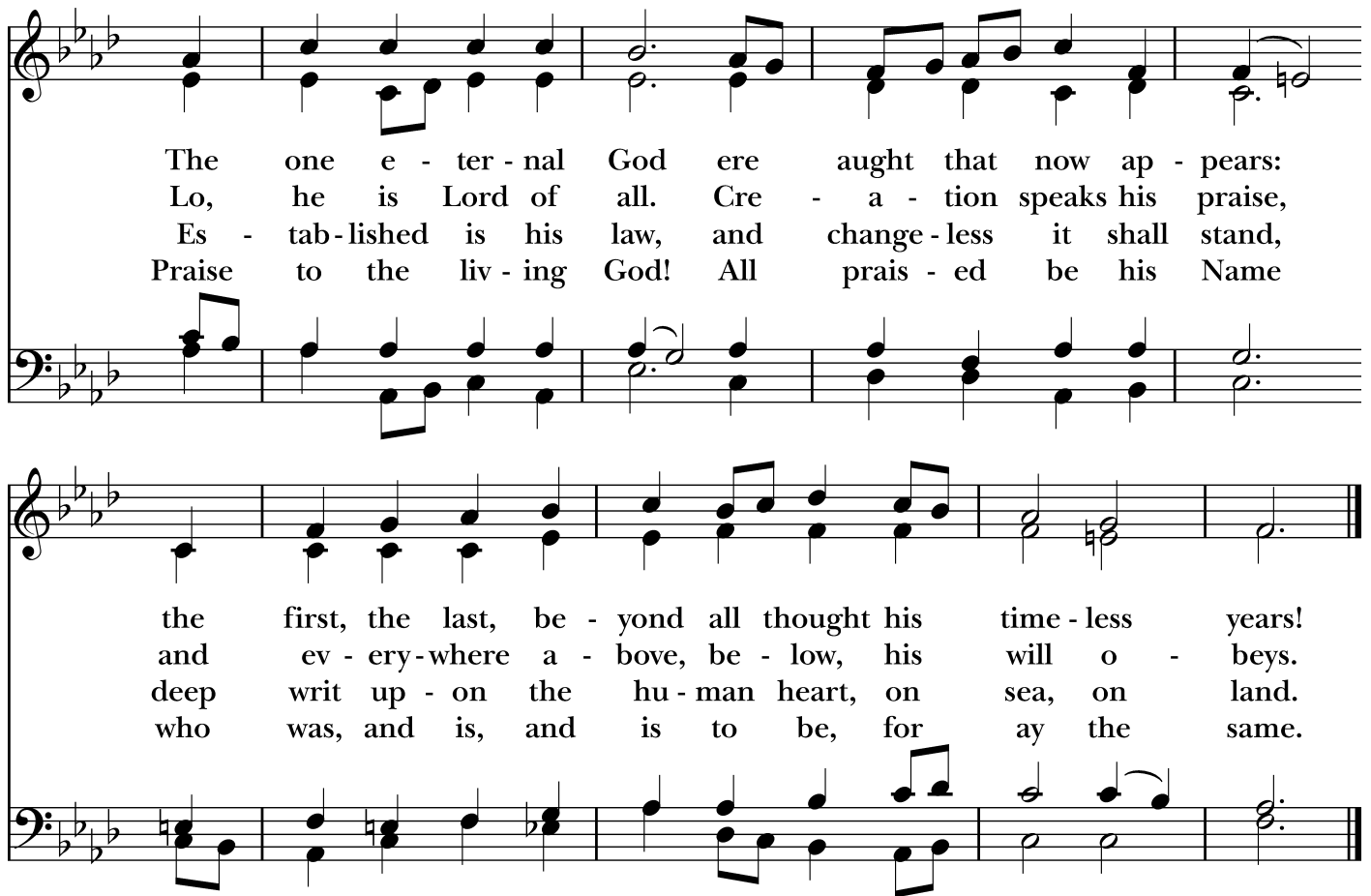
♪ Hymn #372

"Praise to the Living God"

Blue Hymnal

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: *Amen*

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Reader: *A Reading from the book of Job*

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
 and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
 things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

[Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.]

