



ST. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
MAY 13 AND 14, 2017

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

(With Sunday school for Children and Youth of all ages)

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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. The Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:1-14)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

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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).

People: May you carry the prayers 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. **People: Amen.**

HAVE NO WORRY!

"I'm worried about my finances", he says. She exclaims, "How I worry about my teenager"! Jesus tells us not to be troubled, but "Believe in God and also in me". Why not worry? Because Jesus insists we can believe him when he states, "There are many rooms in my Father's house". Jesus continues, "I will come again, and will take you to myself." Jesus makes this solemn promise to all his beloved. Surely, this minimizes the impact of our present temporary worries. He calls us to personal intimacy with himself now and forever. Yes, we must address present concerns, but we also share a unique magnificent divine destiny with our Lord. He even tells us how to insure this paradise: to know him as the way, truth, and the life. Thanks, be to God!

- Norm Carroll *spiritual [summit.net](http://spiritualsummit.net)*

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Live Forever! Come to the chapel Monday at 7:00 pm to consider life after death: heaven, hell, or purgatory: fascinating subject with eternal ramifications! **Make Sunday Eucharist come alive** by joining us Sunday at 9:30 am to explore our Sunday lessons.

Faith in Music Ministry: We will be listening and studying J.S. Bach's Kantaten 194-197 this Tuesday at 9:30 am.

The Sacramental Candle is given to the greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Theresa Giorello and Edna Quinn on Mother's Day, with love from Nickie and John Quinn.

Youth Group: Our middle and high school youth meet each Wednesday evening in the Teen room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We invite all Youth to attend youth group.

Confirmation will be on May 20th, 2017. Confirmation classes are taking place on Sundays following the 10:00 am service in the Conference Room. Those who have never been "officially" received as members of the Episcopal (Anglican) Church, are also welcomed to do so. Please see Deacon Debra for information.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The May meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, May 21st after the 10:00am Mass in the St. Elizabeth Room. Elections for Officers will be held during the meeting, so your attendance is key. Please contact Kevin Walford for more information.

ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21st immediately following the 10:00 am service. All women are encouraged to attend - we will be discussing Father's Day. Refreshments will be provided.

Save the date!!! Vacation Bible School 2017: June 26-30 from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Early drop-off available. We are now accepting registrations. This is a great program we offer to everyone in our community and it is open to all children, regardless of their church affiliation or denomination.

Mission of the Month: May is Marafiki Month at St. Benedict's. We are hoping to raise \$10,000 to help Father Nganga and the wonderful work he is doing in Kenya. A parishioner has offered to match every dollar contributed to our Marafiki mission in May to a total of \$5,000. This is a wonderful way to double your contribution and make a difference in the lives of the Marafiki children. Please either fill out one of the contribution cards on the table at the back of the church, or drop your check into the Mission Box. After the service in the Narthex, Marafiki volunteers will be selling beautiful clothing and sandals made by the Marafiki staff. You will be the envy of all, wearing this beautiful clothing. God bless you for your support of Marafiki.

Pledge Statements for the first quarter of 2017 are on the table in the narthex arranged in alphabetical order for those members who have *completed and submitted pledge cards for 2017*.

Spiritual Thought for the Week: "Where love is, what can be wanting? Where it is not, what can possibly be profitable?" - *St. Augustine*

Our offerings to God for May 6 and 7, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating: \$6,831.50
Building Fund: \$3,925.00
Total: \$10,756.50
Weekly Operating Costs: \$9,900.00
Over Budget for the week: \$856.50

Do you like our new LANDSCAPING and the added grass and plants all over our grounds?

They are the donation of a generous parishioner who wants to be anonymous.
May God bless all those among us who are generous with their time, talent and treasure...

You can't be here every Sunday? We can help...

Set up ONLINE GIVING through "Easy Tithe" today on our website and never write a check again:

www.saintbenedicts.org

Calling ALL who love this church!

Each and every member of this community is important to God and to us. Together, throughout the years, we have helped to create this beautiful Christian community and together we continue to build up the Body of Christ, here at St. Benedict's.

I ask that you take a moment to consider including this church in your Last Will and Testament, and to make a generous contribution that will be transformed into a lasting spiritual legacy way beyond your time here on earth. Please contact the parish office so we can help you to take this important step for the long-term wellbeing of our church. We have volunteers who can guide you with this and with any other special donations you would like to make in memory of loved ones or as a legacy gift. Think of all the lives our generous giving can touch for generations to come!

With every blessing for you and yours,

Father Albert