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## LOVE

*My soul doth magnify the  
Lord, and my Spirit hath  
rejoiced in God my Savior.*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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# AS WE GATHER TODAY, WE PRAY

## A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord Jesus, Master of both light and darkness, send  
your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do  
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things  
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways  
long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy  
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking  
the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

-Father Henri JM Nouwen



# Worship Resource for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

## 6pm (Rite II) and 8am (Rite I) Services

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*The Holy Eucharist Rite I can be found on p. 323 of the Book of Common Prayer, Rite II on pg. 355*

### The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

*The Celebrant prays:* Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### Hymns

Processional: 74

Gradual: 265

Offertory: 72

Communion: 462

Recessional: 56

### First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

### Canticle 15, The Magnificat (BCP p.91)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### At the Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."



## Saint Benedict Episcopal Church The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Lessons and Carols December 19, 2021 | 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](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). We are a singing church; **we ask that you please stand at the introduction of hymns**. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist.

### ORDER OF SERVICE *for* LESSONS AND CAROLS

#### Organ Voluntary

*Veni, Redemptor gentium* by Samuel Scheidt

*The congregation stands as the ministers process to the altar.*

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The Celebrant prays:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

#### Hymn (vs. 1 solo, thereafter all)

*Puer nobis nascitur*



1. Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and ma - ni - fest thy vir - gin - birth:
2. Forth from his cham - ber go - eth he, that roy - al home of pur - i - ty,
3. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the Fa - ther back he speeds;
4. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, and dark - ness breathe a new - er light,
5. All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free,



1. let ev - ery age a - dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
2. a giant in two - fold sub - stance one, re - joic - ing now his course to run.
3. his course he runs to death and hell, re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
4. where end - less faith shall shine se - rene, and twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.
5. whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er more.

#### The Opening Acclamation

- + Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessed are You, Holy and Living One.  
**You come to Your people, and set them free.**

The Celebrant says the Bidding Prayer: Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor hear and see the Gospel. First, let us pray for the world God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death; and for the Church in this and every place, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words that Christ himself taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says: May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting, now and at all times. **Amen.**

### Trisagion

*from the Orthodox liturgy*

*Sung once by the cantor; then all repeat twice.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,  
have mer - cy - - - up - - - on us.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson

**Genesis 3:8-14**

*Adam and Eve rebel against God*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."

### Carol

*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree by Elizabeth Poston*

## **The Second Lesson**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

*God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption*

"Comfort, O comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## **Carol**

He Shall Feed His Flock like a Shepherd by G.F. Handel

## **The Third Lesson**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

*The prophet Isaiah proclaims good news those in exile*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## **Hymn** *stand*

*Jerusalem*

**1 O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world shall  
see Christ's promised reign of peace.**

**2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

**The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of God**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Congregational Carol** *remain standing, sung by all*

*Gabriel's Message*

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2. "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 "All hail," said, he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, told,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore -  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - - - - ri - a!  
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**The Responsory**

Leader: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:  
 Choir: *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you,*  
 Leader: Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.  
 Choir: *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you,*  
 Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
 Choir: *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*  
 Leader: We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord.  
**People: In the midst of your temple.**

## The Collect for Advent

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly expectation of your coming: grant that we, who with joy receive your only begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, even your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## The Offertory *please sit*

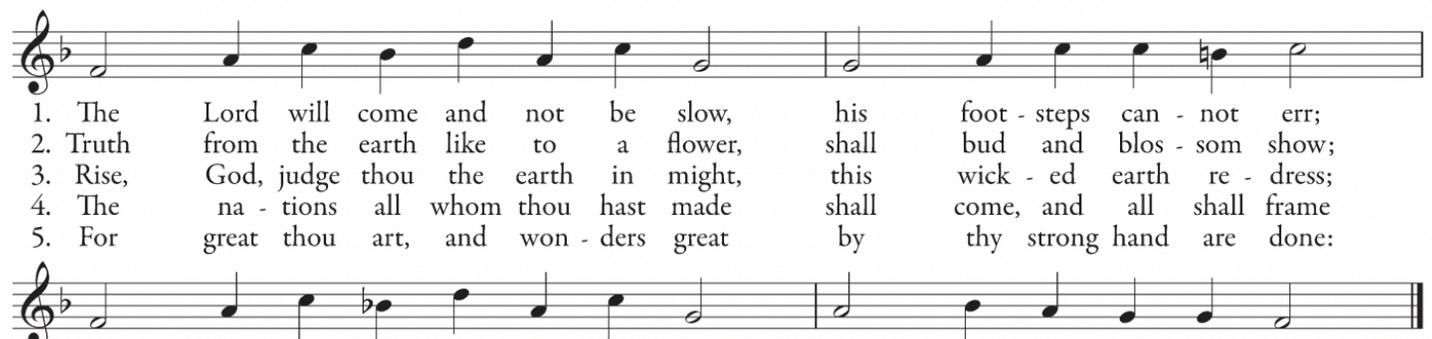
*J.S. Bach's Wacht Auf played by Kristopher Winselmann, Guest Cellist*

## Distribution of Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

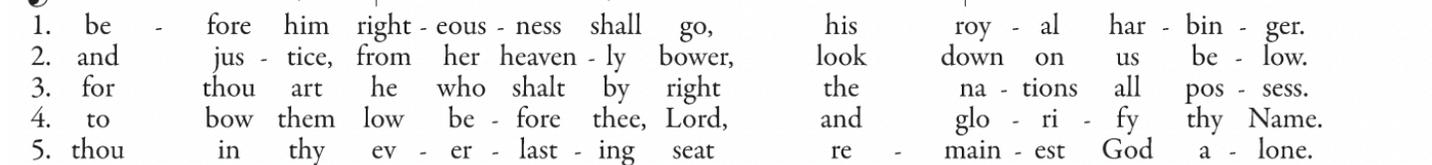
*During the distribution of Holy Communion, the choir sings Conditur alme siderum (Creator of the Stars of Night), followed by soft music played on the organ.*

## Hymn

York



1. The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;  
2. Truth from the earth like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;  
3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
4. The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
5. For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:



1. be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
2. and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
3. for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
4. to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
5. thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

## The Concluding Collects

*The Celebrant prays:* God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*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 Advent Blessing

The Lord be with You.