Hebrews 7:23-28

Reader: A reading from the letter to Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ Hymn #628

“Help Us, O Lord, to Learn”

Blue Hymnal

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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Mark 10:46-52

Gospeller: *The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Mark*

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

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

Sermon

The Rev. Jen Crompton

(Silence)

Affirmation of Faith

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

We praise you for all people of vision, for all who through their insight have built up your church and world. We pray for writers, musicians and craftspeople, for church dioceses and councils, for our Bishop Lucinda, Rev. Linzi and all who minister to us. God, open our eyes, **that we may behold your glory.**

We thank you especially for Rev. Jen and their ministry with us as we have walked the Trailblazing path of Discovery together, so that we might look at the world around us with new curiosity and vision. God, open our eyes, **that we may behold your glory.**

Bless, O Holy One, all who are inventors and research workers, all who seek to improve and enhance our world, all planners, builders and manufacturers; grant to each insight into what effect they are having on the world. God, open our eyes, **that we may behold your glory.**

We thank you for all who through their goodness have provided for us, all who provided for our schooling and our care. We pray for doctors, dentists and nurses. We pray for all our friends and loved ones. God, open our eyes, **that we may behold your glory.**

We pray for all who have lost vision, all for whom the future looks bleak, all who have lost their way, all who through lack of insight are in trouble. We pray for all whose sight is impaired and all who are blind. We pray for those you have commended to our care:

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

God, open our eyes, **that we may behold your glory.**

We give thanks for all whose vision is now lost in clear sight, all who behold your glory. We pray for loved ones departed. God, open our eyes, **that we may behold your glory.**

Celebrant: *Grant us a vision to see what we can achieve: as your love touches us may we reach out to others. Holy One, stretch our capabilities, extend our vision and increase our sense of purpose, that we may grow in our service of you; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, are one God for ever. Amen.*

Adapted from *Traces of Glory* by David Adam 1999

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: ***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.***

Celebrant *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

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Please greet others in the chat.

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or special concern, please share in the chat.

51. For a Birthday p 830

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his/her/their* days increase; bless and guide *him/her/their* wherever *he/she/they* may be. Strengthen *him/her/them* when *he/she/they* stand(s); comfort *him/her/their* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him/her/their* up if *he/she/they* fall; and in *his/her/their* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *him/her/their* life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

52. For an Anniversary p 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

53. For Travelers p 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them into safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Offertory

You can contribute at our website www.stbenslososos.org at any time.



♩ Hymn #693

“Just As I Am”

Blue Hymnal

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
*3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

♪ 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.*

Holy Eucharist

Iona

Celebrant:

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.

Celebrant: May Christ be with you,

All: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,

All: *We lift them up to God.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God,

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

Celebrant: 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, 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

S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant: 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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem

S 154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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 celebrant invites your section forward. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. As your group is called forward, please spread out to widen the circle and increase safe social distancing.

♪ Communion Music

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

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One bread, one bod-y,
 one Lord of all, one cup of
 bless - ing which we bless. And we, though
 man - y, through-out the earth, We are one
Last time ⊕
 bod - y in this one Lord.
 1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
 1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one
D.S.
 1. no more. One
 2. of all. One
 3. for all. One
 ⊕ **CODA**
 Lord.

Silent Reflection

(please stand as you are able)

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitor

If no visitation is to be made, prayer is not said.

When the Eucharist is brought to people at any place outside our walls, we say the following to send our Lay Eucharistic Visitors or other Ministry team members out with care and blessings.

Celebrant: In the name of this parish family, I send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, to _____. Together, we share in the body and blood of Christ. And we who are many are one Body because we share one Bread and one Cup.

All: *We who are many are one Body, because we share one Bread and one Cup. Amen*

Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing for Rev. Jen

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ, we have been in companionship with Rev. Jen on our journey in faith. Now their time with us is drawing to a close, and so we send them forth to continue their journey.

People: *O Lord, we give thanks for Reverend Jen's time among us and for their contribution to our common life. Bless them as they go forth; be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

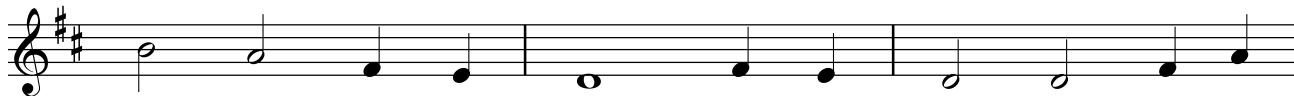
♩ Hymn #686

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Blue Hymnal



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



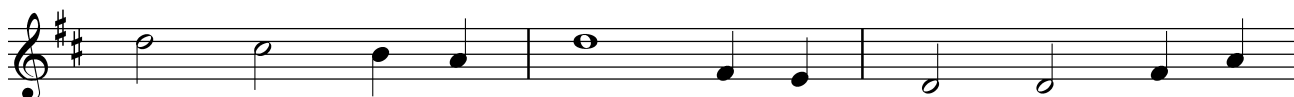
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



