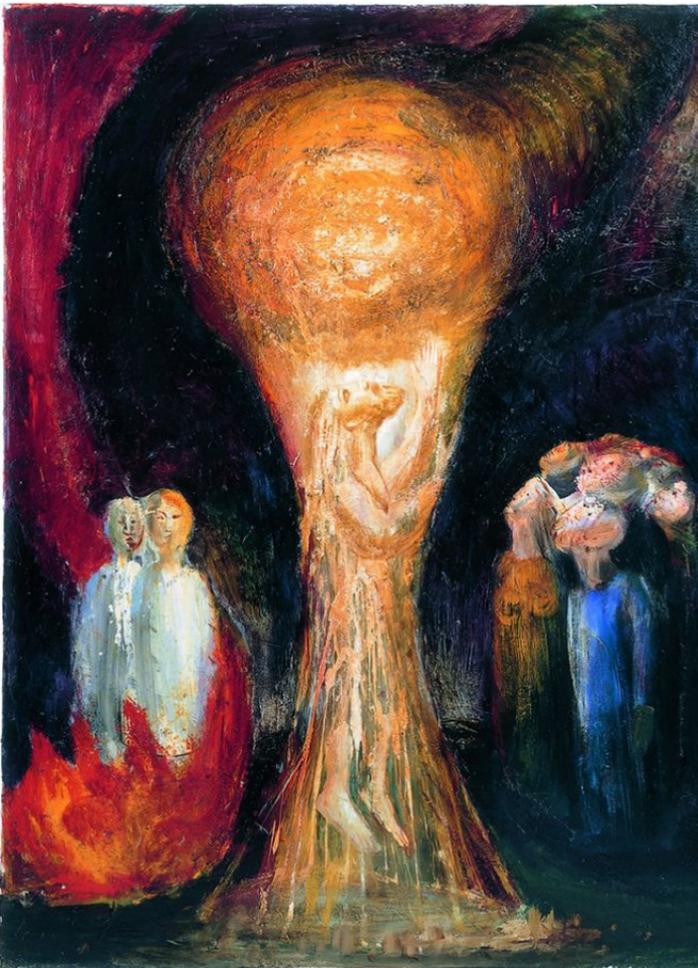


Welcome to



The Ascension
Peter Rogers (1933-)

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.

-Acts 1:9

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Saint Benedict Episcopal Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter: After the Lord's Ascension

Saturday, May 15 at 6p | Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 8a and 10a

*Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Welcome to Saint Benedict Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Additional information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at www.saintbenedicts.org. Rite I (Sunday 8:00am) of The Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); responses in **Red**. Rite II (Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am), on page 355 (BCP) The music for the service is taken from The Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, our risen and ascended Lord.*

THE GATHERING

Organ Voluntary

Prelude, Toccata and Fugue in E Major (BWV566) by J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn 214 *sung by all, standing*

Llanfair

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation *remain standing*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant leads 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. **All: Amen.**

***(8:00am Rite I) The Decalogue and Kyrie Eleison**

The Celebrant continues: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. **All: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis *sung by all*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

by Robert Powell (S-280)

***(8:00am Rite I): said by All: Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

The Celebrant prays: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **All: Amen.**

First Lesson: A Reading from a letter of Acts to the Apostles

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Reader says: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *said by all; remain seated*

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Second Lesson: A Reading from the First letter of John

I John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Reader says: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**



1 O Lord Most high, e - ter - nal King, — by thee re - deemed thy praise we sing.
 2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne — thou claim'st the king - dom as — thine own;
 3 Be thou our joy, O might - y Lord, — as thou wilt be our great re - ward;
 4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, — all praise to thee let earth ac - cord,



The bonds of death are burst by thee, and grace has — won the vic - to - ry.
 and an - gels won - der when they see how changed is — our hu - man - i - ty.
 let all our glo - ry be in thee both now and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 who art, while end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spi - rit, One.



(After stanza 4 only) Al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Alleluia *1st time Cantor; thereafter All*

Chant Tone IV



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 17:6-19

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ. The Deacon continues with the reading of the Gospel. Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Deacon says: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sermon *the People sit*

The Reverend Albert R. Cutie, Rector

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with

the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *led by Lay Member*

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. **All: 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. **All: 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. **All: 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. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

In today's Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, Our Lady and Saint Stephen Church (Bimini), Saint Thomas Church (Coral Gables), and Todos Los Santos (Miami).

The Celebrant prays: Lord, you know our needs. Hear our prayers for Christ's sake. **All: Amen.**

The Peace

Please greet your neighbor according to social distancing guidelines

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

Welcome and Announcements *the People are invited to sit*

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Saint Benedict's work of sharing God's love with the world. Please be generous - we count on your support year-round. Text "give7801" to 1-888-364-4483. You may also make a secure donation online at our website [www. Saintbenedicts.org](http://www.Saintbenedicts.org) or via the Saint Benedict's app.

THE LORD'S TABLE

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us: an offering and sacrifice to God. - Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn 488 *sung by all, standing*

Slane

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Doxology *remain standing, sung by all*

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

The Great Thanksgiving *The service continues on p. 361 (Rite I on p. 333) of the Book of Common Prayer*

***(8:00am Rite I):**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with Thy Spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:

***(8:00am Rite I): All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. +Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, to which the congregation responds: **Christ Has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again, and sings: Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer *sung by all, standing*

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei *please kneel as you are able*

by Franz Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *led by the Celebrant*

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Following the reception of Holy Communion by the ministers, the congregation sings:



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven - ward raise:
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly ha - rvest - field,
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his res - sur - rec - tion morn.
 which will all its full a - bun - dance at his se - cond com - ing yield:
 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 that we, with our hearts in hea - ven, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

The Post Communion Prayer *said by all; remain standing*

All: 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.

