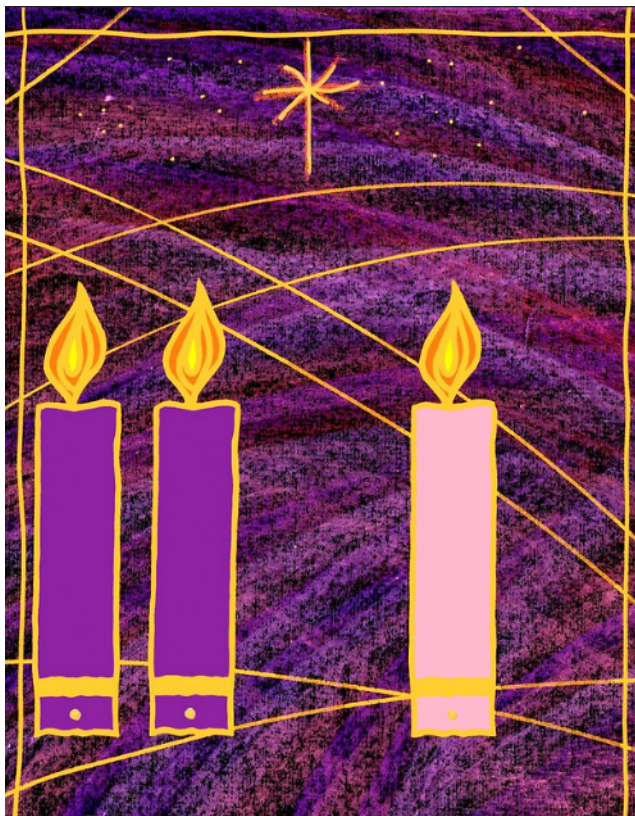


Welcome to



**The desert
shall blossom
like a rose,
and rejoice
with singing.**

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 10-11, 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 Third Sunday of Advent

The Weekend of December 10-11 | 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). 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.

THE GATHERING

Organ Voluntary

Berceuse by Louis Vierne

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. You sent your prophets to bring good news to the oppressed and bind up the brokenhearted. As the candles on this wreath have been lit, bless us, and strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.**

The Opening Hymn

Jubilate

**1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph ever more:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2 His Kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3 He all His foes shall quell,
Shall all our sins destroy,
And every bosom swell
With pure seraphic joy:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

The Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

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. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

by Michael McCarthy

The musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison 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 for All. The third staff is for the Leader and the second for All. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. The musical notation is in a simple, melodic style, with the lyrics written below the notes.

At the Collect for the Third 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: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 35:1-10

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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

