



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 9 and 10, 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.)

Voluntary: Prelude Solennel "Veni Emmanuel" Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

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: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

Anglican Chant

S 229

R. Goodson
(1655-1719)



- 1 You have been gracious to your¹land, O¹LORD, *
you have re¹stored the good¹fortune of¹Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the in¹iquity of your¹people *
and¹blotted out¹all their¹sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD¹God is¹saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to¹those who¹turn their¹hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to¹those who¹fear him, *
that his¹glory may¹dwell in our¹land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have¹met to¹gether; *
righteousness and¹peace have¹kissed each¹other.
- 11 Truth shall spring¹up from the¹earth, *
and righteousness shall¹look¹down from¹heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed¹grant pros¹perity, *
and our¹land will¹yield its¹increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall¹go be¹fore him, *
and peace shall be a¹pathway¹for his¹feet.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. *Lector:* The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden vag for Herran

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

Mark 1:1-8

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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 Church of Pakistan

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!*



Offertory Hymn (8 am): Hymn 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Winchester New*

Offertory Anthem (10 am): Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth *Richard Shephard*

*Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall, such birth befits the God of all.
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness glow with newborn light,
No more shall night extinguish day, where love's bright beams their power display.
O Jesu, virgin born to thee, eternal praise and glory be,
When with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.*

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.

***(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 – 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 16

You are Near

Dan Schutte, SJ

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

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Dismissal

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

Prelude and Fugue e-Moll BWV 555

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all children, youth, and families! Next Sunday, December 17, will be the last day of Sunday School for 2023. Classes will resume on January 14, 2024. Until then, in addition to working on the Bible study curriculum, children are working on two projects during class time: 1) Making tree decorations for the greening of the church and 2) Making cards and decorations for shut ins.

Bereavement Workshop: Discover a safe space to be comforted and cope with the emotional, physical and spiritual feelings of **grief**. Join hearts and hands so that we can do together what we cannot do alone. Get some tools you need to **handle the loss** of a loved one, a pet, a job, a relationship, a move or major change in your life. **Journey towards Healing and Love** with Deacon Deb McLaughlin, a certified grief support group facilitator, **Sunday, December 17, after 10 am Service** in the Parish Hall.

The Greening of the Church is back! On Sunday, December 17, we will celebrate the Greening of the Church at the 10 am service, complete with Christmas Carols, decorating the church with wreaths, garland, and our Christmas trees. There will also be a surprise guest so please make sure to bring the children! We are happy to bring back this tradition and hope many of you will join us.

Pre-decorating the Church: Saturday, December 16 from 9 am - 12 noon. Please come and in the fun!
NEHEMIAH 3: "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK."

Potluck Watch- Party: Monday, December 11, 8:15 pm in the Deshaies Hall. **Miami Dolphins vs. the Tennessee Titans!** The Brotherhood of St. Andrew invites everyone to come to watch live-action and enjoy the game with other passionate fans. Donations are gratefully accepted. You are encouraged to bring a dish and beverages to share in the potluck.

Donate Blood: One Blood will be at St. Benedict's, Sunday, December 17, from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm.

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

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.

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

Operating: \$7,192.06
Building - Maintenance: \$2,374.06
Total: \$9,566.06

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 am

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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