



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"

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A – Revised Common Lectionary / Daily Office Year One
MAY 20, 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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the

times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:15-21)

All: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot

receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Sermon/Homily: 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday The Very Reverend Albert R. 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).

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.***

Do I Truly Love?

Genuine love exists today as an endangered species. The word "love" falls easily from our lips but with exceeding difficulty from our hearts. Entrepreneurs, sexual partners, and even spouses and religious leaders express love easily but how few live in full commitment to any other. Ilia Delio, the theologian, writes of "culture's preoccupation with the physical body and its exploitation". Jesus, in today's gospel, declares that all true love springs from our Father, and expresses itself in sacrificial giving. He invites each of us to this, his love. Would you now select someone in your life to whom in the next 24 hours, you will show our Lord's love, and, become thereby another Christ? - *Norm Carroll spiritualsummit.net*

COMING UP @ ST. BENEDICT'S

Calling All Adults! Our Lord calls all adults to learn of him on Monday May 22 at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Surely, we agree he is worthy of our time. Also, come early at 9:30 am on Sunday to explore the wisdom of 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 on the anniversary of her Birthday on May 19th, with love from Nickie and John Quinn.

Our relationship with God is not like the distant relationship of king and subject or master and slave, but like the intimate relationship of husband and wife. To disobey God is like breaking a marriage vow. When we sin we break God's heart, as the heart of one partner in a marriage may be broken by the desertion of the other. Join us for Friday morning Bible Study at 9:30am in the Conference Room. Call 954-530-0901.

Bus to Michael Sahdev's Ordination: If you are interested in signing up to take the bus to Michael's Ordination on June 3rd, the cost is \$13.00. Seats are going fast; it's first come, first serve. The bus seats 55, and we've already sold 27. Bus departs St. Benedict's at 9:45am sharp, and leaves from the Cathedral at 2:45pm back to St. Benedict's. Please contact Winston Plummer or Wendy to sign up.

We will be honoring and praying for all of our graduates from elementary school through college/university on June 3rd and 4th. If you are graduating, or have a child who is graduating, please complete one of the forms on the table at the back of the church and return to the office by May 29th, 2017.

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.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: The May meeting is scheduled for May 21st, promptly after the 10:00am Mass in St. Peter's Room. Please note the room change. Elections for Officers are going to be held during the meeting so your attendance is key.

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

Attention: There will be a Cursillo meeting next Saturday May 27, 2017 @ 10:00am, in Steven's Hall. We will be discussing the upcoming Men's weekend.

Blood Drive: The Blood Mobile broke down on its way to our last Blood Drive which had been scheduled for May 7th. The Blood Drive has now been rescheduled for Sunday, May 28th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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.

Save the Date: The Dance Team's annual Evening of Entertainment fundraiser will be on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Laurence Chapel Food Run: If anyone is interested in making a few food deliveries to St. Lawrence Chapel please contact Alice and/or Jerry at 954-530-0901. You would need (at least) a small SUV and the deliveries would be made around noon on Monday, June 26 and July 3 and 10.

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: "Jesus' followers are called to peace. When Jesus called them, they found their peace. Jesus is their peace. – *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Our offerings to God for May 13 and 14, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating: \$10,742.75
Building Fund: \$1,434.00
Total: \$12,176.75
Weekly Operating Costs: \$9,900.00

Over Budget for the week: \$2,276.75