



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 15 and 16, 2023 | 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. The people's responses can be found in **BOLD**. The music for the service is taken from The Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Let us prepare our hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Risen Lord.*

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: *He is Risen!*

Hymnal 180 Vs 1-4

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis (Refrain)

J. Chepponis



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*** (8:00 am - Rite I)** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Hymnal 178 Vs. 1, 2, 3

The Gospel Alleluia

Traditional

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 20:19-31

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God...

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For +Michael our Presiding Bishop, and +Peter our Bishop; and all bishops, priests, deacons and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Feel free to add your prayers of Thanksgiving)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

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

Announcements by the Parish Priest / Rector

*An offering is now taken for the work of the parish. Please be generous – We count on your support all year!
Feel free to make a secure donation ONLINE www.saintbenedicts.org and go to “Online giving “or give by clicking on the QR CODE below... God bless you for your generous support!*



Offertory Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn: 383

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

***(8:00 am):** We lift them up unto 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):** It is meet and right so to do.

Preface

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. +Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***(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.

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

by Douglas Major (b. 1953)

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

by David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

***(8:00 am):** Prayer of Humble Access

All: 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: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
O How I Love Jesus!

LEVAS 88 Vs.1, 2
LEVAS 95 Vs. 1, 2, 4

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 everliving 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: Majesty!

Chorus:

Majesty, worship His Majesty!
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise!
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from his throne, unto his own,
His anthem raise!

Bridge:

So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus!
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King!

Coda:

Majesty, worship his Majesty!
Jesus who died, now glorified;
King of all kings!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Youth Group

Our children and youth are welcome every Sunday at 10:00 AM to join their parents in church, and shortly after the service begins, they depart with our Sunday School teachers and volunteers for Bible activities and our youth program until Holy Communion. We invite you to bring your children and youth every Sunday. A special First Communion and Confirmation program is offered as part of Sunday School. Please speak to the clergy or one of our volunteers.

Confirmation for Youth and Adults

Deacon Debra will be teaching Confirmation Class for all youth and adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Classes will be held following the 10:00 AM service on April 16th and 23rd, and May 7th and 21st. Confirmations will be on June 4, 2023 at the 10:00 AM service. Adults who desire to be received as members of The Episcopal/Anglican Church (who have been previously confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Orthodox traditions) should speak to Father Albert or Deacon Debra no later than May 15, 2023.

Mothers' Union Meeting

There will be a Mothers' Union Meeting on Sunday, April 16th following the 10:00 am service in St. Elizabeth's Room. It is an important meeting, as we will be making plans for our High Tea, on Sunday, April 23rd.

ECW Meeting:

ECW will hold its April meeting on Sunday, April 16th in St. Peter's Room immediately following the 10 am service. All women are part of ECW and we invite you to come to the meeting and be involved with our ministry! Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

LEV Installation and Training

Father Albert will be installing all Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs), new and existing, during the 10:00 am this morning. Following the 10:00 am service there will be a training in St. Mark's Room.

Mission Ministry

Sunday April 16, 2023 we are getting together for a brainstorming session for the Mission Ministry. Please join us following the 10:00am service in St. Luke's Room. If you are unable to attend, please send your thoughts and ideas to Alicia.kelley@bellsouth.net or call 954-439-0666. Thank you.

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.acevents.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 to get your survivor shirt.

Survivors who would like to register and receive their survivor shirt without online access can call 800-227-

2345. 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. You

may make a secure donation using the QR code below:



ECW will be hosting a Faith Walk on Saturday, May 20th at 8:00 am, to raise awareness and funds for the ministry of Madagascar. Parishioner, Jacky Lowe, plans to return to Madagascar soon to provide support to the women and children of Madagascar as she has done for many years. We will have FOOTPRINTS available and are suggesting a donation of \$5.00 or more. We invite you to also join us for our Walk; either to walk or cheer on our walkers, leaving from the church and walking to Liberty Park which is right around the corner. Please see any ECW member if you would like to donate and/or receive a Footprint. We will also be available with our Footprints in the Narthex in the coming weeks. We appreciate your support of this important ministry!

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. The artist is donating 30% of the proceeds from the sale of the art to the church.

Yoga in the Sanctuary:

Classes are every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD:

Online: \$4,861.27

Operating: \$12,627.01

Building: \$265.00

Total: \$17,753.28

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

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