

Welcome to



HOPE

*Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.
- O Antiphons*

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ADVENT

The word "Advent" derives from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming." The season of Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the advent or coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, leading up to the celebration of Christmas and the mystery of Christ's incarnation. While preparation for the humble birth of Jesus is undoubtedly a focus of the season, Advent is equally focused on the second coming of Christ, inviting the faithful to reflective preparation for the coming reign of God. Advent is characterized by expectant restraint, which is reflected in the music, Scripture, and prayers of the liturgy.

Saint Benedict Episcopal Church The First Sunday of Advent

The Weekend of November 27-28 | 6pm, 8am and 10am



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 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). Please stand at the introduction of hymns. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist.

THE GATHERING

Organ Voluntary

Two settings of *Nun Kohm der, Heiden Heiland* (BWV 659 & 660) by J.S. Bach

The congregation stands as the ministers process to the altar

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Celebrant prays: Blessed are you, O Lord God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.**

The Advent Litany in Procession

Leader



A voice cries in the wil - der-ness, pre - pare the way of the Lord.

Leader



Lift up all the deep val - leys. Lo - wer all the steep moun - tains. The

All



glo - ry of the Lord shall be re - vealed. All flesh shall see it to - ge-ther.

Cantor: Ruler of all things in heaven and earth, may the desert blossom like a rose and may we, passing through what you have made good, guide each other to your holy mountain, where wolf and lamb can lie down together in peace, for we look to you in hope.

People:



Come, Lord_ Je - sus! Come!

The Cantor continues:

Judge of the Nations, may we not put you to the test in our arrogance, but find wisdom, restraint, and courage to beat our swords into ploughshares and no longer to study the ways of war, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Foretold by John on the banks of the Jordan, immerse us into a baptism of repentance, so that we may rise from water, reaching out our hands to people of all faiths who long for your goodness, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Lamb of God, enlighten and strengthen your Church, so that we may be stewards of your abundance and joyful heralds of the banquet to which all are invited, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Herald of Good News, may all our words and deeds loosen the yoke of the troubled and lighten the burden of the poor, so that what we proclaim becomes what we spend ourselves to accomplish, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Heir of David's Throne, empower us to establish justice in our cities and communities and to honor the covenant into which we have entered, so that all homes may be lively and joyful and all children may flourish, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Head of the Household, may what you have entrusted to us, our homes, families, friends, and possessions, be ready always for your arrival, and keep us alert to the signs of your presence, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Bridegroom of our Soul, draw us beyond selfish desire and fear, so that we may give ourselves fully to you, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Incarnate of the Virgin Mary, care for our flesh, heal our diseases, strengthen our weakness, and enfold us at last in your peace, and may what is done in us be according to your will, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Child of Bethlehem, make us your children, simplify and soften our hearts so that we may enter the realm of God with gratitude and joy, for we look to you in hope. **Come, Lord Jesus! Come!**

Once the ministers reach the altar:

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Leader and the second and third staves are for the All. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

At the Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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

The celebrant prays: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Ad te Domine, levavi *sung at 10am service by choir*

Psalm 25:1

Chant: plainsong, Tone 1

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the Book of Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Veni, veni Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
2. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
3. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;



that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

At the Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36)

+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for Peter our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Let us pray for the Church of God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people. Let us pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison. Let us pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him. Let us pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Let us pray for those who have died.

Silence

The ministers continue with prayers for our community, nation, world, and those celebrating birthdays.

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 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 or via the Saint Benedict's app.

THE LORD'S TABLE

Choral Anthem (10am)

Keep Your Lamps by Andre Thomas

Hymn 66

Stuttgart

Presentation Hymn

Puer Nobis Nascitur

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The service continues with Rite I on p. 333, Rite II on p. 361 (BCP)

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.

***(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.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:

***(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.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____

heav - en 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, 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

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

Cantor

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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.

Hymn LEVAS 14

Soon and Very Soon

The Post Communion Prayer

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 Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Final Blessing +

Hymn 57

Helmsley

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata on Lo! He comes with clouds descending by Barry Ferguson

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?

November 27 & 28

ADVENT FAITH REVIVAL:

Mark your calendars for our RETURN TO CHURCH "Advent Faith Revival" on Saturday, December 4th, from 10:00 AM - Noon. A time for prayer, faith renewal, great worship music, testimonies, and so much more... Just be here - and expect God's blessings!

BOOSTERS and CHILDREN'S VACCINES at Saint Benedict's for all in our community:

Once again, Saint Benedict's will serve as a vaccination site for all in our community on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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: \$4,870.00
Building: \$1,155.00
Online Giving: \$2,852.27
Total: \$8,877.70

Periodical Club) and UTO (United Thank Offering)

Will be collecting monetary donations during the month of November. There will be envelopes for both CPC and UTO on the baptismal font in church. Please be as generous as you can as both of these ministries continue to need our help. We are collecting coins as well and of course, checks and cash are always welcome. Thank you.



ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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!

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). Sight-readers are welcome. For more info, please see Xavier Richardson, Director of Music and Organist or email zavirich@gmail.com.



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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. Cutié, Rector
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