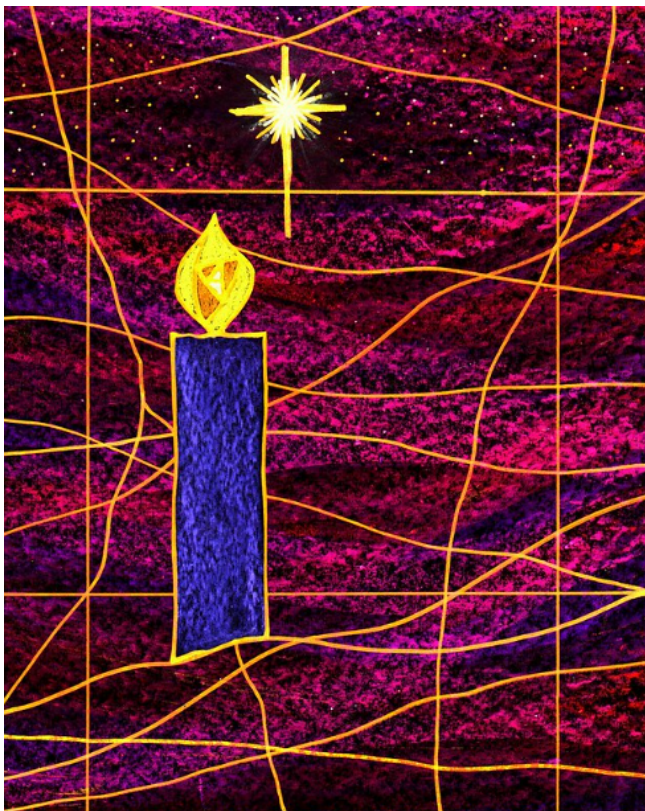


Welcome to



**Christ is
coming,
prepare
ye the
way.**

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 26-27, 2022

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's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

The Weekend of November 26-27 | 6pm, 8am and 10am

Welcome to Saint Benedict's 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. All 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.

Congregation:

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 is presented in three systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system shows the Leader's part (Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.) and the All's part (Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.). The second system shows the Leader's part (Chri - ste e - le - i - son.) and the All's part (Chri - ste e - le - i - son.). The third system shows the Leader's part (Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.) and the All's part (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 Isaiah

