



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday in Lent
February 17 and 18, 2024 | 6pm, 8am, and 10am

Welcome to Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family!
Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history. For our worship this month, we will be using many hymns from LEVAS (*Lift Every Voice and Sing – An African American Hymnal of The Episcopal Church*).

The Great Litany

The solemn procession begins, chanted in procession.

see Blue Hymnal #S67 or Red BCP pg. 148

Processional: The glory of these forty days

Hymn 143

The solemn procession begins, chanted in procession.

The Lenten Acclamation

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.
*And also with you. ***(8am) And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

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R. Goodson
(1655-1719)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from ever-lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love,
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 3:18-22

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. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Forgive our sins as we forgive

Hymn 674

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

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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, Peter our Bishop, Father Albert our Rector, Deacon Deb, our retired clergy, 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 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week (Feel free to add names silently or aloud)

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

Announcements by the Rector

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Offertory Hymn: (6 pm, 8am): Forty days and forty nights

Hymn 150

Offertory Anthem (10am): Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Lord, who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins And close by Thee to stay.*

*As Thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live By Thy most holy Word.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide,
Yes, evermore, in life and death, Jesus, with us abide!*

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.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

***(8am):** 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.

***(8am):** 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

said during Lent

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.

***(8am):** 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: If I have wounded any soul today

LEVAS 176

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.

*(8am 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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: King of my life I crown thee now

LEVAS 31

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention all men & youth: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, St. Benedicts Chapter, invites you to be part of our next in-person gathering. The gathering will occur in the church Conference Room on Sunday, **February 18**, after the 10am service.



Dennis and I are deeply grateful for your prayers that have brought us comfort during this challenging time. Your prayers have filled us with strength and hope. Thank you for your unwavering support, for the cards, calls, visits, and delicious dinners that we have received. The prayers and love have been a beacon of light in our life. You have demonstrated Christ's love. "Let us not love in word or in speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18. Grace and Peace, Dennis and Alicia Kelley



Please join us on Wednesday evenings
Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm
Healing Service: 7pm



Friday morning Bible Study: 9:30am – 11am. The group is studying the Old Testament books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Everyone is invited to join us in the Church Conference Room.



Attention all children, youth, and families! Please join us for Sunday School for all children and youth from Pre-School to High School during the 10 am service. All are welcome.



Choir rehearsals take place on **Thursdays at 7pm** 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.



Sunday School Volunteers Needed! We are looking for Sunday School Teachers to join our vibrant community and ignite young hearts with the love of Christ. Please contact Joanne Dussau at joanne.lynn.michael@gmail.com.

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

Operating: \$11,303.88
Building - Maintenance: \$2,484.35
Total: \$13,788.23

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"YOU ARE MY SON,
CHOSEN AND
MARKED BY MY LOVE,
PRIDE OF MY LIFE."
- MARK 1:9-11 MESSAGE -



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.*



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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

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

Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAYS

Bible Study 9:30 AM (Church Conference Room)

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