

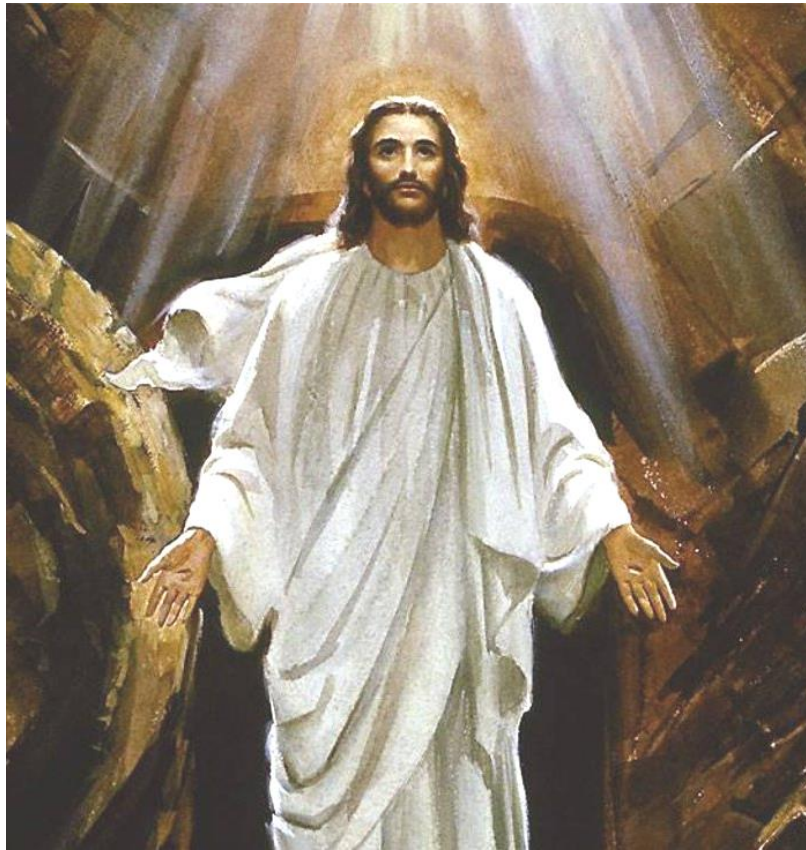
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Happy Easter!



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 by the Episcopal Church USA. 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 Corinthians (15:1-11)

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

The Great Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Traditional

+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark (16:1-8)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look,

there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

The Homily (Sermon)

Father Albert Cutié

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.***

Special 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: We invite all baptized youth grades 9-12 to register for Confirmation class. We will participate in the Regional Confirmation being held at St Nicholas Episcopal Church on Saturday May 5th. Classes take place immediately after church in the Conference Room. For more information please contact Deacon Deb McLaughlin at 954-478-1091. All those already confirmed in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions are welcome to be "received" as members of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

The Mothers' Union High Tea will be on Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 PM in the Deshaies Hall. Please see Blossie Lewis to purchase tickets, or to get information. Contact Blossie at: **954-806-8241**

Several scholarships are available for St. Benedict's High School Graduates: Scholarship deadline is April 30th, 2018 **Requirements:** *Member of St. Benedict's *Active participation in St. Benedict's ministry
*List activities/ ministries in St. Benedict's, Diocese, school and/or community
*Graduation date, future plans (college/university, vocational school, military)
*Essay (minimum 1 page, single spaced, maximum 2 pages per essay) on "Life at St. Benedict's"; additional essay on "Cultural Diversity" for Chang-Young Scholarship
Essays will be evaluated on the following: Content, grammar, punctuation, organization and paragraphing.
Please send to: scholarship7801@gmail.com

Relay For Life: April 7th & 8th is our STOMP OUT CANCER SERVICE. We invite all to attend and please invite anyone you know who is a cancer survivor or who has lost someone to cancer to join us. There will be a slide show of cancer survivors/victims. If you or your loved ones have been affected by cancer and you would like your pictures included email them to jennease@hotmail.com no later than April 1st, 2018. The following weekend April 13th-14th is Relay For Life at Plantation Central Park from 6:30pm-9:30am. All are welcome to join us as we STOMP (WALK) OUT CANCER one step at a time. We need volunteers in all areas: walkers, food servers, donations... call 954-224-3535 if you would like to help or you can make a donation at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/stbenedictschurch>

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 2018** 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 on this Eastertide for you and yours,
Father Albert

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: *The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.* -Basil Hume

Our offerings to God for March 24 and 25, 2018 - Thank you for your generosity!

Operating Fund:	8,854.00
Building Fund:	1,126.00
Total:	9,980.00
<i>Over budget for the week:</i>	<i>80.00</i>

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Sign up today at: 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).
HAPPY EASTER!**

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Always remember: God has a sense of humor!

