

# St Benedict's Episcopal Church

~ Tending Mind and Soul in Los Osos ~ The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 23, 2025

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!

#### **About Our Service**

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are warmly welcome at St. Benedict's! If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply rest into the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

## ~ **Prelude** ~ Original Improvisation Paul Burkle

(please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

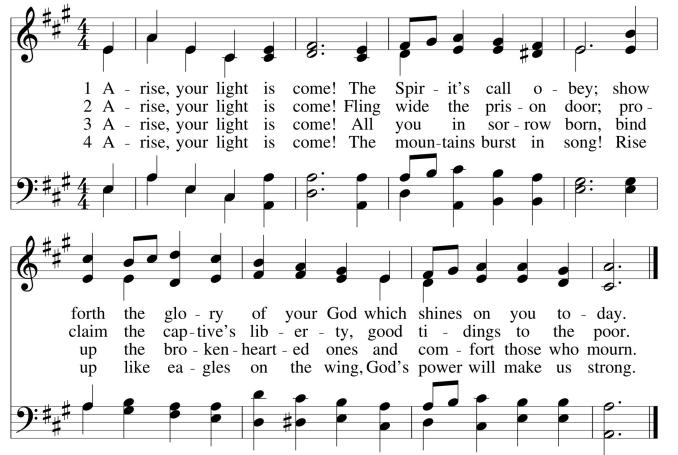
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

All:

"Arise! Your Light is Come"



FESTAL SONG S.M.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947- ) MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

# **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant:	God be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior.
People:	Amen

# Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader:	The word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42

The choir will sing the Antiphon, it is then repeated by the congregation. All chant the psalm together. Antiphon



А	Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
	do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

B For they shall soon wither like the grass, \* and like the green grass fade away.

## Antiphon

А	Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
	dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
В	Take delight in the LORD, *
	and he shall give you your heart's desire.
А	Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
	and he will bring it to pass.
В	He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *

# and your just dealing as the noonday.

# Antiphon

А	Be still before the LORD *
	and wait patiently for him.
В	Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
	the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
А	Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
	do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
В	For evildoers shall be cut off, *

# but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

# Antiphon

А	In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
	you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
В	But the lowly shall possess the land; *
	they will delight in abundance of peace.
А	But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
	he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
В	The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
	he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
	because they seek refuge in him.

Antiphon

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# 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Reader: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth

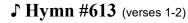
Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**Reader**: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.* 



"Thy Kingdom Come O God"

Blue Hymnal





Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905), alt. Music: St. Cecelia, Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883).

# Luke 6:27-38

# Gospeller:The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to LukePeople:Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

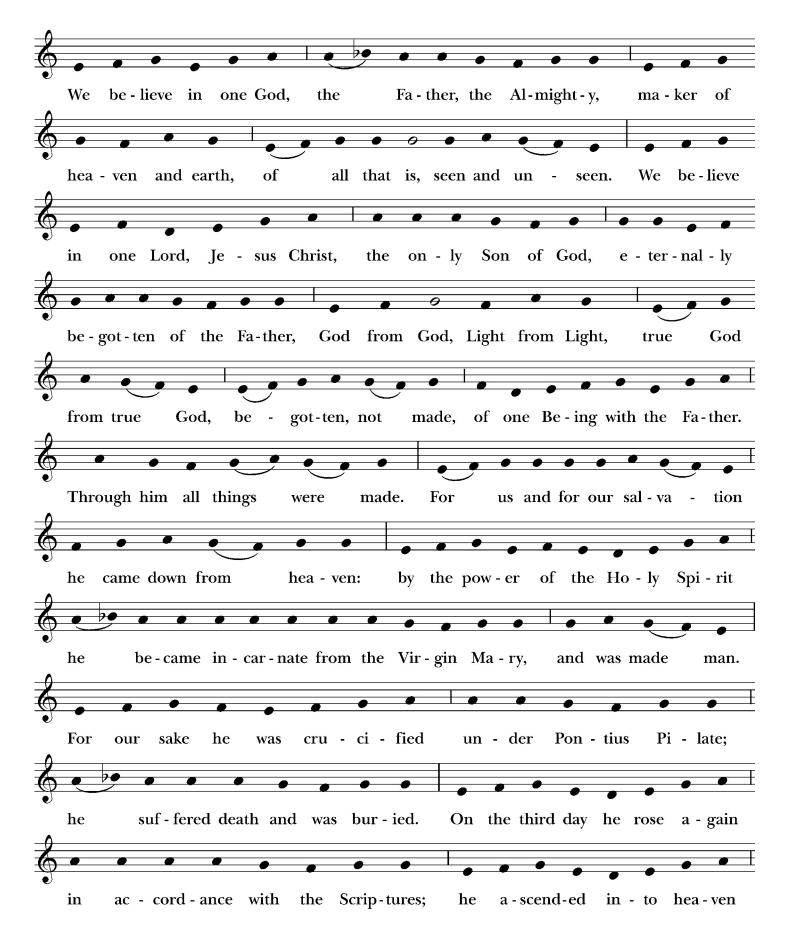
Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.People:Praise to You, Lord Christ.

