



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos ~

All Saints

November 3, 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 the one, holy, and living God.

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

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.*

♪ Gloria

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - might - y,
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: *Amen*

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Reader: A Reading from the book of Solomon

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;

but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Revelation 21:1-6a

Reader: A Reading from the book of Revelation

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

People: Thanks be to God

♪ Hymn #536

"Open Your Ears"

Blue Hymnal



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo*

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

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John 11:32-44

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ


People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

[We pause for a few moments' reflection.]

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

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We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, ma - ker of
 hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve
 in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly
 be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God
 from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther.
 Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion
 he came down from hea - ven: by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
 he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.
 For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;
 he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain



in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven
and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -
gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king - dom
will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,
the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son.
With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied.
He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly
cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism
for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

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Prayers of the People

Holy One, we join our praises with all who have kept the faith, all who have been loyal and true, all who have served and witnessed, all who have been holy and examples to us. God, make your church a holy church, a praying church, a giving church, a serving church. We give thanks for the saints who have inspired us, may we be an inspiration to others. Holy God, **make us holy**.

We remember all who have sacrificed and laid down their lives for others. We pray for all who are seeking to live in simplicity, all who are leading dedicated lives, all who are giving themselves on behalf of others, all who give their time and talents in the service of humankind. Holy God, **make us holy**.

We give thanks for all who have led us into the ways of holiness, for all who have shared their vision, and their love. We pray for all schools, colleges and universities. Bless, O God, our homes, that they may reveal your love. Holy God, **make us holy**.

We pray for all who are living heroic lives amidst troubles; God, that the weak may know your strength, that the troubled may know your peace, that the fearful may know your love, that the lonely may know your presence. God, may all who are in need know that you protect them and enfold them in your love. Holy God, **make us holy**.

We pray for those 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]

We rejoice in the fellowship of all your saints, with all the faithful departed, and commend to you our friends and loved ones who have departed from us. Holy God, **make us holy**.

Celebrant: Holy God, take us and make us holy, make us yours and make us obedient, make us faithful, make us joyful and make us to be numbered with your saints, in that glory which is everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. **Amen**.

Adapted from *Traces of Glory* by David Adam 1999

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

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: All Compassionate 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.



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: *Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.***

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with blessed Mary and blessed Benedict, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

**All: *Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

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 tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

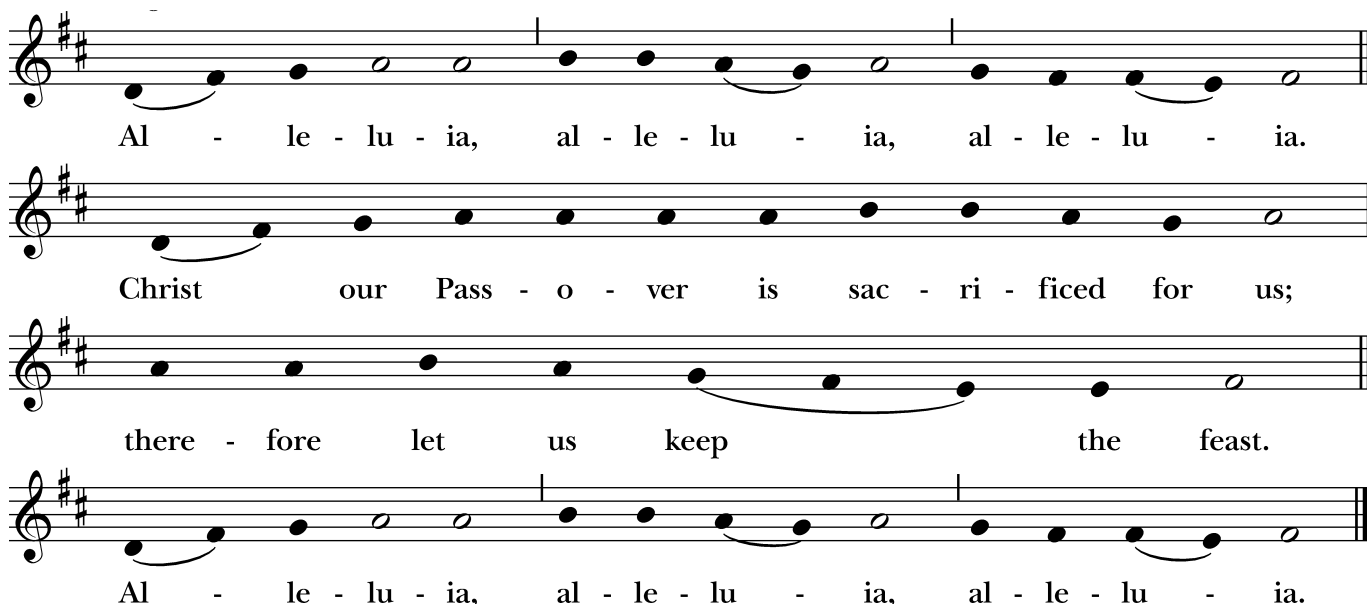
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The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

