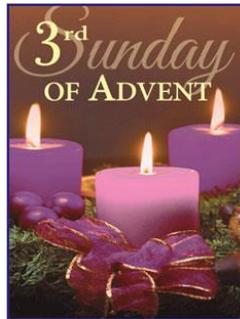




12 and 13 December 2020  
**Third Sunday of Advent**



“Live Worship Times” 7 Days a Week [www.facebook.com/saintbenedicts/](https://www.facebook.com/saintbenedicts/)

**Saturday and Sundays: In person, Facebook Live in your cars, and ONLINE**

**Please remain in your cars at all times...**

*Those who remain in their cars will receive Holy Communion at the end of each service.*

*Drive to the “Communion Lane” on the East Side Church Entrance.*

**SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST (In Church Service,  
Drive-In Church and Online)**

**MONDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**

**TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**

**WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**

**FRIDAY: MIDDAY PRAYER 12 NOON**

**SATURDAY: 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
(In Church Service, Drive-In Church, and Online)**

*The Reverend Father Albert Cutié, Rector The Reverend  
Debra McLaughlin, Deacon*

The Lessons Appointed for use on  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

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### **The Collect**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Old Testament**

#### **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

## **Psalm 126**

### *In convertendo*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## **The Epistle**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

## **The Gospel**

### **John 1:6-8,19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

### **Homily/Sermon**

**Father Albert**

### **The Nicene Creed**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**Form I**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "***Lord, have mercy.***"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, the Diocese of Southeast Florida, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President and President-Elect, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for the victims of COVID-19, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Benedict, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*To thee, O Lord our God.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Priest:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

### **Special Announcements from the Rector**

*Please be generous! Feel free to make a secure donation ONLINE [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org) and go to "Online giving". Pledge envelopes and special donations can also be placed in the Collection Plates in the back of the church or mailed to the parish office:  
7801 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street Plantation, FL 33324*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

The Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

The Great Thanksgiving

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!

***In these times of COVID19, the above rubric applies to all who desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, but desire it... Let us pray together!***

Prayer During Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*– From Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787) and A Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,**

and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Distribution of Holy Communion and departure:

*-Please approach the altar by observing the posted distancing circles on the floor.*

*-Stand at your designated Communion station left or right and remain standing.*

*-Place your mask under your chin when you are standing in front of minister.*

*-Please extend your hands – left above right – and consume the host before you begin walking again.*

*-As you return downside aisles, please proceed to your automobiles.*

*-When it is safe to socialize and mingle outside of the church, we will advise the congregation. At this time, we ask that you wave and greet each other from a distance of 6 feet or more to stay safe.*

*The Sacramental Candle is given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of*

*Owen Lewis, husband of Blossie Lewis, who died on November 24, 2011.*

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

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*Father Albert*