***(8:00am Rite I):** Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

The Easter Blessing + and Dismissal

The Rector pronounces the blessing to which the congregation responds:

All: Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID-19: *All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on worship, there is no intinction or dipping of the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest at which point the minister will say a special prayer with you.*

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in D Minor by Max Reger

NOTE: For your safety, please leave the building following reception of Holy Communion. It is safer to talk outside than to mingle in the building. Please remember to keep social distance at all times and give one another space as you exit through doorways. Please take this worship bulletin away with you and dispose of it yourself. We thank you for worshipping with us today.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?

May 16-22

children, youth, and family

YOUTH CHURCH:

Join us every Sunday at 11:30am for Kids Church via Zoom led by Dr. Keisha Lyttleton, Director of Family Life and our Youth Church Team.

For more information on our programs,

visit our website at www.saintbenedicts.org/children-youth.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS!

Scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors are available! Please check your email from the Parish Office for details.

get connected

FIND YOUR PLACE AT SAINT BENEDICT'S:

Now is a perfect time for members and newcomers to explore ways to grow deeper in our parish, as well as offer your time, talent, and treasure to support the life of Saint Benedict's. Learn more about our 60+ ministries by clicking the ministries tab at www.saintbenedicts.org or speak with a member of the ministerial team by calling the Parish Office 954-473-6578). Connection to the parish during this "season of separation," is bound to bring blessing and faith-based partnership to all those willing to engage.



LAUGH OUT LOUD (LOL):

Why do they say 'Amen' instead of 'Awomen' at the end of prayers? **The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers!**

music moment

ABOUT TODAY'S VOLUNTARIES:

This morning's voluntaries were composed by German-born composers Johann Sebastian Bach and Max Reger. Bach's Prelude comprises of a prelude played in toccata or free-style, and follows with double fugues (alternating subjects and answers) that speak to the majesty of the Risen Christ. Reger's Toccata in D minor was written in the German romantic style and is grand in nature. The piece surprisingly introduces a quiet chorale in the middle section allowing for prayerful reflection, before ending in a gradual build up of sound - like the Lord ascending into heaven.

need prayer?

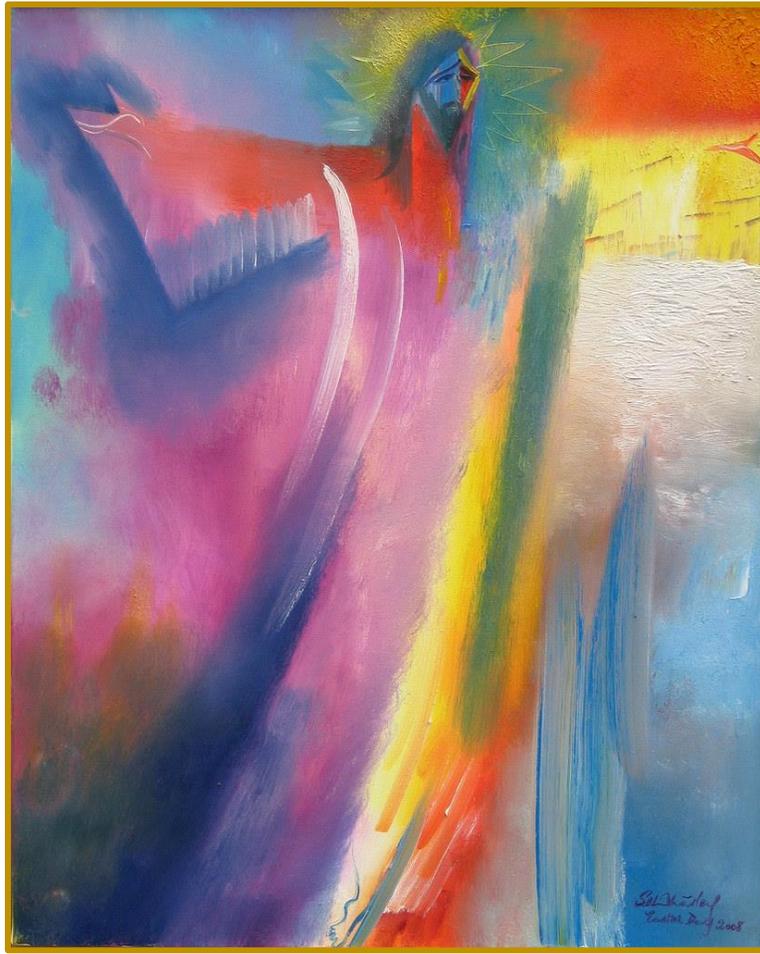
At the core of our faith is the practice of prayer, which is especially important in this temporary season of navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to your daily prayers, the clergy and members of pastoral care teams are available to offer prayer support. You may submit your request online at www.saintbenedicts.org/prayer-requests or via Parish Administration Ms. Wendy Williams (954-473-6578).

last week's offering to God

Our weekly operating budget is \$10,000, and none of our fixed expenses have changed during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please be as generous as you can be in your regular pledging and offerings. God bless you!

Operating: \$7,114.00
Building: \$2,881.00
Online Giving: \$4,820.00
Total: \$14,815.00

God Bless You!



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We have a “Communion Lane” on the East Side Church Entrance.

SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 (Spanish) AM HOLY EUCHARIST
MONDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM
TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM
THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM
SATURDAY: 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
(In Church Service and Drive-In Church)

Our mission is to know Christ’s love and to make His love known.

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The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon
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