

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church A Part of the Anglican Community

"The mission of St. Benedict's Church is to know Christ's love and to make His love known"

4 Lent

Eucharist Year C, Daily Office Year One
March 13 & 14, 2010

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6 pm
Sunday: Morning Prayer - 7:45 am
Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 am
(Nursery and Church School)

Weekday

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8 am
Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am
Wednesday: Holy Eucharist and Healing – 7 pm
Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 7 am

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday, Chancel Choir – 9 am - 9:45 am
Wednesday, Bible Study – 7:30 PM
Thursday, Bible Study – 10:00 am
Thursday, Chancel Choir – 7:15 pm – 9:15 pm

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The Rev. Mary Kangara, Assistant Priest
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Chantal Deshaies, Youth Choir Director
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Unique to the Week

Daily Masses during Lent: Tuesday at 8:30 am, Wednesday at 7 pm and Thursday at 7 am.

Vestry Meeting will be March 22nd at 7 pm in St. Luke's room.

Breakfast sponsored by the Vestry will be held on Sunday, March 21st after the 8 and 10 am Masses. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children 12 and under. Please show your support and have breakfast in the parish hall.

Passover Seder will be held on Tuesday, March 16th at Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El at 6:30pm. Located at 8200 Peters Rd. between University and Pine Island on the south side. All checks must be in by Monday, March 15th.



Thurible NeededL: we are in desperate need of a new Thurible (Censer). The cost is \$400. If anyone is interested in memorializing a new Censer for the Church please contact the office.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Our Lenten Study entitled "**The 40 Days of Love**" is written by Rick Warren. The program begins at 7:30 pm after the 7 pm Mass and will be held in the parish hall.

ECW MEETING: All women are cordially invited to attend a meeting Sunday, March 14, 2010 immediately following the 10:00 AM service in St. Elizabeth's Room. Meetings are held every 2nd Sunday of the month. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed: Anyone interested in being a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please come to a meeting after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, March 14th or call Jon Farley (954) 474-4730. Lectors read the first lesson. Eucharistic Ministers are Chalice Bearers, they help serve on the altar.

Confirmation Classes this Sunday, in Fr. Bob's office during the 10 am Mass and are led by Heather and Phillip Swann. You must be in High School. If you would like to be confirmed, please pick up a registration form in the narthex. Confirmation will be May 9th (Mother's Day).

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet at 10 am in St. Mark's room.



St. Benedict's Quilting Group meets on Saturdays at 12 pm in Stephen's Hall.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, April 7 at 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Room. Come join this ministry for men.

Centering Prayer & Christian Meditation: Gillian Grey is facilitating a centering prayer group on Tuesday

evenings at 7 pm in the Mary Chapel. Come rest, relax, de-stress, and dwell in his presence. "He leads me beside the still waters" (Psalm 23).

Exercise—Aerobics: Parishioners and friends of parishioners are welcome to join Charmaine Colley, Cheryl Burley and others for an hour of exercise on Mon. in the church and Thurs. in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:30 pm.



Tree of Life: We received our tree of life and it is hanging in the church. Each leaf is available for purchase at \$100 each which includes the engraving. If you are interested in purchasing a leaf, please fill out an order with exactly what you want engraved on the leaf and your personal information and place it in the plate with a check made out to St. Benedict's Building Fund and earmark it "Tree of Life".



Dear Parishioners, You are cordially invited to attend a Eucharistic Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Saint Benedict's on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at six o'clock in the evening. The Mass will be followed by a cocktail reception and Banquet in the Parish Hall.

As a member of this church you are an important part of this community of faith. Gather your friends, reserve a table (with complimentary bottles of wine at each table) and help us toast our years of service to this community and be part of our continuing history. Ticket sales and table reservations are now available by calling Connie Desko at (954) 370-9778. There is an answering machine, leave a message and your phone number and she will return your call.

Reservations are \$40.00 per person and make checks payable to St. Benedict's Church earmarked for the Anniversary Dinner. Please respond with your attendance at Mass and your banquet choice of Atlantic Salmon or Chicken Chasseur.