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Laetatus sum

sung at 10am service by choir

Psalms 122

Chant: plainsong, Tone 1

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

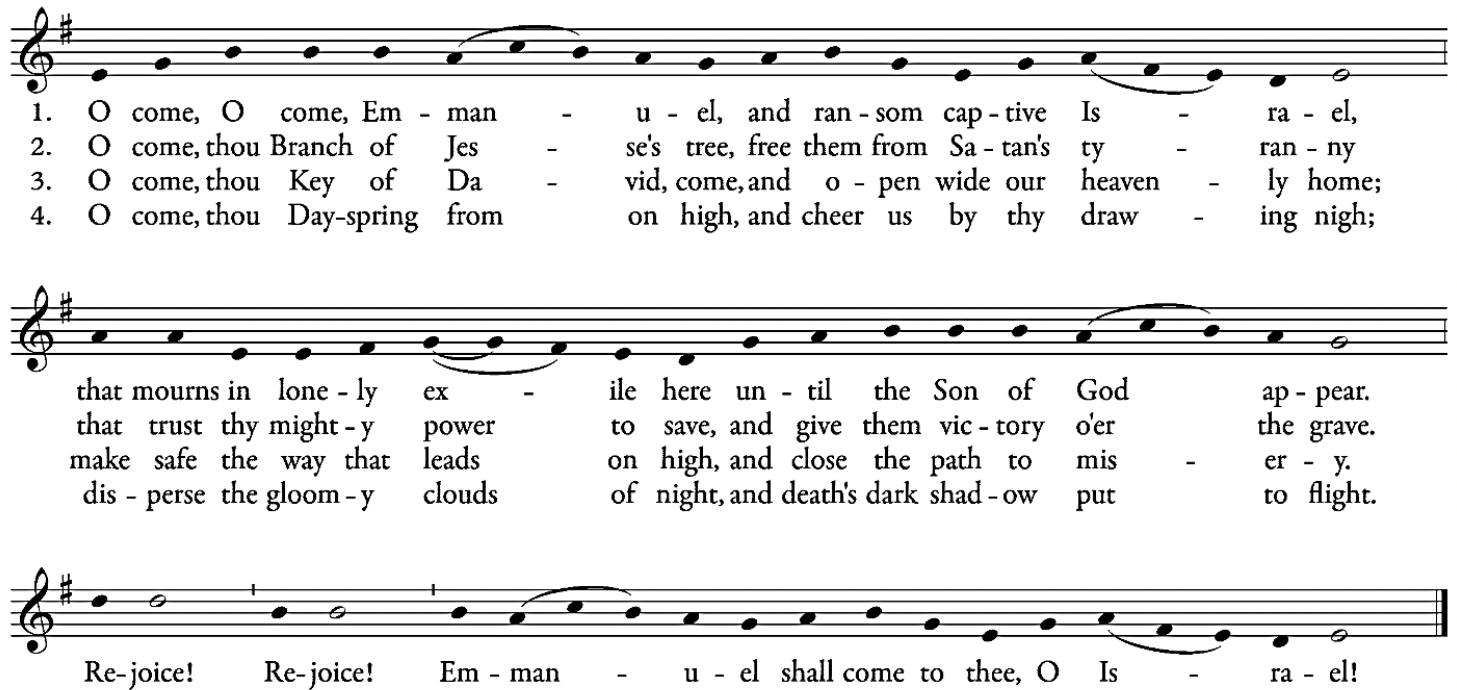
A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

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-joice! Re-joice! 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 Matthew (24:36-44)

+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

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 (10 am)

Keep Your Lamps by Andre Thomas

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

by Albert Hay Malotte

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:

1.2. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* 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.

Communion 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.**

The Final Blessing +

At the Recessional, The Benedictus

The Song of Zechariah



Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
With pro - mised mer - cy will God still the co - ve - nant re - call,
My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,
and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.
So have the pro - phets long de - clared that with a migh - ty arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and off - er lives of praise
Thenshall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and ne - ver cease
God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

The Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation on Lo! He comes with clouds descending

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?

November 26-27

THANK YOU!

Thanks for your donation of balloons in the narthex. Although they prefer to remain anonymous, we want to extend our gratitude for this lovely holiday decoration.

SIGN UP FOR BREEZE:

Please sign up for Breeze and get ready for the switch from Subsplash to Breeze. As of December 31, 2022, we will no longer be using Subsplash. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information and instructions.

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING:

United Thank Offering Ingathering 2022 is next weekend--December 3 and 4, 2022. Please bring in your UTO envelopes and little blue boxes for Father Albert to bless your donations. Please make checks out to St. Benedict's Church with "UTO" in the note area of the check. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this beautiful ministry.

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.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN INTERESTED

IN SINGING: Join the Saint Nicolas Children's Choir at Saint Benedicts in preparation for the Christmas season! We will have an interest meeting with parents and choristers this Wednesday November 30th at 6 pm in the church. For more information, please contact Xavier Richardson, Director of Music and Organist at zavirich@gmail.com or see him after one of our weekend services.

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: \$6383.60

Building: \$832.00

Online Giving: \$3,859.30

Total: \$11,074.90



SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

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

Nuestra misión es conocer el amor de Cristo y darlo a conocer

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (*"Dog-friendly" Service*)

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM (*Rite I*), 10:00 AM (*Rite II*), 12:00 PM (*Misa en español*) Holy Eucharist

TUESDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

Bible Study 7:30 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

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