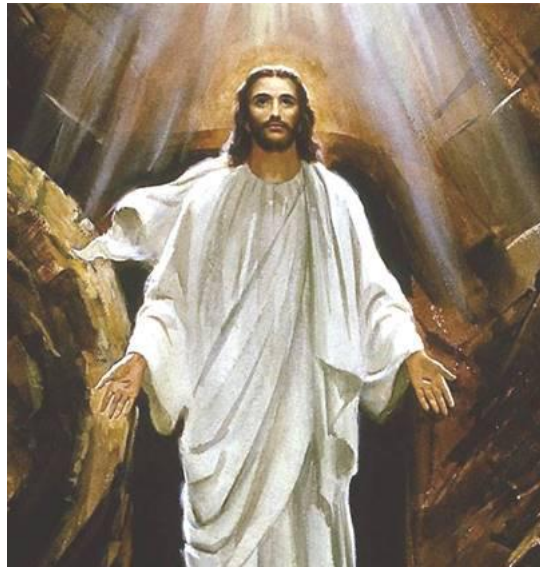


# Happy Easter!



## 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 Reverend Father Albert R. Cutié  
Rector

## Easter Day

A very HAPPY EASTER to all who are joining us for this special ONLINE Service. This is the first time in the history of St. Benedict's that we are not welcoming people physically to our parish church on this sacred day, but we are welcoming everyone to join us via [www.facebook.com/sainthenedicts/](http://www.facebook.com/sainthenedicts/) Please take a moment to welcome and greet those you observe interacting with us with their presence and prayers!

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

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!

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**  
*Chepponis*

*Melodic Gloria:*

**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)**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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.***

**The Great  
Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Traditional*

**+The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.” The Gospel of the Lord. ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!***

**The Homily (Sermon)**  
**Cutié**

**Father Albert**

### **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.*

### **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 suffering physically and emotionally as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic and as the result of any illness or disease. 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 long-time benefactors and members of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, the many victims of this Pandemic throughout the world, and those who are bereaved. 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.sainthenedicts.org](http://www.sainthenedicts.org) and go to "Online giving". Your special Easter offering may also be mailed to the parish office: 7801 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street Plantation, FL 33324*

**Offertory**  
LEVAS #43

*Because He Lives*

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy He gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain day, because He lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives

And then one day, I'll cross the river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then, as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
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**The Doxology**  
*Hundredth*

*Old*

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*Prayer A*  
**The Lord's Prayer**

*Eucharistic*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**The Fraction Anthem**  
*Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei –*

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.

**Spiritual Communion**

*In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.*

*I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

### **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"*

### **Recessional Hymn**

*Risen #180*

*He Is*

1. He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

2. Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
and the passion that he bore –  
sin and pain can vex no more.

3. Come, with high and holy hymning,  
hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

4. He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

**The Dismissal**

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

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

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

**Please feel free to contact us with your comments and suggestions:**

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With every blessing for you and yours this Easter and Eastertide,

*Father Albert*

**God has a sense of humor!**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

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