



Saint Benedict Episcopal Church The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 18 and 19, 2023 | 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 a formal welcome.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I of The Holy Eucharist begins on **page 323** of the Book of Common Prayer - and Rite II begins on **page 355**.

Prelude:

Processional Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

The Lenten Acclamation

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Let us pray.

Celebrant: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

I Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will

show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

Gradual Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Hymnal 645 vs. 1, 2, 6

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

Announcements

THE OFFERTORY

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. You may also make a secure donation online at our website www.saintbenedicts.org.

(10:00 am) *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Verse 1: (Solo)

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather be His than have riches untold.
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land,
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

Chorus: (Choir enters)

Than to be the king of a vast domain,
And be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

Verse 2: (Cong. enters)

**I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame
I'd rather be true to His holy Name!**

Verse 3: (Just choir)

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom,
He's sweeter than honey from out of the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,
I'd rather have Jesus, and let Him lead!

Chorus: (Cong. enters)

**Than to be the king of a vast domain,
And be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.**

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving *The service continues on p. 361 (Rite I on p. 333) of the Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***(8:00 am)** And with thy spirit.

***(8:00 am):** We lift them up unto the Lord

***(8:00 am):** It is meet and right so to do.

Preface

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

The Great "Amen" – Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

***(8:00 am):** 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: *I Am the Bread Of Life*
In Remembrance of Me

Hymnal 335
LEVAS 149

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.

Final Blessing:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn: *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

Hymnal 493 Vs.1, 2, 3, repeat 1st

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOK Meeting and Sponsored Lunch:

The DOK Chapter Meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 25th, 2023, from 10:00 - 12:00 in Stevens Hall at which time we will make Easter Baskets for our shut-ins. There will be NO meeting on Saturday, April 1. On Sunday, March 26, 2023, the DOK is sponsoring a lunch after the 10:00am service. All are welcome to attend.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew:

Attention, Saint Benedict's men! Join us for our next gathering on Sunday, March 26th, 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**.

Parish Retreat:

Please join us for the Parish Retreat on Saturday April 1, 2023, 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Relay For Life is Saturday April 29 at Plantation Central Park from 3PM-10PM. To register for the St.

Benedict's team go to

https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR/RelayForLife/RFLCY23SER?team_id=2650247&pg=team&fr_id=103809

Survivors can register at the above site or www.RelayForLife.org/PlantationSunriseFL and select the option for survivor and follow the prompts to get your survivor shirt. Survivors who would like to register and receive their survivor shirt without online access can call 800-227-2345. Please allow 2 weeks for delivery.

Beginning March 25, please bring in your jewelry donations for our Relay For Life on-site fundraiser.

For questions or more information email Jim Dunmire at dunmirej@bellsouth.net or text or call 954-253-7694.

Art in the Narthex:

Please take time to contemplate the artwork in the hall. The artist is portraying "The Word of God through Art" and each painting has a QR code explaining what the artist is portraying. Her mission is to bring people closer to God in the modern world. The artist is donating 30% of the proceeds from the sale of the art to the church.

Chancel Choir:

We are inviting those who would like to help lead our worship and praise of God in song to join our choir. Male and female voices are all welcome to join. Please see Mr. Guy Shepherd after the 10:00 am service for questions or come to the Thursday evening Choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm in the church.

Yoga in the Sanctuary:

We offer this ministry for anyone in the parish and/or the broader community. On Saturdays come and experience "Morning Glory"- start your day fresh and activate your energies. Join us for "Yoga in the Sanctuary" for adults with Nancy Ewers, our instructor. **Classes are every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.**

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD:

Online: \$2,920.00

Operating: \$5,954.35

Building: \$1,711.00

Total: \$10,585.35

Thank you for your dedication to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - April 1st and April 2nd

Saturday, April 1st at **6:00 pm** with the Procession beginning on the East patio.
Sunday, April 2nd **8:00 am** Mass with the Procession beginning on the East patio.
Sunday, April 2nd **10:00 am** Mass will begin in the Memorial Garden
With a Solemn Procession into the church.
12:00 PM *en español*

Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week - April 3rd and 4th

Mass begins at **8:30 am** on Monday April 3rd and Tuesday April 4th
The Traditional Chrism Mass with the Blessing of the Oils and Eucharist
will be at Trinity Cathedral in Downtown Miami at Noon.

Wednesday of Holy Week - April 5th

Stations of the Cross: **6:30 pm**.
Healing Service: **7:00 pm**.

Maundy Thursday - April 6th

On Thursday (April 6th) there will be no 8:30 am morning Mass.
The Eucharist with the traditional “Washing of the Feet” will begin at **7:00 pm**.
The Great Watch will begin Maundy Thursday (April 6th) at 8:00 pm
and will end at 12:00 PM Noon on Good Friday. Please sign-up to cover all hours.

Good Friday - April 7th

Community Ecumenical Service at Plantation United Methodist Church (April 7th)
from **12:00-3:00 pm**.
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross in our church
3:00 pm Traditional Good Friday Service with the Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion,
and the Service of Reconciliation with the Burning of Sins.
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross with youth and children on Good Friday

EASTER Services - April 8th and April 9th

Holy Saturday Night (April 8th) The Easter Vigil will be at **6:00 pm**.
Baptismal Festival (Children and Adults – and all will be invited to renew their own baptism)
Sunday (April 9th) Traditional Easter Day Masses will be at **8:00 and 10:00 am**.
Easter Day Service *en español* will be at **12:00 pm**.
Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 am service