A request from the bookkeeper- Please throw away your 2009 envelopes and use the 2010 envelopes instead. Your number has changed and someone else may receive credit for your contributions. If you need 2010 envelopes please contact Dona at 954-473-6578 ext. 102.

Those of you who have your checks automatically sent from your bank may have forgotten to change the envelope number on those donations also. Please check them for accuracy. Many thanks!

Financial Info: Offerings for March 6 & 7 2010

Operating Fund

Pledges & Plate	\$	17,184.23
True Fund	\$	15.00

Building Fund

Pledges and gifts	\$	4,357.00
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Month of February 2010

Operating Fund

Revenue \$29,675
Expenses \$31,589
Shortage (\$ 1,914)

Building Fund

Balance as of Jan 31st 8,793.55
Mortgage Payment made Feb 1st 12,166.23
Balance on Feb 2nd (-3,372.68)
Feb. Revenue \$16,744
Feb. Expenses \$12,227

Youth Groups & Young Adults

Meet every third Sunday of the month
Little Bunch Elementary school
Benedicts Bunch: Jr. High School Grades 5 - 8
BenedicTEENS: High School through College Freshmen.
Any questions, contact Cheryl Burley, (954) 443 – 0956

St. Benedict's Youth Ministry

Sunday school Every Sunday 10 am
Dance Team open to girls/ boys, ages 7 yrs and older.
Rehearsals: Friday 7:30 pm
Acolytes boys/girls ages 7 and older
Nursery Infants to 4 years

Annual Good Friday Fish Fry

Sweet and Sour, Fried and Baked Fish
April 2, 2010 fro 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Parish Hall)
Pre-sale of tickets and Pre-orders begin March 21st

Youth Choir: There will be a rehearsal for the Youth Choir immediately following Mass this Sunday.

Nursery Volunteer: anyone interested in volunteering for a Sunday during 10 a.m. service, please sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex.

It's not too early to plan for summer! Please see the bulletin board for information on Camp Kanuga (Youth Week/Youth Leaders: June 20 - 25) and Camp Wingmann. Limited financial aid is available through the Diocese and individual camps. Forms for financial assistance/scholarships are available on line at kanuga.org and diosef.org. For more information on discounts at Camp Wingmann go to campwingmann.org. Remember our Vacation Bible School will be June 14 - 18.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010:

You have to experience it!

Step back in time—and savor amazing stories from the Bible. Just imagine...• Exploring authentic traditions,
• Building strong relationships with other Family members,
• Trying new crafts and games, and
• Learning from Joseph that God never leaves us alone through life's trials and triumphs.
This summer, let's bring that same wonder and excitement to our church! Be a part of the Vacation Bible school at during the week of June 14th for 5 days, 1/2days 9am to 12:30 pm or Full days 9am to 5pm.

We're praying that this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with his love. Join in the mission of helping kids in our community discover that

- God gives us hope,
- God gives us special abilities,
- God gives us wisdom,
- God gives us forgiveness, and
- God gives us a family!

As we plan and prepare for Egypt VBS, our team cherishes your prayers. Will you pray that God grants us wisdom in planning? Please pray for the right staff members to join our team. And also pray that God begins working in the hearts of the children who will visit Egypt! Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event. We are accepting ages 4 through 7th grade. **Registration will open on May 1, 2010** You will be able to register on-line! Looking for youth leaders and those willing to help. To volunteer, call Donna Carty at (954) 536-6784

Happening #26 for kids in grades 9-12 will be held April 30 - May 2, 2010 at St. Mark the Evangelist, 1750 East Oakland Park Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL. Registration will be available online soon at www.diosef.org. Happening is required for Confirmation.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

SENIORS: The Diocesan ECW is offering a scholarship for all seniors (male and female) who plan to attend college in the fall. For information and applications, please contact Chandra Lewis at 954/885-9469 or chalewis@mhs.net immediately. Deadline is Sunday, March 14, 2010.

