



# ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*We welcome you in the name of the Lord!*

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## **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Year C – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year Two  
October 22 AND 23, 2016

### Weekend Schedule

**Saturday:** Holy Eucharist Rite II – 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** Morning Prayer - 7:45 am  
Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am  
Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 am

### Weekday Eucharist/Prayer in Community

Tuesday: Intercessory Prayer Group – 8:00 am  
Tuesday: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am  
Wednesday: Holy Eucharist/Healing Service – 7:00 pm  
Thursday: Holy Eucharist – 8:30 am

**Order of Service - Holy Eucharist: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 355) – 8:00 am (BCP 323)**

### **The Collect**

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. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32**

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Psalm 65 *Te decet hymnus***

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.  
2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*because of their transgressions.  
3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*but you will blot them out.  
4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.  
5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.  
6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*they are girded about with might.  
7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.  
8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.  
9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.  
10 You prepare the grain, \*for so you provide for the earth.  
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.  
12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*and your paths overflow with plenty.  
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*and the hills be clothed with joy.  
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

### **The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (18:9-14)**

#### **All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST**

**Sermon/Homily: 6:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday: Fr. Albert Cutié, Rector**  
**Prayers of the People: 6:00 pm & 10:00 am: Form I; 8:00 am (BCP 328)**  
 **Blessings for anniversaries and birthdays and the laying on of hands for healing**  
**The Great Thanksgiving: 6:00 pm and 10:00 am (BCP 361); 8:00 am (BCP 333)**

**Post Communion Prayer:** BCP, 365 (8:00 am BCP, 339)

**Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**Celebrant:** N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with (names).

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

**WHO AM I: PHARISEE OR PUBLICAN?**

The Pharisee was a religious man. You know the type: he prayed, fasted, and tithed: a model of moral behavior. However, the tax collector was a traitor. He, a Jew, gave the taxes he collected to the hated Romans, and kept for himself whatever excessive taxes he could extort. However, Jesus, a Jew, prefers the publican. Why? Because the publican refuses to examine his own heart, his real motivations. He believes his actions prove he is superior to this tax collector, but ignores his own failings. Meanwhile, the publican admits his sin, and pleads for mercy from God. He's still a sinner, but, at least, recognizes his sin, the first step to conversion. Upon reflection, just perhaps we have answered the question posed above: every one of us is both Pharisee and publican, and we all need conversion. - *Norm Carroll*

**COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S**

**Halloween/Youth Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:** All children and youth are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to Sunday School! Stay away from bloody or very scary things please... We will have a procession and learn about All Souls Day. Stay after church for our Pancake Breakfast, \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 for children. Also, games, treats and face painting... A fun day for all!

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm we invite the community to our "God Bless America" Prayer Service.** Along with members of the clergy from the City of Plantation, an interfaith service of hymns, patriotic songs and choir music we will pray and ask God's direction as we prepare for the local and general elections. Join us to ask God's favor to bless the elected officials that will serve in our local and national government. May they have wisdom and integrity. This is an important community event. Contact Ed Decker 954-972-6058.

**Attention adult & teen acolytes interested in becoming a thurifer.** A second training session will be Sunday October 30, 2016 directly following 10:00am service. Please contact Hazel 954-594-6281. More training dates will also be posted soon.

**Sandwich Sunday** will be on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the date: November 13th, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew** will be having a pancake breakfast to raise funds to help needy families over this Thanksgiving holiday. Adults \$5 and children \$3

**Faith in Music Ministry:** *Tuesdays 9:30 AM. We will be studying Bach's Cantatas 185-188.*

**Adult Ed and Theological Reflection:** Blessed Are the Insulted! Jesus turns the world upside down. Come Monday night at 7 PM in the chapel to explore the incredible counter-cultural teachings of our beloved hero, Jesus of Nazareth.

**The MISSION OF THE MONTH is Haiti Comfort House:** Haiti Comfort House is an orphanage in Haiti for Children who have HIV and AIDS and have been abandoned. It is run by Ray and Trisha Comfort, of our parish. We support them with donations of money and supplies that are needed to provide a loving home for these children.

**Raffle Tickets:** After the 10 am Service on October 30 there will be raffling off of two 32" Samsung HD TVs. Tickets are \$5.00 and the proceeds will be used for the construction of the new labyrinth. The number of tickets are very limited so get your tickets ASAP.

**UTO Corner 2016: The UTO Prayer:** Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept we pray these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life: Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of United Thank offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and the blessings of all, Jesus Christ. Amen. **Please pray UTO prayer this week.**

# THANK YOU!

**Ruhama and I want to thank you** for your love, generosity and presence at the Clergy Appreciation Celebration last weekend. Being your priest is an honor. Our prayers and gratitude to all who were involved... Ruhama loves her plant! May God bless each of you! In the love of Jesus, Fr. Albert

**Thank you so much** for the wonderful Clergy Appreciation Dinner. What fun - greatest Afros ever! I love my orchid and the generous recognition. Serving as your deacon is the most incredible gift! Sincerely and deeply, your sister in Christ, Deacon Deb.

**Spiritual Thought for the Week:** "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."  
— C.S. Lewis (in Mere Christianity)

## **Our offerings to God for October 15 and 16, 2016**

Operating Fund: \$6,692.00  
Building Fund: \$2,896.00  
Total: \$9,588.00

**Special Hurricane Matthew Donation (Food for The Poor and Episcopal Relief and Development):  
\$4,000.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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## **RETHINKING THE OFFERING PLATE**

The offertory is a moment of extreme embarrassment for many because they either didn't bring cash, don't have a checkbook or forgot to bring either because they were going out later and didn't want to be bothered carrying cash "around." They can pay for Sunday dinner or brunch with a credit card. Why can't they give to God the same way? Carrying money just seems more and more outdated...

More and more people pay for everything online and don't use a checkbook anymore. Why should church be the only place left for cash or checks? Doesn't that sideline God to a certain demographic or to the 20<sup>th</sup> century where cash and checks were more than welcome in offering plates? Why do that?

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