

Welcome to



**And they shall  
name Him  
Emmanuel,  
which means  
God with us.**

- FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 17-18, 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

## The Weekend of December 17-18 | 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](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.

## THE GATHERING

### Organ Voluntary

*Wachet auf* 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 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 (vs. 1 solo, thereafter all)

*Veni redemptor genium*



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.**

## 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.**

### 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.

## At the Collect for the Fourth 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:* 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 7: 10-16*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Qui regis Israel *sung at 10am service by choir*

*Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18*  
Chant: plainsong, Tone I

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**4 O LORD God of hosts, \***  
**how long will you be angered**  
**despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \***  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \***  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \***  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

*Romans 1: 1-7*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn 265**

*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, fore - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers - fore - told,  
 "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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## 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 (1:18-25)

**+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

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### 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](http://www.Saintbenedicts.org) or via the Saint Benedict's app.*

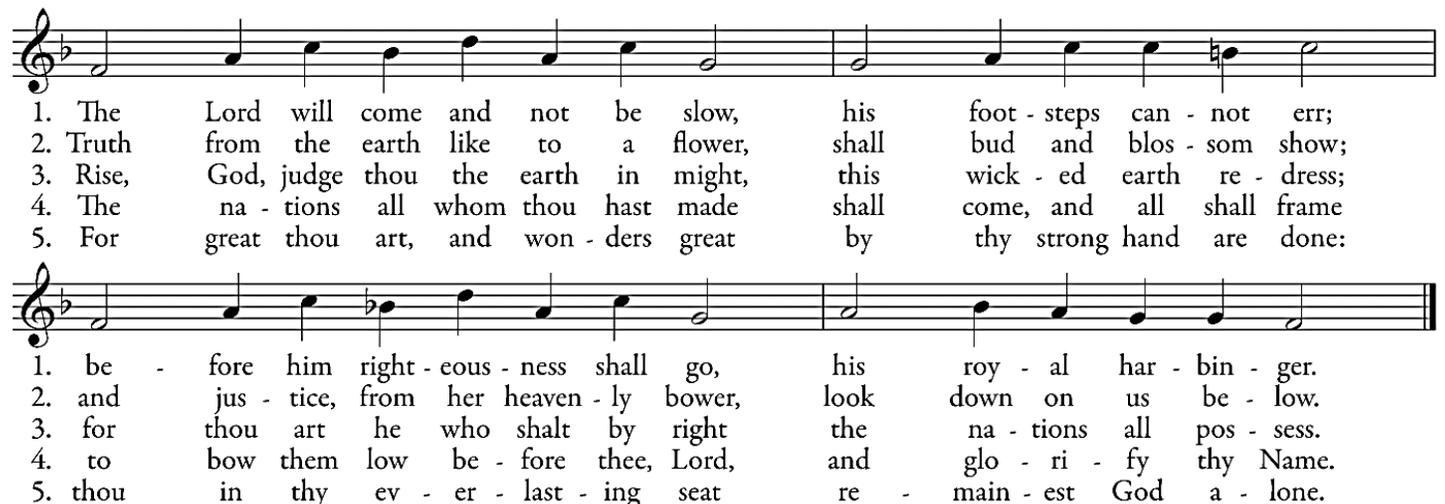
## THE LORD'S TABLE

### Choral Anthem (10 am)

Emmanuel by Norman Hutchins

### The Offertory Hymn (6 pm and 8 am)

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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.

## 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.**

## Communion Hymns 183 LEVAS and Tune: Crimond

*Be Not Dismayed  
The Lord's My Shepherd*

**1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.**

**2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill,  
for thou art with me and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.**

**4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.**

**5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more  
My dwelling place shall be.**

## 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 539

*Tidings*



1. O Zi-on, haste, thy mis-sion high ful-fill-ing, to tell to all the world that God is Light;
2. Pro-claim to ev-ery peo-ple, tongue, and na-tion that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
3. Send her-alds forth to bear the mes-sage glo-rious; give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
4. He comes a-gain! O Zi-on, ere thou meet him, make known to ev-ery heart his sav-ing grace;



that he who made all na-tions is not will-ing one soul should fail to know his love and might.  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre-a-tion, and died on earth that all might live a-bove.  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic-to-rious till God shall bring his king-dom's joy-ful day.  
let none whom he hath ran-somed fail to greet him, through thy ne-glect, un-fit to see his face.



Pub-lish glad ti-dings: ti-dings of peace, ti-dings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion and re lease.

## The Dismissal

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

## Organ Voluntary

Veni Emmanuel by Adolphus Hailstork

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?**

## **December 17 & 18**

### **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**.

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

**ON BEHALF OF ECW AND THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE:** We want to thank you ALL for your generosity during our recent Angel Tree Toy Drive! The number of gifts that were left in the Narthex as overwhelming and truly appreciated. We delivered the toys to the Salvation Army and they were very appreciative that the parishioners of St. Benedict's donated so many gifts. Again our deepest thanks for the turnout! Carla Holness, President, ECW

**ECW (CPC) Church Periodical Club Miles of Pennies and National Book Fund:** Thank you all for your donations we collected \$486 dollars, we appreciate your support. Bless our gifts and those who will receive them

**UTO 2022 Ingathering:** A big "THANK YOU" to everyone for the large donations received. Ingathering 2022 total is \$2,344.00. Such a blessing! Merry Christmas to you and your family from the UTO Ministry.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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: \$8,309.00**  
**Building: \$1,368.00**  
**Online: \$3,835.00**  
**Total: \$13,512.00**



## 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

### OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

*The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector*

*The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon*

*Mr. Xavier W. Richardson, Director of Music & Organist*

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