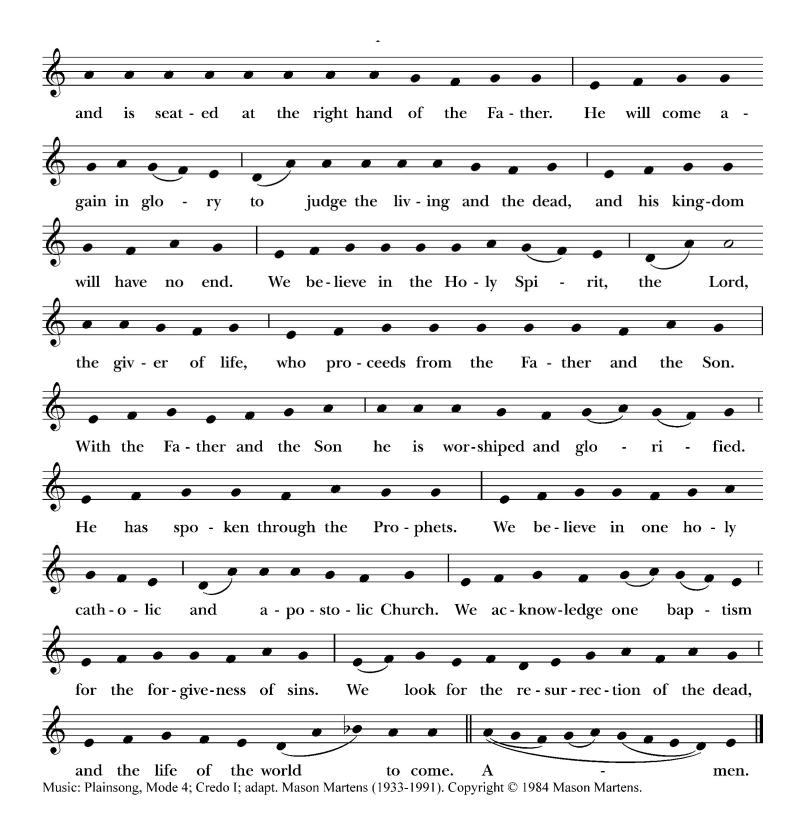
# Sermon

The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker

[We pause for a few moments' reflection.]

#### **J** Affirmation of Faith





## **Prayers of the People**

God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.* 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.* 

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.* 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.* 

Give to the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.* 

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

Silence

Celebrant: Holy One, accept these prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and 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 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: May the All-Compassionate 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

Celebrant:The peace of Christ be always with you.People:And also with you.

Please great one another in the chat.

### Announcements

## **Birthday & Anniversary Prayers**

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or any special concerns, 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*.

