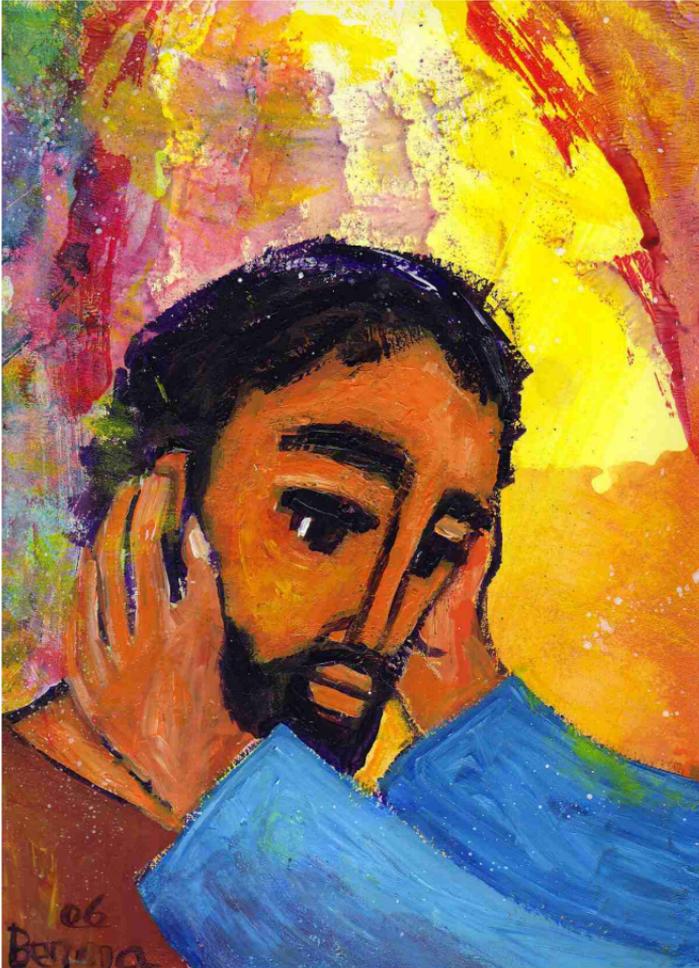


Welcome to



## EPHPHATHA

*"And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly."*

*- Mark 7:35*

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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## **As We Gather, We Pray**

**Father**, we pray today in Jesus' name that You would send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide us, let them bring us to Your holy mountain to the place where You dwell. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our joy and our delight, and give glory to You, today and forever. Amen. ([Psalm 43:3-4](#))



## Saint Benedict Episcopal Church The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Weekend of September 4-5 | 6pm, 8am and 10am

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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](http://www.saintbenedicts.org). Rite I (Sunday 8:00am) of The Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); responses for this service are in **red**. Rite II (Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am), on page 355 (BCP). Congregational responses for all services are found in **bold**. The music for the service is taken from the blue Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and the red, green, and black hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist.

**THE GATHERING**    *We begin our worship as a gathered community praising God in song.*

**Organ Voluntary**

Elegy by George Thalben-Ball

**Processional Hymn 1 Father, We Praise Thee**    *sung by all*

*Christe Sanctorum*

**Opening Acclamation**    *the Celebrant leads:*

Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*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.**

**\*(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. *Sung by all:* **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

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 sins 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.**

**S-280 by Robert Powell**

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

## At the Collect

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

*The Collect of the Day:* Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD** *We sit to listen to God's Word from Old and New Testaments*

### **A Reading from the Book of Proverbs**

*Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23*

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Qui confidunt** *to be read responsively by verse*

*Psalm 125*

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

**2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

**4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.**

**5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.**

### **A Reading from the Book of James**

*James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not

commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 488 Be Thou, My Vision** *sung by all, standing*

*Slane*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

*Mark 7:24-37*

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.** Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Albert R. Cutie**

**The Nicene Creed** *stand*

BCP pg. 358

**The Prayers of the People** *led by Lay Member*

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

+ Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*We offer prayers on behalf of our community, state, nation and the world.*

**Confession of Sin** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*please kneel as you are able, said by all:*

**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.**

**The Peace**

*Please greet your neighbor according to social distancing guidelines*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**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**

*We gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us.*

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 *I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give*  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

1 Lay down, thou wea-ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my breast."  
 2 *The liv - ing wa - ter - thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live."*  
 3 Look un - to me - thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."

1 I came to Je - sus as I was, Wea - ry, and worn, and sad;  
 2 *I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;*  
 3 I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;

1 I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.  
 2 *My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.*  
 3 And in that light of life I'll walk, 'Til trav - eling days are done.

**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*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:*

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

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

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

*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** *said by all, standing*

**The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem**

*The bread is broken. Silence is kept.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Agnus Dei** *please kneel as you are able*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.** *[twice]*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us Thy peace.**

**Prayer of Humble Access** *said by 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.**

**Communion Hymn 325 Let Us Break Bread Together** *sung standing*

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

**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**

*We leave to serve, strengthened to be Christ's body in the world.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**The Final Blessing +**

*The Rector pronounces the blessing to which the congregation responds:*  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 541 Come, Labor On** *sung by all, standing*

*Ora Labora*

**The Dismissal** *led by the Deacon*

Go forth in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Voluntary**

*Improvisation on Ora Labora*

***The sacramental candle is given to the glory of God and in gratitude for 24 years of sobriety.***

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?

## September 4-5

### 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](http://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.

### HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Please submit all announcements to our Parish Administrator Ms. Wendy Williams no later than Wednesday at Noon by email [parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org) or by calling 954-473-6578. Thank you!

### CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS THURSDAY, 7PM

Calling all choristers and individuals interested in joining this area of ministry. Please join us in the sanctuary for choir rehearsal (socially distant). For more info, please see Xavier Richardson, Director of Music and Organist or email [zavirich@gmail.com](mailto:zavirich@gmail.com).

### NAMU WALKS 2021

Allan DuPuis will be representing Team HCA Healthcare for this year's event and will be accepting donations supporting mental health awareness. Please contact Allan at [Allan.Dupuis@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:Allan.Dupuis@hcahealthcare.com)

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR:



Come experience the love of God with us as we worship, serve, and follow the way of Jesus together. We invite you to join us at one of our many fall services. God Bless you and see you in church.

### SEAFARERS' HOUSE PRAYER SERVICE:

Join the Daughters of the King on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 9am for this special service celebrated by Fr. Albert.

### 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: \$3,837.00**  
**Building: \$555.00**  
**Online Giving: \$3,240.00**  
**Total: \$7,632.00**



### ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Join Zoom

Please refer to the email with the Zoom information.

*Sundays at 11:30 AM - Inviting all children and youth in our community to participate!*

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# **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME TODAY?**

*Use this space to reflect on God's Word today*

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## **LAUGH OUT LOUD:**



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



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Saturday and Sundays: All services “In-person” (10:00 AM Service ONLINE and in-person)  
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.

**SATURDAY: 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (“Dog-friendly” Service)**  
**SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 (Spanish) AM HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM**  
**THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**

The Reverend Dr. Albert R. Cutie, Rector  
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon  
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