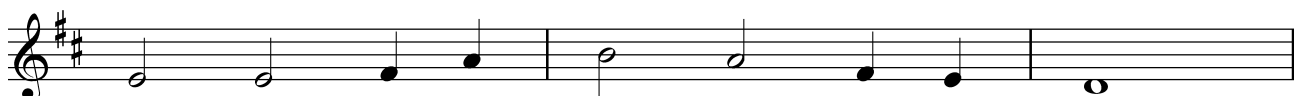
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

♪ Postlude

Original Improvisation

Paul Burkle

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This Week at St Ben's

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| Monday | Oct 28 |
| 3:30p | Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom) |
| Tuesday | Oct 29 |
| 9:45a | Prayers of the Morning (Zoom) |
| 10:30a | Spiritual Conversation (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | Oct 30 |
| 11:00a & 4:00p | Laundry Love |
| 5:00p | Info Session on Advisory Council |
| Thursday | Oct 30 |
| 6:00p | Choir Practice |
| Sunday | Nov 3 |
| 10:30a | Eucharist Service All Saints Day Potluck |

Announcements

Abundance Shop: A reminder that we need YOU! We are looking to form an Advisory Council for The Abundance Shop, a group of folks who will help form and steer the vision of The Shop as it enters a new chapter of its life. This council will be most effective if its members are drawn from St. Benedict's, from the current staff and volunteer team at The Shop, and from the community of Los Osos - please join us for an information session, on zoom, at **5pm on Wednesday October 30**.

Stewardship: We are about to enter that important time of year when we begin planning our operating budget for the year to come *and* spend some time as a community considering making a renewed financial commitment to the ongoing life of St. Ben's. So ... for the month of November we'll not have community announcements during Sunday Worship so that there's time to talk about this critical work and discernment. During November, please be sure to read The Benediction Weekly as all the vital news of this place will be found here. If it's essential your news be shared on Sunday, please be in touch with [Rev. Linzi](#) who will make a brief announcement on your behalf.

Diocesan Convention is nearly upon us! I hope you'll consider joining me to watch the proceedings in person - Rev. Linzi will be at St. Luke's, Atascadero, where they have a big screen and a flexible space which will allow us to worship together, watch together (and vote together, for the delegates among us), snack, drink coffee, and chat together! Please consider being part of [this important gathering](#).

Gender Justice Jam: Colonialism and Gender Injustice: The Episcopal Church offers an informative teaching series on gender. Please consider setting some time aside to watch and to learn from those who are sharing their wisdom and theological reflections as part of this offering. You might be interested to learn that in Jewish Talmudic tradition there are *8* recognized genders. Folks who have registered for this series are from 9 different countries, and from 31 states in the USA. **Gender Justice is a critical part of our work as Church**, and this is an amazing resource. The **Truth-Telling Task Force** was formed in response to the 2022 General Convention of *The Episcopal Church's* mandate to have each diocese audit their relationship with the Indigenous Peoples on whose land the diocese now exists. The Truth Telling Task Force in our diocese has completed their website, it's a rich, powerful, and informative resource for restorative justice education.

Social Media is a simple and effective way to "welcome" folks who don't yet know us; and Instagram is a platform that crosses generations (it's worth noting that Facebook, although important, is not much used by younger people). If you have an Instagram account, please consider following [St. Benedict's](#) and [The Abundance Shop](#) - folks who might be curious about who we are and what we do **will** visit our accounts, so keeping these accounts lively and active serves as something of an "open door" to anyone curious about life at St. Benedict's.

Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation: The Tuesday morning Spiritual Conversation group will be discussing ideas from the book [The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why](#) by Phyllis Tickle. You do not have to read the book to participate. Tuesdays at 10:30 on [Zoom](#).

Personal Prayer: If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Louisa Beeler (805-543-2898). If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Prayer requests may also be emailed at any time to prayers@stbenslososos.org and requests for pastoral care may be sent to pastoralcare@stbenslososos.org.

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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