### **J** Choir Anthem

"With Every Breath"

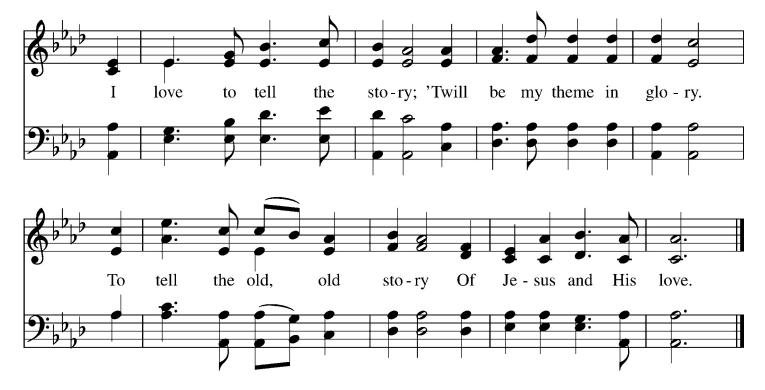
by Ken Medema

# **The Offertory**

You are invited to make a thank offering, but if you do not contribute financially today please give thanks for God's blessing as the plate is passed. You can contribute at our website www.stbenslososos.org at any time.





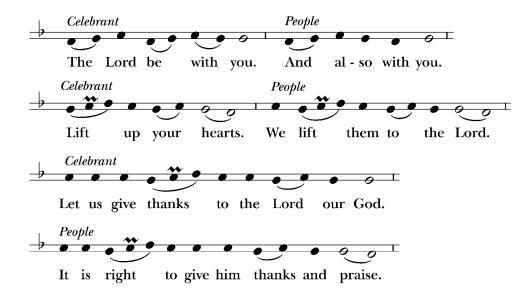


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#### **♪** Doxology

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**



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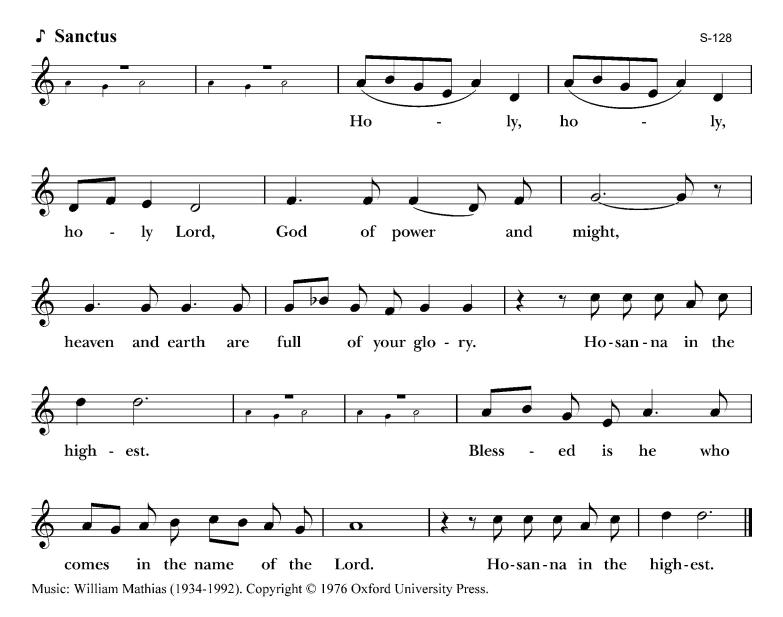
**BCP Prayer B** 

The Celebrant continues:

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:



#### The Celebrant continues

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

On the night before he died for us, Jesus 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