♪ Fraction Anthem

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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 and invited to receive communion.
Please contact the church office to arrange to receive communion in your home.*

♪ Communion Music

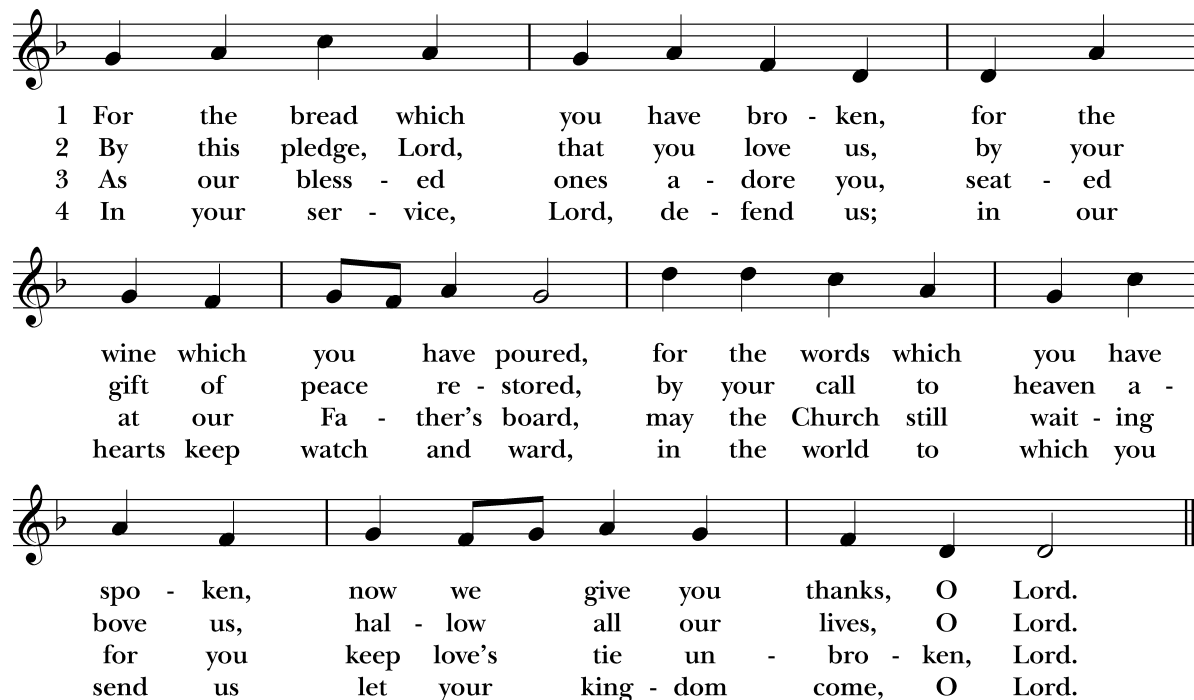
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♪ Hymn #340

“For the Bread”

Blue Hymnal



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our
wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you
spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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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

♩ Hymn #287

“For All the Saints” verses 1-4

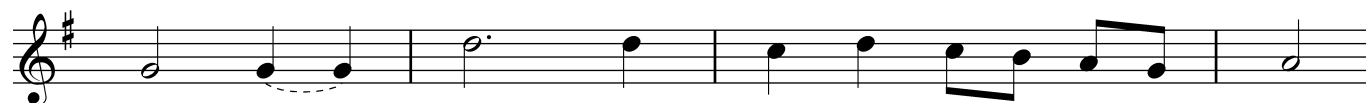
Blue Hymnal



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	Rev. Linzi Stahlecker
Preacher:	Rev. Linzi Stahlecker
Eucharistic Minister:	Alan Kiste
Eucharistic Assistant:	Brian Spolarich
Lector:	Sandy Fisher
Music:	Paul Burkle
Flowers:	Brian Spolarich
Ushers:	Brian Spolarich & Barbara Schippers
Intercessor:	Lisa Gonzalez
Altar Guild:	Diana Hammerlund
Online Host:	Don Maruska
Tellers:	Alice Welchert & Sandy Fisher
Technical:	Hannah Matthews
Coffee Hour Host:	Potluck

This Week at St Ben's

Monday 3:30p	Nov 4 Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 9:45a 10:30a	Nov 5 Prayers of the Morning (Zoom) Spiritual Conversation (Zoom)
Wednesday 4:00p	Nov 6 Community Dinner
Thursday 4:00p	Nov 7 Choir Practice
Sunday 10:30a	Nov 10 Eucharist Service

Announcements

Stewardship: We are at 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 there. 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](#) on November 9th.

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.

Personal Prayer: If you'd like prayer support during the week, contact Lisa Gonzalez (805) 441-3386. 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.

Tuesday Morning Prayers & Spiritual Conversation: The Tuesday morning Spiritual Conversation group will be discussing what to read next. Please join us and enter into the conversation. You do not have to read the book to participate. Tuesdays at 10:30 on [Zoom](#).

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.

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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