



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 18 and 19, 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](http://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**.

Voluntary *Melodie en sol majeur, Op. 46, No. 4* **Félix Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1892)**

Processional: Hymn 290 **Come, ye thankful people, come** *St. George's, Windsor*

### Acclamation

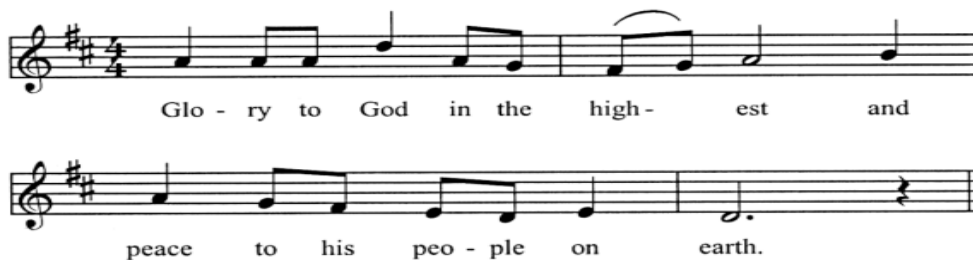
*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

+Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

*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: **Melodic Gloria** *James J. Cheppanis*



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

*Celebrant:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all inhabitants of the earth.

Psalms 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 *Domine, refugium*

Anglican Chant

*R. Goodson*

**S 229** R. Goodson  
(1655-1719)

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?]
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 -11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Sequence: Hymn 321**

**My God, thy table now is spread**

*Rockingham*

**+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

*Matthew 25:14-30*

*People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but

from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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 for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence (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.

*Silence (The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

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 (The People may add their own petitions)*

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

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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 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](http://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 (6 pm, 8 am)

**Hymn 335**

**I am the bread of life**

*I am the bread of life*

Offertory Anthem (10 am)

**Come, Joy!**

**Jordan/Zabel**

Come, joy before God at the harvest, the earth yields a treasure trove.

With thanksgiving, sing! With thanksgiving, dance!

At the harvest, come, joy before your God.

**Refrain:**

Come, joy, joy, joy, joy, at the harvest, come, joy before God.

Come, joy, joy, joy, joy, for bountiful blessings, come, joy before your God.

O, gather together for worship. Praise God with an allelu!

With the beat of the drum and the tambourine, come,

To the harvest, to joy before your God. **Refrain:**

The harvest is given for sharing. God speaks and the message is sure:

The corners are there for the hungry to reap. The gleanings are there for the poor.

The trav'lers, the needy, their portions secure,

as falling fruits bring blessings to the poor. **Refrain:**

Invited as guests to the banquet, now hosted by love divine,

With the ripened grain, with the fruited vine,

at the harvest, come, joy before your God. **Refrain:**

*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 am):** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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

**Preface**

**Sanctus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)*

**Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread**

*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

*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 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.

**LEVAS 120**

**Sweet, sweet spirit**

*Sweet, sweet spirit*

**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.*

**LEVAS 196**

**Leaning on the everlasting arms**

*Showalter*

### **The Dismissal**

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

**Voluntary:**

**Postlude in D**

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Attention all children, youth, and families!** Please join us for Sunday School for all children and youth from Pre-School to High School. All are welcome.

**Choir rehearsals** take place on Thursdays at 7 pm in the church. If you are interested in joining the Choir please come to rehearsal or see Daniel, our Choirmaster and Organist, for more information.

**November Mission of the Month is Seafarers' House:** In follow-up to our recent visit by Seafarers House we are planning a visit to Seafarers to assist with shoe box distribution. The date and time have not been set but will likely be late morning or early afternoon. **CAROLING: The Mission Team** hopes to spread the word of our family through song by Caroling in the community. We are hoping to have three events at various locations. Times will likely be a combination of day, late afternoon and early evening and generally be 1-2 hours. We hope that this event will create an opportunity for fellowship of our family in giving back to our community and informing them of our welcoming family of faith. Without involvement by our family this event will not be feasible. **GIVING TREE:** The Mission Team is exploring the establishment of a "Giving Tree" this holiday season. The tree will be decorated with items that a person in need will be gifted by our family of faith. At this time, we are seeking information on any members of our own family who may be in need of assistance. This information will be held in strictest confidence and the needs posted anonymously on the tree. If you would like to participate in any of these projects or know of anyone in need of assistance, please call Allan at 954-682-4130.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD:**

Online: \$3,107.67  
Operating: \$8,599.25  
Building - Maintenance: \$2,180.00  
Total: \$13,886.47

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**SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – ANGLICAN COMMUNION  
*Our mission is to know Christ's love, and to make it 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 (Gospel of Mark) 7:30 PM**

THURSDAYS

**Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM**

**The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector**  
**The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon**  
**Dr. Daniel Copher, Organist and Choir Master**  
**Ms. Linda Schlepp-Gray, Parish Administrator**

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