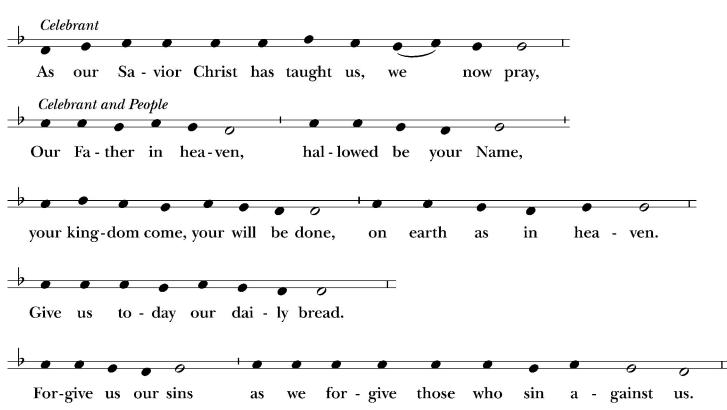
Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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

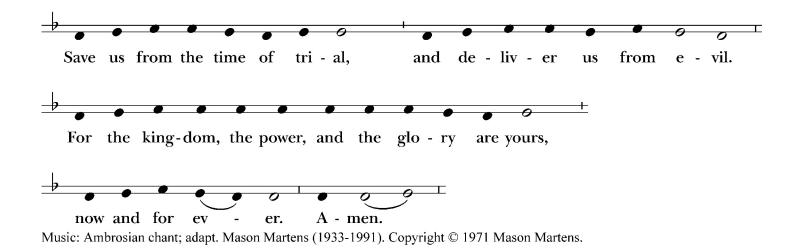
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Dear One; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Mary and blessed Benedict and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

## All: **By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,** Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.



# The Lord's Prayer

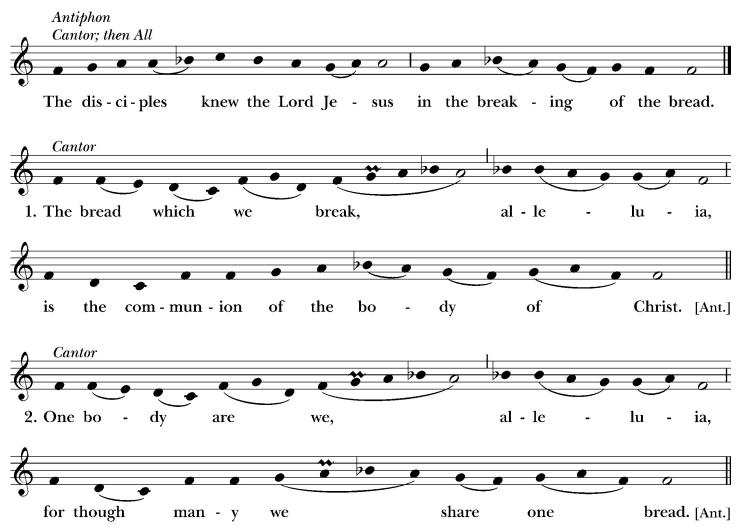


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#### The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Bread

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# **Holy Communion**

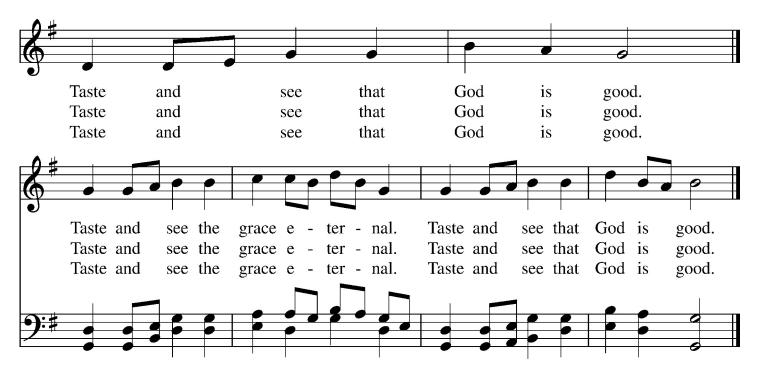
The celebrant continues:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

