

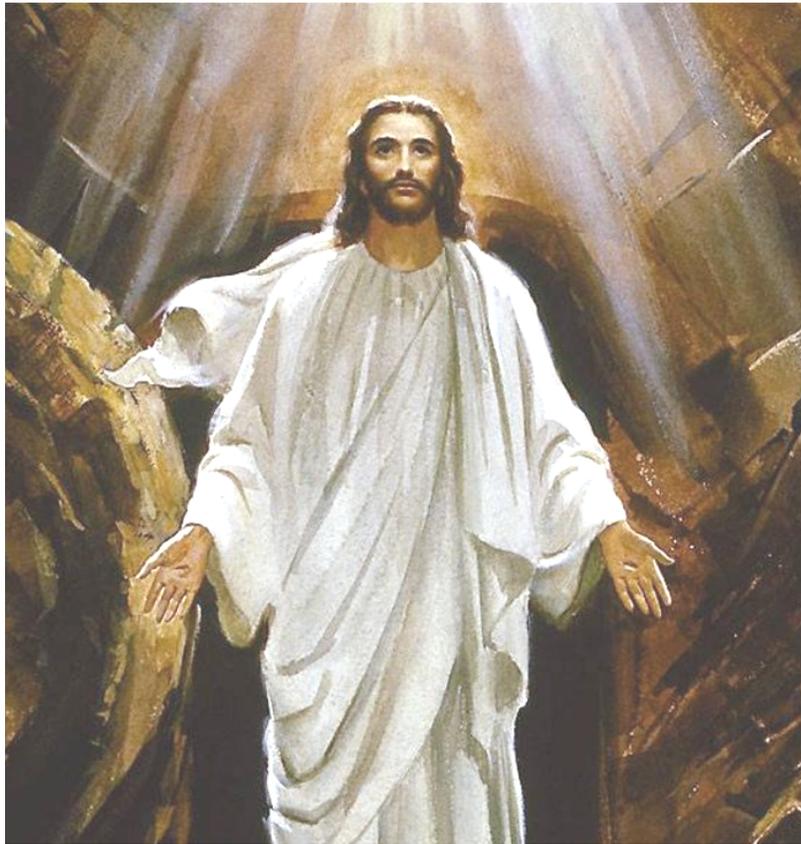
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Happy Easter!



EASTER DAY

*At St. Benedict's there are NO STRANGERS, only FRIENDS we have not met...
We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus!*

The Very Reverend Father Albert R. Cutié

Rector

Easter Day

We welcome you as we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Please sing along and use the bulletin, the screens or The Book of Common Prayer in your pews – known as “the priceless possession of the Anglican Church”. Around the world, the “BCP” is known wherever an Anglican/Episcopal congregation is present. Versions of the BCP (or simply “the Prayer Book” are used in over fifty countries and have been translated into 150 languages. Our liturgy comes from this book and is based on the American version adopted and renewed in 1979. We hope you feel at home as you worship with us!

Easter Preludes

Chancel Choir

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 207

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity

Almighty 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.*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Melodic Gloria: Cheppanis

The Collect of Easter Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God
Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

In those days Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gradual Psalm Psalm 118 (Chanted by the Chancel Choir)

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Great Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Traditional

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew (28:1-10)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

MEANING OF THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Through Holy Baptism, lay and ordained persons are called to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. That means that we are not only to believe the concepts embodied in the Baptismal Covenant, but we are to become what we believe. Each time we, as a community, renew our Baptismal Covenant, we make the promise to lead more Christ-like lives and to be more loving and caring in our interactions with God's people.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead?

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Sprinkling Rite (*Baptismal Water Blessed at Easter – Symbolizes the renewal of our Baptism*)

Hymn:

“Just As I Am”

Hymnal #693

The Prayers of the People

In the Easter mystery, God has re-created our world in joy, peace, hope, and light. And so we pray:

That the *joy* of the Risen Christ may inspire the Church throughout the world, and here in our parish community of St. Benedict's, to proclaim, in our work and worship together, the good news of the empty tomb. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the *peace* of the Risen Christ may reign among the nations and peoples of the world, leading them to work together to uphold the sacred dignity of all men, women, and children: Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the *hope* of the Risen Christ may console the troubled, reconcile those who are estranged and alienated, and heal the hurting and suffering among us, especially those that are not able to join us physically. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the *light* of the Risen Christ may shine on the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends, and we remember the benefactors and members of St. Benedict's throughout the years. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant prays: Father of life, Author of love, in raising your Son from the grave all of creation has been reborn. May the life and love of the Paschal mystery, which we celebrate today, be a constant and lasting reality in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

During the fifty days of Eastertide the confession of sins is not said.