**And Also with you.**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

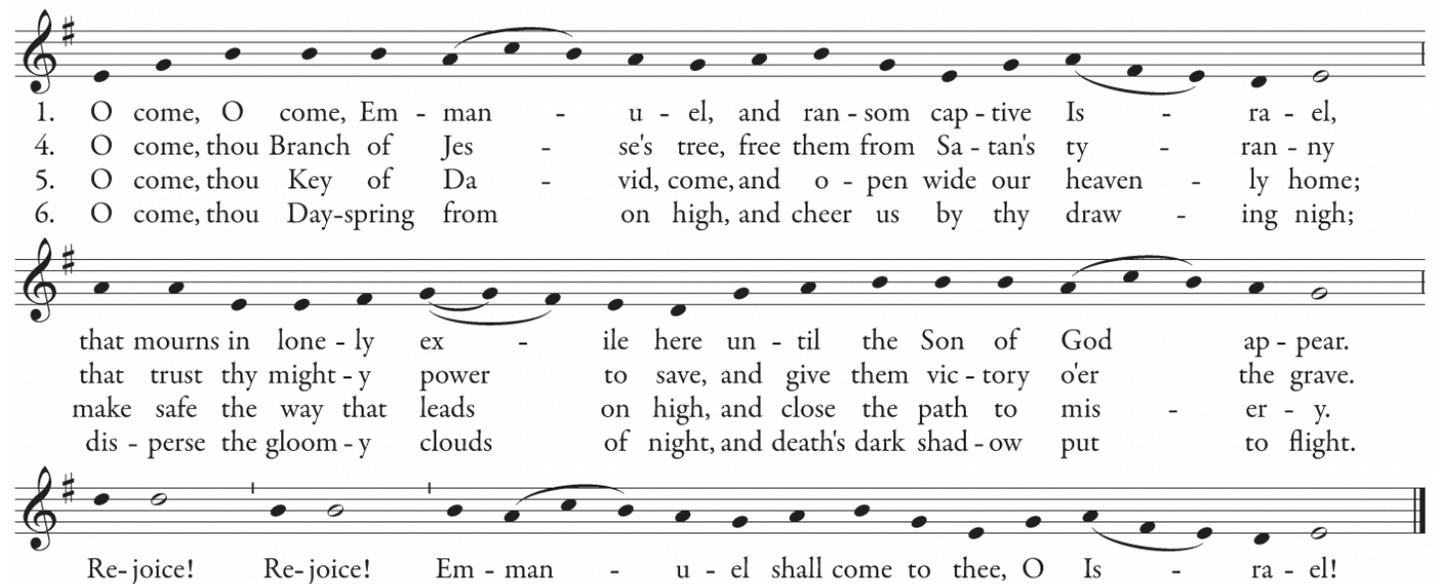
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

## Hymn

*Veni Emmanuel*



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny  
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;  
6. 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-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Organ Voluntary

*Toccata on Veni Emmanuel by Adolphus Hailstork*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?

## December 18 & 19



### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

#### **Lessons and Carols**

**December 19 at 10am**

#### **Christmas Eve -**

**December 24 at 6 and 10pm**

#### **Christmas Day -**

**December 25 at 10am**

### **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

### **See insert for financial updates**

**CONCERT:** The Miami Carol City Senior High School Alumni Chorus presents *A Carol City Christmas* honoring legendary music educator Sonja Ingraham to be held December 17, 2021 at 7:30pm at Saint Benedicts. Join us for a great evening of Christmas music ranging choral to Gospel. This event is free and open to public.

**THE SACRAMENTAL CANDLE** is given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Louis C. Thomas from Fran Thomas.

**IT'S BACK!!!** ECW will be holding its Scholarship Raffle again this year! We have 3 exciting baskets to be raffled off in late February. Baskets include Self-care/Wellness,

A Night Out, A Night In. All baskets will be filled with exciting gifts for everyone! Tickets are 3 for \$10. All monies collected will go towards the ECW Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be available starting Sunday, December 12. For more information, contact Marjorie Weekes at [marjorieweekes@icloud.com](mailto:marjorieweekes@icloud.com), 650-218-0659; Jasmine Thurston at [jthurston95@gmail.com](mailto:jthurston95@gmail.com), 754-303-8062 or Carla Holness at 954-309-3298 or [cholness618@gmail.com](mailto:cholness618@gmail.com) or any other ECW member. Thank you for your support!

**LADIES OF ST. BENEDICT'S** - ECW will hold its December meeting and potluck on Sunday, December 19th immediately following the 10 am service. If you are interested in joining us, please bring a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you then!

### **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!



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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.

**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  
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon  
Mr. Xavier W. Richardson, Director of Music & Organist  
Ms. Wendy Williams, Parish Administrator

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