



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23 and 24, 2023 | 6 pm, 8 am, 10 am

*Welcome to Saint Benedict's: A church that feels like family! We are glad you are here! 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). We welcome all the baptized, regardless of denomination, to receive Holy Communion.*

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.)

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: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **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: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever.

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

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

Luke 1:26-38

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. *Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Reverend Albert Cutié, Rector

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you. *(8 am): And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

*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!*



*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: Instrumental (organ)

The Post Communion Prayer: Let us pray. 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):**

Let us pray: **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

Recessional Hymn: LEVAS 12

We're Marching to Zion

Come, we that love the Lord

The Dismissal

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



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all children, youth, and families! Sunday School Classes will resume on January 14, 2024.

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.

Please join us for the Healing Service on Wednesdays in-person at 7:00 PM in the church.

St. Benedict's December Mission of the Month: Parishioner In-Reach & Fellowship: Thank you to everyone who participated in Caroling and handing out Christmas Church Service postcards. We have had a great turnout at all 4 locations.

T-shirts: If you ordered a T-shirt, please check the Narthex for T-Shirt pickup. The cost is \$15.00 each. **In-Reach** will continue through Epiphany 1/6/23. Please contact a member of the Missions Ministry of any needs you may have. Your request will be put on the Angel Tree in the Narthex. We cannot guarantee the need will be met but will do our best. Please see tree for parishioner needs. This can be as simple as a specific prayer. This can be done confidentially by notifying one of the members: Alicia Kelley (alicia.kelley@bellsouth.net, 954-439-0666), Elaine Eachus, Kathleen Fanjul, Fay McKenzie-Chambers, Satnarine Ricketts-Weber, Karen Froniewski, Ruhama Cutie, Allan Dupois (954-682-4130), and the rest of the Mission Team.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD – IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Operating: \$11,770.76
Building - Maintenance: \$1,345.27

Total: \$13,116.03

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



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Eve and Midnight Mass, December 24th

**6pm Christmas Eve Mass with Live Petting Zoo and Children's Pageant
(Petting Zoo begins at 5pm - All children and families are welcome!)**

10pm Traditional "Midnight Mass" begins with Christmas Music Concert

Christmas Day Monday, December 25th

10am Christmas Day Mass (English/Spanish)



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 am

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 am

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

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