The Acolyte Festival registration is now available on the diocesan website at diosef.org. The deadline is April 12, 2010. To register, click on News and Events and then click on Register for an Event. The deadline for the name of your honored acolyte is March 26, 2010. Please submit your name by email or by fax. Parking for the Acolyte Festival will be available at the Omni parking space across from Trinity Cathedral. The parking rate is \$6.00. The Cathedral will provide a parking voucher.

Duncan Conference Center 25th Anniversary

Celebration!! Sunday, April 18th, 2010 from 4 pm – 6 pm. There will be tours of our grounds and facilities, food especially created by our Executive Chef, walk down memory lane and a presentation at 5 pm to hear where we have been and where we are going in the next 25 years. Please RSVP: 25thanniversary@duncancenter.org or call (561) 496-4130.

Nova Singers will be performing at Plantation Methodist Church at 1001 Northwest 70th Avenue Plantation, FL 33313-6028 (954) 584-7500 on Friday, March 19th at 8:15 pm. This is a free will offering concert.

Recycling Bins: Please make sure that you place recycling items only in the recycling bins. Please do not place trash in the bins.

Good News Daily

March 14-20, 2010

Sunday, March 14

John 6:27-40 *Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. (v.27a NIV)*

Jesus gave us direction in this simple, yet profound, statement. Work for food that endures; believe in Jesus Christ. To me, to work for something means to devote my energy so that life will be sustained, so that I will not starve but instead survive. This is the devotion to work that the disciples were asking about, "What must we do?" (v.28). Jesus' response leads to true wisdom. To work for the food that endures is to do nothing that will harm or compromise my ability or desire to put God first in everything. He did not mean for us to do nothing but pray or join a convent or monastery, although some of us are meant for this. He meant we should fill ourselves with faith and make this our focus as we practice our profession or calling. Because of God's love for us, we can live a life of inner value rather than striving to prove our worth through material or intellectual gains. We can turn away from the temptation to prove we are worth something, and turn to living an unceasing "Yes," to the truth of being loved and cared for by God. This way, whatever we do will be an outgrowth of our true identity in Christ.

Genesis 48:8-22; Psalms 66, 67; Romans 8:11-25

Birthday: Luz Cathcart, Marguerite Mullins, and Jaclyn Poole

Anniversary: None

Monday, March 15

1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1 *Is not the bread we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (vv.16b-17)*

Paul expresses the unity of people when he explores our common historical beginning in Judaism. He explains that the infinite pre-existence of Christ is present in the Jewish sacrifice of grain and animals, and also in the bread and wine of our Eucharistic sacrament. Paul said that the actual cup and bread that we take draws all people together through Christ. As people in community, we all partake of one loaf. Although we may feel at times that we are disconnected from the community, in truth, we can never be isolated when we participate in Christ. Sometimes isolation, division, and alienation surround us. We feel isolated when we listen to the lie of worthlessness. Are we worthy of love, we may wonder? Are we smarter, faster, better, or kinder than our peers? Sadly, we isolate and alienate ourselves by sizing up our accomplishments against others. These

thoughts are a bit childish, yet they occupy our minds when we lack the security of belonging. We really can discover ourselves in Christ. He provides a deep acceptance that makes comparisons and differences irrelevant. When we accept our heritage as children of God, we find our true meaning and purpose.

Genesis 49:1-28; Psalm 89:1-18; Mark 7:24-37

Birthday: David Rodriguez, and Joseph Stoddart

Anniversary: None

Tuesday, March 16

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 *One remains hungry, another gets drunk. (v.21b.)*

Again, Paul gives us insight into our connection to each other. If one is a glutton, another will go hungry. The heart of God breaks when we allow the children of the world to go hungry. Perhaps it is time to do something different than say, "Oh well, there is nothing I can do." Everyone needs to be healed of something. In our affluent society, we need to be healed of indifference, illness, and heartache. Others need to be healed of malnutrition, terror, or of the scars caused by growing up in an unsafe world. The children of war grow up amidst terrible emotional poverty. Their very lives are constantly threatened. Their parents are preoccupied with survival or are no longer living. In the first five years of their life, which is fundamental to personality development, children of war are bereft of security, comfort, love, structure, and healthy food. These children grow to be adults without the benefit of a balanced personality or tolerant point-of-view. This is what Paul was addressing. He was not merely saying that we should treat the sacrament with special respect. We are containers of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. Paul was saying we should treat our bodies, our hearts, and our resources as ministers of the healing presence of Jesus.