The Peace *Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People:** *And also with you.*

Announcements by the Parish Priest

The Holy Communion ***Liturgy of the Eucharist***

*An offering is now taken for the work of the parish. Please be generous – We count on your support all year!
Feel free to make a secure donation ONLINE www.saintbenedicts.org and go to “Online giving” or give with your debit or credit card at the special table in the back... Someone is there to receive your donation.*

Offertory Hymn:

“Hymn of Promise”

Chancel Choir

**“At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
“O Sons and Daughters”**

**Hymnal #174
Hymnal #206**

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

Priest: 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.

OUR INVITATION TO YOU TODAY

**This is the Lord’s Table where none are excluded and all are welcomed.
Please come to the altar this morning and share the Sacrament of Christ’s Presence with us.**

Communion:	“Hallelujah”	Solo with Choir- Steven Fuentes
	“The Holy City”	Chancel Choir
	“I Am the Bread of Life”	Hymnal #335
	“Because He Lives”	Solo with Choir – Chantal Deshaies
	“How Great Thou Art”	LEVAS #60
	“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”	Chancel Choir
	“The Day of Resurrection”	Hymnal #210

Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray. *(Celebrant and People say this prayer together)*

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Easter Blessing: *People respond “Amen”*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Recessional Hymn

Postlude

“He Is Risen”
“Alleluia”
“Christ Is Risen”

Hymnal #180
Chancel Choir
Chancel Choir

May the blessings of Christ’s love be yours throughout this joyful Eastertide!

**Please feel free to contact us:
parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org**



A special word of thanks to Mr. John Howe, our Organist and Music Director, Mr. Ash Matthews, the men and women of our Chancel Choir – and all of our musicians – for sharing their talents with the Lord and with the entire community. Thanks for your dedication and time!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS:

Do you have a *Twitter* or *Facebook* Account?

Friend, like and follow Saint Benedict’s! Join us in spreading the word about our many events and services!

Twitter: [@sbplantation](https://twitter.com/sbplantation) - **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/saintbenedicts/?ref=bookmarks (Saint Benedict’s of Plantation, FL)

Save the date!!! Vacation Bible School 2017: June 26-30 from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Early drop-off available. Registration will begin April 23rd.

Study the Gospel of Mark with Father Albert! Our Rector's Forum is every Wednesday at 7:30 pm following our healing mass. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Come for a reflective and prayerful reading of Scripture. Easter Week we will have a recess, but we will return on April 26th.

Our Monday Night Class: Be Not Afraid! We invite you to an all-important gathering Monday April 17 at 7:00 pm in the chapel to discuss what happened at the resurrection and how it impacts our lives today. Come to the 10:00 am Eucharist early at 9:30 in the chapel to join a wonderful inquiry into the deep meaning of the Sunday readings. The Eucharist will come alive!

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

Relay For Life: FRIDAY, APRIL 21-22, 2017 6:00 pm-9 am. PLANTATION CENTRAL PARK - 9151 NW 2nd St, Plantation, FL. Sign up at <http://main.acevents.org/goto/Benedicts>. Any question please contact Donna Carty stbennyouth@gmail.com. Walkers are needed please sign up for your schedule ½ hour time slot, and walk out against CANCER. Dedicate a Luminaria - Honor every life affected by cancer. Each Luminaria is dedicated to someone we hold close to our hearts. After the sun goes down, we illuminate the bags and take a moment to remember and reflect on each life the light represents. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any planning team members or email Donna Carty at stbennyouth@gmail.com

Mothers' Union High Tea will be on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the Deshaies Hall. Please see Blossie Lewis to purchase tickets, or to get more information.

MISSION OF THE MONTH is God's Little Lambs: God's Little Lambs is a Christian nursery and pre-school right here in Broward County. They are dedicated to homeless and low-income families, with sponsorship from various Churches and organizations in the Ft. Lauderdale area. St Benedict's has been providing an arts and crafts program for them for the past 13 years. Through your generous donations and God's help, we hope to continue this service.

Spiritual Thought for the Week: *I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.*

– C.S. Lewis

God has a sense of humor!



We really need you!

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 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 a spiritual legacy for ages to come. Please contact us so we can help you to take this important step for the long-term wellbeing of your church. We have volunteers who are prepared to guide you.

If you have not filled out a **PLEDGE CARD for 2017**, you still have time. Our church really counts on each of you in order to carry out God's work all year long. Please fill out a pledge card today and drop it in the basket, mail it, or bring it to the parish office. We need your continued and faithful support!

With every blessing for you and yours,

Father Albert

Our offerings to God for April 8 AND 9, 2017 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating: \$9,495.68
Building Fund: \$2,170.00
Total: \$11,665.68
Costs/Budget: \$9,900.00
Over budget for the week: \$1,765.68

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www.saintbenedicts.org**



**Please JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR EASTER EGG HUNT,
PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY, TREATS and LOTS OF FUN.
Meet us on the front lawn (West side of the church).
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