



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 13 and 14, 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: *All Creatures of our God and King*

Hymnal 400, Vs. 1, 2, 3, 7

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gradual Hymn: *He Lives!*

LEVAS 42, Vs. 1, 3

The Gospel Alleluia

Traditional

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

John 14:15-21

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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!
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 (Saturday 6:00 pm): *Ye Saints of God*
(Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am): *The Prayer*

Hymnal 535
Helena DeTorres and Guy Shepherd

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: *Be Thou My Vision*
How Great Thou Art

Hymnal 488
LEVAS 60, Vs 1, Chorus, Vs. 4, Chorus, Chorus

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: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymnal 376

The Dismissal

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

Postlude:

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother's Day:

We wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day!



Please join us for a Mother's Day Brunch presented by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the men of the Church. The brunch will take place after the 10:00 am Service in the Deshaies Hall.

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. The last classe will be held following the 10:00 am service on May 21st. Confirmations will be on June 4th, 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 15th, 2023.

Mission of the Month:

May Mission of the Month is **Women of Madagascar**. The women of Madagascar need your support through prayers and financial aid, no contribution is too small. Donations may be placed in the Mission's box at the back of the church. Checks are made payable to SAMSUSA or Online at: samsua.org, look for the name Jackie Lowe,

instructions will appear. Thank you. Any questions about Missions please contact Alicia Kelley at 954-439-0666 or Alicia.kelley@bellsouth.net.

Church Periodical Club (CPC):

The Church Periodical Club, better known as CPC, consists of two parts. The first is the “National Book Fund,” which through grants provides printed and audio-visual materials to individuals, Churches and organizations affiliated with the Anglican Communion worldwide. The second part is the “Miles of Pennies “and this fund serves the needs of children from kindergarten through high school with books and related materials. Please help the work of CPC by making donations to both funds from May 7th to August 27th, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Gretal McCullars.

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, Jackie 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: \$4,745.00

Operating: \$6,986.00

Building: \$2,254.00

Total: \$13,985.00

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

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