**7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

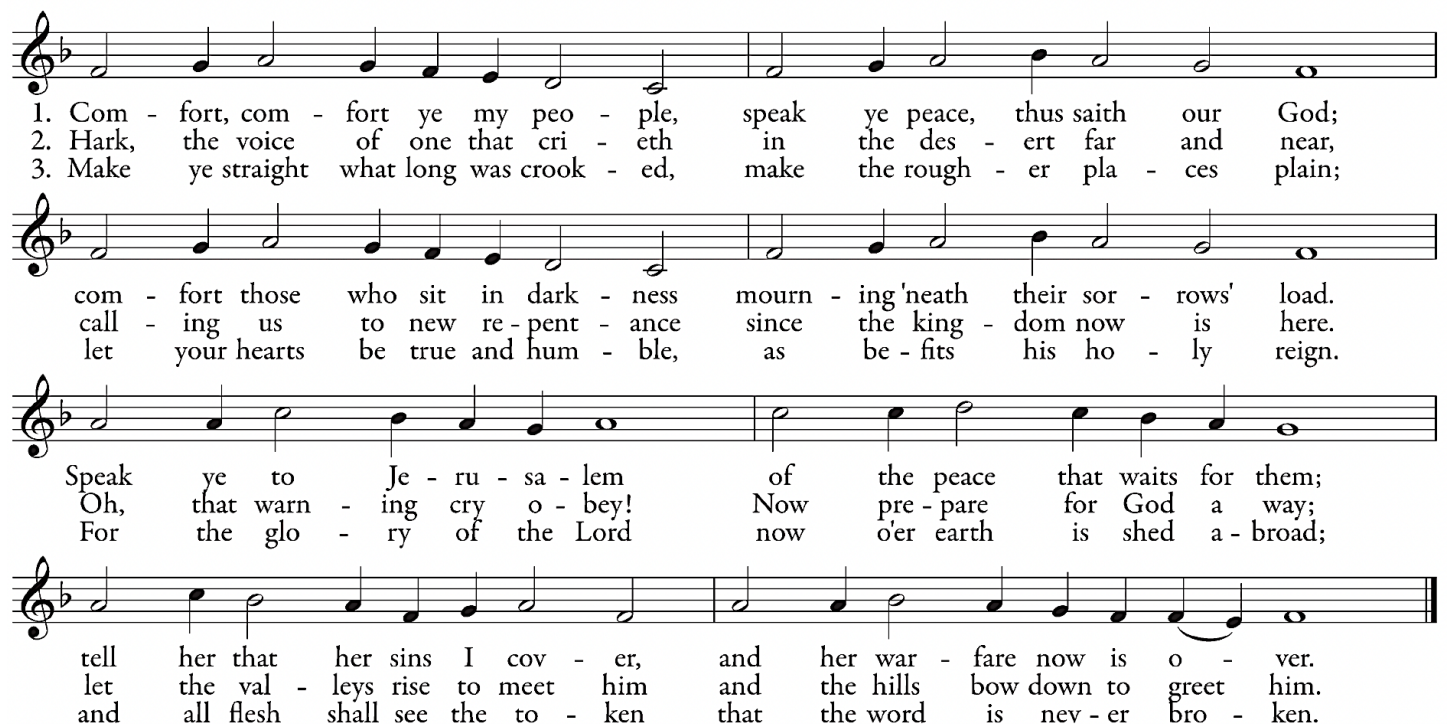
A Reading from the Book of James

James 5: 7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn 67

Genevan Psalter



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near;
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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 (11: 2-11)

+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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 and all the people of the Diocese of Southeast Florida; 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 Kneeling, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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)

Magnificat from Evening Service in F by Edward Bunnett

The Offertory Hymn (6 pm and 8 am)

Sterling



The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose: 1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the
5. As the
6. Un - to



1. blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
2. ears of the deaf shall hear and the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
3. tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame with dance with glad - ness.
4. ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.
5. ran-somed re - turn to God and come sing - ing back to Zi - on.
6. Zi - on we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.

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:

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.

Song: I Love You, Forever by Tye Tribbett

I love you, forever
I love you, forever
I love you, forever Lord

We'll worship forever... Your mercy endureth, forever... Adore You, forever...

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 +

The Recessional Hymn 65

Bereden Väg För Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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?

December 10 & 11



CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

(Please see insert in today's bulletin and share it with all in our community)

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. If you have not already signed up, please do so as soon as possible.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW:

Attention, Saint Benedict's men! Join us for our next in-person gathering on Sunday, December 18th, after the 10:00 am service at the church conference room next to the church office. Bring a friend or two.

Through the disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service, the Brotherhood always aims to bring men and youth closer to **Christ**.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will hold its Christmas Potluck on Sunday, December 11th in the Parish Hall following the 10 am service. Any woman who would like to join us is asked to bring a dish to share as well as a

wrapped gift for our gift exchange (no more than \$10). Wear your festive clothing. Please contact Carla Holness at cholness618@gmail.com or 954.309.3298 to confirm what you will bring.

CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS THURSDAY,

7PM: Calling all choristers and individuals interested in joining this area of ministry this holiday season. Please join us in the Lady Chapel for choir rehearsal. 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 Benedict's Boys and Girls Choir in preparation for the Christmas season! We rehearse with choristers each Thursday 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: \$9006.00

Building: \$2,889.00

Online: \$3,111.90

Total: \$15,006.90



SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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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