



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday of Advent
December 2 and 3, 2023 | 6pm, 8am, 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**.

Voluntary: **Chorale Prelude on Wachet auf** **Johann Sebastian Bach**
(1685-1750)

Procesional: Hymn 56 (verses 1-4) **O come, O come, Emmanuel** **Veni, veni, Emmanuel**

Lighting and Blessing of the Advent Wreath (*Instrumental O come, O come, Emmanuel*)

Opening Acclamation

+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.**

Kyrie for Advent Season (*The Mass of Remembrance – M. Haugen*)

Priest:: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

People: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Priest: Lord Jesus you came to gather the nations, into the peace of God's Kingdom

People: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Priest: You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness

People: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Priest: You will come in glory with salvation for your people

People: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

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: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

Anglican Chant

S 229

R. Goodson
(1655-1719)



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading ¹Joseph like a ¹flock; *
shine forth, you that are en¹throned up¹on the ¹cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, ¹Benjamin, and Ma¹nasseh, *
stir up your ¹strength and ¹come to ¹help us.
- †3 Restore us, O ¹God of ¹hosts; *
show the light of your ¹countenance, and ¹we shall be ¹saved.
- 4 O LORD ¹God of ¹hosts, *
how long will you be angered
de¹spite the ¹prayers of your ¹people?
- 5 You have fed them with the ¹bread of ¹tears; *
you have given them ¹bowls of ¹tears to ¹drink.
- 6 You have made us the de¹rision of our ¹neighbors, *
and our ¹enemies ¹laugh us to ¹scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O ¹God of ¹hosts; *
show the light of your ¹countenance, and ¹we shall be ¹saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the ¹man of your ¹right hand, *
the son of man you have ¹made so ¹strong for your ¹self.
- 17 And so will we never ¹turn a ¹way from you; *
give us life, that we may ¹call up¹on your ¹Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD ¹God of ¹hosts; *
show the light of your ¹countenance, and ¹we shall be ¹saved.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: Hymn 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

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

Mark 13: 24-37

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

6pm The Reverend Elaine Eachaus

8 and 10am The Reverend Debra McLaughlin

The Nicene Creed

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 North India.

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

Confession of Sin

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

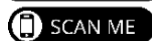
All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your 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 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)

LEVAS 18 (*verses 1-4*)

Swing low, sweet chariot

Spiritual

Offertory Anthem (10 am)
Hark, a thrilling voice

Beach Spring arr. Roger Price

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say,
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from Heav'n;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven.

That when next He comes in glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
With His mercy He may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing be to God: the Father, Son
And the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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 am): And with thy spirit.**

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

***(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 – optional at 6 pm and 10 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 Hymn: LEVAS 13

My Lord, what a morning

Spiritual

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 am 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: LEVAS 14

Soon and very soon

Andraé Crouch

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary: Prelude ~ Suite Médiévale

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Leyla Clark in memory of her husband, Calvin Clark.

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.

Please join us for the Healing Service on Wednesdays in-person at 7:00 PM in the church. Following the service please **Join us for Bible Study** at 7:30 PM. We are studying The Gospel of Mark. All are welcome!

Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 7:00 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.

UTO 2023 Ingathering is Here! This weekend December 2 & 3, 2023, your donations will be blessed before it is sent to the Diocese of Southeast Florida. A heartfelt Thank you for your prayers and donations over the months for the United Thank Offering Ministry. We wish you and your families a beautiful and safe Christmas Season.

December Mission of the Month: Share Christ and Saint Benedicts within our own community. (See Insert)

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD:

Online: \$3,698.13

Operating: \$6,084.25

Building - Maintenance: \$415.00

Total: \$10,194.38

Thank you for your dedication to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity. To sign up for ONLINE GIVING please visit our website and select the "Giving" tab. www.saintbenedicts.org



OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Oh God of Love, you have brought together from many nations the people of our parish family of Saint Benedict's. We thank you for the countless gifts which your Holy Spirit has bestowed upon this community of faith. We pray for the success of our Capital Campaign:

*May this be a time of generous and sacrificial giving,
that we may all work together to build an enduring legacy of faith for future generations.
We ask this in the most Holy Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen



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 7:30 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon
Ms. Linda Schlepp-Gray, Parish Administrator
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