Genesis 49:29—50:14; Psalms 97, 99, 100; Mark 8:1-10

Birthday: Lee Bernsen

Anniversary: Nigel and Judith Crooks

Wednesday, March 17

Psalm 101 *I will be careful to lead a blameless life...I will walk in my house with blameless heart. (v.2)*

A blameless heart is impossible for me to attain on my own. I make mistakes. But because I desire to follow Jesus, I am drawn to seek forgiveness and make amends for my mistakes and faults. The all-encompassing love of God for every person directs us to be reconciled with each other. This means we need to reach toward forgiveness even though we may not have attained it. Prayer and transformation by the Holy Spirit within will bring about the posture of forgiveness in us over time. The inner intention will gradually transform

the outer actions. So do not despair of your slow response to conform to His ways. Do not despair if you are not yet able to forgive. God is eternal and unchanging. He will gently and patiently transform you to your true identity as His beloved child. And, in the end, all will be well.

Genesis 50:15-26; Psalm 109; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11;
Mark 8:11-26

Birthday: Yvette Dawson, and Walter Hampton

Anniversary: None

Thursday, March 18

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 *If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.* (v.26)

Just as Paul has expressed that we are knitted together by our participation in Christ, in Corinthians 12 he further says we need each other. "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!'" (v.21). We depend on each other to carry out the tasks and ministries that we have been given. Every member benefits when one benefits. And every member of the body suffers when one suffers. To me, Paul is saying that we share each other's suffering as members of the body of Christ. This includes our church as well as the church in Africa, Asia, and Europe—the Church universal—one body in Christ.

I can easily recognize the concept of shared suffering in my own family; because it personally affects me, we are linked in love, and I have compassion for them. I can extend this concept to persons in my own church community as well. When someone I know is ill or hurting, I care deeply and want to help. If I take this concept to its natural conclusion, I can see that to share in the suffering of believers will eventually include the worldwide Christian community. God's heart embraces every living creature. I pray that God will make my heart as His so that I might feel concern and compassion, and be moved to action for the sake of Christians all over the world.

Exodus 1:6-22; Psalm 69; Mark 8:27—9:1

Birthday: Gwendolyn Coite, Lindsay Edwards, Trevor Michelin, Faith Mungai, and Roymandal Reid

Anniversary: George and Grace Leach

Friday, March 19

Mark 9:2-13 *His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.* (v.3)

As laundry is a reality of my life, I enjoy this detail of Jesus' clothes becoming "dazzling white." This vision appeals to my imagination as well. I can see the mundane linen clothes that everyone wore. One robe would be hard to tell from the next. In the Gospel, the very ordinary was suddenly transformed into a supernatural white that became, in short, extraordinary.

In my mind, the garment radiated a beautiful light that surrounded Jesus. His dazzling garment was a symbol of his purity, and suggests extraordinary joy. The purity of Jesus, clothed in dazzling white, is something to contemplate. He is able to wash us in his light and purity. All of life's dark and dingy experiences will be washed in his light when we look directly into the eyes of Jesus. We will be restored, cleansed, and filled with joy.

