



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 29 and 30, 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: *Christ Is Alive*

Hymnal 182 Vs. 1, 2, 5

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: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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 First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps "He committed no sin and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Guy Shepherd, arr.

Chorus (CHOIR)

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside the waters so still,
Yes, He restores my soul!

Verse 1 (CHOIR MEN)

He leads me in His paths of righteousness,
Even through shadows of death.
I'll fear no evil, for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and staff, they comfort me.

Chorus (EVERYONE)

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside the waters so still,
Yes, He restores my soul!

Verse 2 (CHOIR WOMEN)

He prepares a banquet before me,
In the presence of my enemies.
He anoints my head with His oil of joy,
My cup overflows!

The Gospel Alleluia

Traditional

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

John 10:1-10

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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...

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!
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the QR CODE below... God bless you for your generous support!*



Offertory Hymn: (6:00 pm Saturday) *O Worship The King* Hymnal 388
(8:00 am Sunday) *O, How I Love Jesus* LEVAS 95 Vs. 1, 2, 4
(10:00 am Sunday) Christina Flahive, Soloist (on verses) Congregation sings Chorus

Chorus:

O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus;
O, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!

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.

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 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: *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us* (Hymnal 708 (Sing alternate tune Sunday services)
Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees Hymnal 325

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.

Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

Celebrant: N. (and N.) we send you out to share Communion this week with (names).

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

People. 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: *Make Me A Blessing*

LEVAS 158

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dedication of the Bookstore:

The Chang-Young Family invites the congregation to a reception in Deshaies Hall following the dedication of the bookstore in memory of Vivienne Dawn Chang-McGibbon after the 10:00am service on Sunday, April 30th.

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 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.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew:

Attention, Saint Benedict's men! We invite you to be part of our next in-person gathering on Sunday, April 30th, after the 10:00 am service. Through the disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service, the Brotherhood always aims to bring men and youth closer to Christ.

DOK Meeting:

The DOK Chapter Meeting is rescheduled from Saturday, May 6, 2023, to Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:00am in Stevens Hall.

ECW Meeting:

ECW will hold its May meeting on Sunday, May 7th immediately following the 10 service. All women are part of ECW and we need you to attend our meeting to continue our strong ministry. We will be in St. Elizabeth's room and refreshments will be served. We welcome all women to join us!

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: \$2,404.14
Operating: \$6,345.00
Building: \$645.00
Total: \$9,394.14

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