**J** Communion Music Original Improvisation Paul Burkle **∫** Hymn "All Who Hunger" WLP 761 1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad ly; ho - ly man - na 2. All who be hun - ger, nev - er stran gers, seek - er. a 3. All who Christ is hun - ger, sing Je - sus geth er, to is bread. Come from wil - der ness and d'ring. our wan wel-come guest. Come from rest - less ness and roam ing. liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li ness and long ing. Here will fed. You in truth be that for yearn we We Here, in keep the feast. that joy we once were fed. Blest who Here, in have been are those peace, we of all a - round food. days full - ness, is us our lost scat - tered com - mun - ion's love have stood. and in from this ta - ble live their tude. days in grat - i -Taste and the nal. see grace e ter \_ Taste the nal. and see grace e ter -\_ Taste the nal. and see grace e ter \_ -





Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Holy Manna, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; alt. harm., Columbian Harmony, 1825.

Silence

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

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, Holy One, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing





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### 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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# Announcements

**Today:** please stay after worship for a time of conversation, together with Rev. Linzi, about the tradition, symbolism, and significance of the Common Cup to the Episcopal Church. The small plastic cups we're using today were introduced after COVID and mark a departure from the long-standing tradition of the Episcopal Church.

We are living in increasingly divided times, and so it may be that the powerful symbolism of 'the one Cup' is as needed now as it ever has been. It is Rev. Linzi's hope that we will forego the small plastic cups during Lent. If you have questions you'd like to ask, concerns you'd like to raise, or experiences you'd like to share, please do join the conversation on Sunday.

**Potluck:** St Ben's beloved Potluck makes its return on **March 2.** For all who can bring a dish, suggestion is by last name:

A-I: Desserts J-Q: Main Dishes R-Z: Salads and Sides

**Community Dinner:** It's St. Ben's turn to serve Community Dinner on March 5! Spaghetti and meatballs is on the menu, with garlic bread and green beans - we need 5 people each to bring garlic bread to serve 20, and 5 people each to bring green beans to serve 20.

All food should be plate-ready, and delivered to South Bay Community Center by 4pm on March 5. Please be in touch with Barbara Schippers if you are able to help with this effort. Thanks!

**Tuesday Morning Spiritual Conversation:** During the rest of the season after The Epiphany, the Spiritual Conversation group will be focusing on The Book of Acts. We'll read several chapters a week and then discuss together. You do not have to do the reading to participate, all are welcome. Join on <u>Zoom</u>.

**Personal Prayer:** A member of the Healing Prayer team is always available after the liturgy for personal prayer. Please look for them in the pew closest to the altar after worship.

**Scam Alert:** Rev. Linzi will NEVER EVER ask for a favor, or help, or gift cards, or cash, or anything remotely like any of these things, not ever, via email or text. If you get an email or a text that looks like it's from Rev. Linzi and you're not sure how to respond, please reach out to Rev. Linzi by email, or call the parish office before taking any action.

**Parish Directory:** Hannah will start putting together our updated parish directory this week. If you've not yet had the chance, please use the link in the St. Ben's Weekly to add your most current info via the form - there's also a spot to indicate whether you would like to be included in the public/shared Parish Directory (this is optional). Thanks so much for helping us getting our records and database updated!

# Lent at St. Ben's

Ashes to GO! at the Abundance Shop will return this year from 7am on Ash Wednesday. Ashes to GO! has been an important community outreach for many years now, and the Discovery Team is making sure this offering continues! If you have any available time on Ash Wednesday and could volunteer to fill a time slot, <u>please be in touch with Sandy Fisher</u>.

**St. Benedict's own exquisite Stations of the Cross** will be installed in the sanctuary for the whole of the season of Lent. An opportunity for personal prayer, devotion, and meditation, the church will open every Tuesday in the Lenten season from 2—5pm. [Please know that the church won't be heated, so do dress for comfort in the space.]

**Join Rev. Linzi each weekday morning for Morning Prayer on Zoom.** We still haven't landed on a time! 8am and 8:30am are tied as the preferred time for the folks who responded to last month's survey. If you'd like to participate in Morning Prayer, even if only occasionally, <u>click through here</u> to break the tie! Everyone is welcome, you don't need to be a member of St. Benedict's to join.

# Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge 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 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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