



Saint Benedict Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Saturday May 1 at 6pm | Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 8am and 10am

*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, the Risen Lord.*

THE GATHERING

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in D Major (BWV532) by J.S. Bach

Hymn *sung by all standing*

He Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day,
2. Vain - ly they watched his bed, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they sealed the dead,
3. Death could not keep his prey, Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the bars a - way,

Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave he a - rose, with a might-y tri-umph o'er his foes;
Je - sus, my Lord!
Je - sus, my Lord!

he a - rose a vic-tor from the dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign;

he a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Opening Acclamation *remain standing*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant prays: 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

R/. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **R/.** We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R/.** 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. **R/.** 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. **R/.**

by James Chepponis

***(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: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD *the People sit for the reading of God's Word from scripture*

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

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the

road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *to be recited responsively by half verse; the People respond in BOLD*

Psalm 24:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Lesson: A Reading from the First letter of John

I John 4:2-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

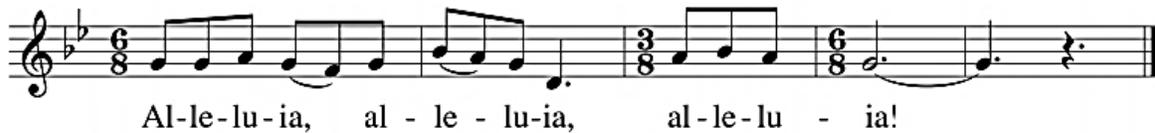
1 Thou art the Way: to thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and he who would the Father seek,
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

2 Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind,
and purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm,
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.

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

O Filii et Filiae



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 15:1-8

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ. *The Deacon continues:* Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The hymn continues with verse 4:

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
grant us that Way to know,
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

Sermon *the People sit*

Father 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 the Deacon*

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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, Church of the Ascension Miami, Clergy & Compensation & Insurance Committee, and the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

The Celebrant prays: Risen Lord, guide us by your grace to your *your* peace, joy, hope and light, and give to us, your servants, a home in your heavenly kingdom where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

The Peace

Please extend a sign of peace 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.

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 – OFFERTORY

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence

Hymn *sung by all standing*

Beach Spring



1. As we ga - ther at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word, help us know, O God, your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life. Send us forth to love and
3. Grac - ious Spi - rit, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share the feast, where tri - um - phant love will



pres - ence, let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sac - red sto - ry till we
serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pass - ion to for -
wel - come those who had been last and least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will



claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
give as you forgave, may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy!

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

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.

The ministers receive Holy Communion, meanwhile the congregation sings:



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



1. Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
2. Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
3. Will you set the cap - tive free and nev - er be the same?
4. Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
5. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



1. Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
2. Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
3. Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
4. Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
5. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



1. will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
3. and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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!

Organ Voluntary

Toccata Brevis by Daniel Gawthrop

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 order of service away with you and dispose of it yourself. We thank you for worshipping with us today.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2021

	<p>Join us every Sunday at 11:30am for Kids Church via Zoom led by Dr. Keisha Lyttleton and our Youth Church Team</p>
<p><u>Getting and Staying Connected</u></p>	<p>Now is a perfect time for members and newcomers to visit our website www.saintbenedicts.org or speak with a member of the ministerial team (Parish Office 954-473-6578) 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. Connection to the parish in the midst of this "season of separation," is bound to bring blessing and faith-based partnership to all those willing to engage. Contact us today.</p>
<p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p>	<p>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 or via Parish Administration Ms. Wendy Williams (parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org, 954-473-6578). Prayer requests will be distributed via our prayer e-blast.</p>
<p><u>Coffee Hour</u></p>	<p>Due to our new 11:30am Spanish Service, there will be no Coffee Hour. Please stay tuned for more information.</p>
<p><u>Scholarship Applications</u></p>	<p>Scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors are available! Please check your email from the Parish Office for details.</p>
<p><u>Offering for the Week of April 18, 2021</u></p>	<p>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!</p> <p>Operating: \$7,584.00 Building: \$760.00 Online Giving: \$3,262.97 Total: \$11,606.97</p>

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Mosaic in the Resurrection Chapel at Washington National Cathedral*

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To receive Holy Communion in your car – a minister will come to you at Communion time.
We have a “Communion Lane” on the East Side Church Entrance.

SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 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

FRIDAY: MIDDAY PRAYER 12 NOON

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.

The Reverend Dr. Albert R. Cutie, Rector and Celebrant

The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon

Mr. Xavier W. Richardson, Director of Music & Organist

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