Exodus 2:1-22; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3

Birthday: George Leach, Jennifer Sullivan, and Elinor Wurz

Anniversary: None

Saturday, March 20

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.* (v.1)

Paul says even the most wonderful angelic prose is nothing without love. Love is the power behind life itself. In fact, it is the most important component to physical and emotional healing. Without love, the body, mind, and spirit cannot be made whole. The opposite of love is the clanging cymbal of judgment, criticism, and rejection. We all know what it sounds like. Because of judgment and rejection, we are unable to love others or ourselves. Instead, we evaluate and decide who is worthy of love. We condemn what is wrong in others and we feel quite proud of our scruples. We make lists and hierarchies of accomplishments and compete with others, constantly setting ourselves up for failure. Out of fear, we block our love to ourselves and to each other by practicing self-rejection and hiding our shame. But Jesus loves us in spite of our flaws. God does not keep lists of misbehavior or comparison charts of good, better, and best deeds. God just loves us. God loves me and He loves you. If we begin everything with love, our lives will grow in love enough to share with everyone we meet. As we feel God's acceptance of us, we will be free of our failures forever.

Exodus 2:23—3:15; Psalms 107:33-43, 108; Mark 9:14-29

Birthday: Michael Campbell, Kenneth Hindsley, and David Millar

Anniversary: None

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4 Lent

The Holy Eucharist

Morning Prayer (7:45 AM)

Book of Common Prayer, page 42
Invitatory: Venite (Prayer Book p. 44)
Psalm 66 (Prayer Book p.673)
The Song of Zechariah (Prayer Book p. 50)

(Please respect this time of prayer and meditation by refraining from talking and visiting inside the church.)

The Prelude

Call to Worship: "O Happy Day" (Hymn Version) music attributed to Edward F. Rimbault (abridged)

Processional Hymn: [470] There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymn of Praise: [S-096] Lord, have mercy (Kyrie)

Opening Acclamation

6 pm BCP 355; 8 am BCP 323; 10 am BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson: **Joshua 5:9-12**

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 32

- 1.) *Happy are they whose transgressions are for/given, and whose sin / is put away!*
- 2.) *Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes / no guilt, and in whose spirit / there is no guile!*
- 3.) *While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way, because of my groan/ing all day long.*
- 4.) *For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.*
- 5.) *Then I acknowledged my / sin to you, and did not / conceal my guilt.*
- 6.) *I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.*
- 7.) *Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of / trouble; when the great waters overflow; they shall / not reach them.*
- 8.) *You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble; you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.*
- 9.) *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go; I will guide / you with my eye.*

10.) Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under/standing; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will / not stay near you."

11.) Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.

12.) Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD; shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.

Glory be the father and **to** the Son, * and to the / Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, * world without / end, Amen.

The Second Lesson **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Anthem: "Hosea" (Come Back to Me) by Gregory Norbet, O.S.B.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Glory to you, Lord Christ

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been

working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

The Gospel of the Lord. R/ *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Gospel Response: "Glory and Praise to Our God" by Daniel L. Schutte (4th Verse)

Sermon: Fr. Robert J. Deshaies

Nicene Creed: BCP 358

Prayers of the People, 6 PM: Form III, BCP, Page 387; 8 a.m.: BCP, 328

Peace Hymn: "Taste and See" {L154}

Announcements & blessing anniversaries and birthdays and laying on of hands for healing.

Offertory Song: [686] Come, thou fount of every blessing

Presentation: [380, verse 3] "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" or {L56}

The Great Thanksgiving: BCP, 367 (8 a. m.: BCP, 333)

Sanctus and Benedictus: [S-128] Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

Memorial Acclamation: [S-135] Prayer A (or) [S-138] Prayer B

The Great Amen: [S-146] The Great Amen

Fraction Anthem: "Lamb of God" by David Clark Isele

*All baptized Christians who affirm the Real Presence of Christ
in the Holy Sacrament are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.
All others may come forward for a blessing at the altar rail.*

Communion Hymn: [318] Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Communion Anthem: "Like a Shepherd" by Robert J. Dufford, S.J.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, 365 (8 a.m.: BCP, 339)

Sending out the Eucharistic Ministers

Celebrant: N. [and N.] we send you out to share Communion this week with [names].

People: May you carry the prayer of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: [556] Rejoice, ye pure in heart

**The Dismissal
Postlude**