



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church  
**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
February 24 and 25, 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*).

**Voluntary: Consolation**

**Processional: The God of Abraham praise**

Hymn 401

**The Lenten Acclamation**

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures forever.**

**Collect for Purity**

*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 eleison**

Lord have mercy *All: Lord have mercy*

Christ have mercy *All: Christ have mercy*

Lord have mercy *All: Lord have mercy*

**The Collect for the Day**

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

- 22 Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>you that <sup>1</sup>fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of <sup>1</sup>Jacob's <sup>1</sup>line, give <sup>1</sup>glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he <sup>1</sup>hide his <sup>1</sup>face from them; \*  
but when they <sup>1</sup>cry to <sup>1</sup>him he <sup>1</sup>hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the <sup>1</sup>great as<sup>1</sup>sembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the <sup>1</sup>presence of <sup>1</sup>those who <sup>1</sup>worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the <sup>1</sup>LORD shall <sup>1</sup>praise him: \*  
“May your <sup>1</sup>heart <sup>1</sup>live for <sup>1</sup>ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and <sup>1</sup>turn to the <sup>1</sup>LORD, \*  
and all the families of the <sup>1</sup>nations shall <sup>1</sup>bow be<sup>1</sup>fore him.
- 27 For kingship be<sup>1</sup>longs to the <sup>1</sup>LORD; \*  
he <sup>1</sup>rules <sup>1</sup>over the <sup>1</sup>nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow <sup>1</sup>down in <sup>1</sup>worship; \*  
all who go down to the <sup>1</sup>düst <sup>1</sup>fall be<sup>1</sup>fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my des<sup>1</sup>cendants shall <sup>1</sup>serve him; \*  
they shall be <sup>1</sup>known as the <sup>1</sup>LORD's for <sup>1</sup>ever.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a <sup>1</sup>people yet un<sup>1</sup>born \*  
the saving <sup>1</sup>deeds that he has <sup>1</sup>done.

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*People: Glory to you Lord Christ!*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." 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 Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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):** Nearer, My God, to Thee

LEVAS 54

*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: Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymn 328

## 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 +

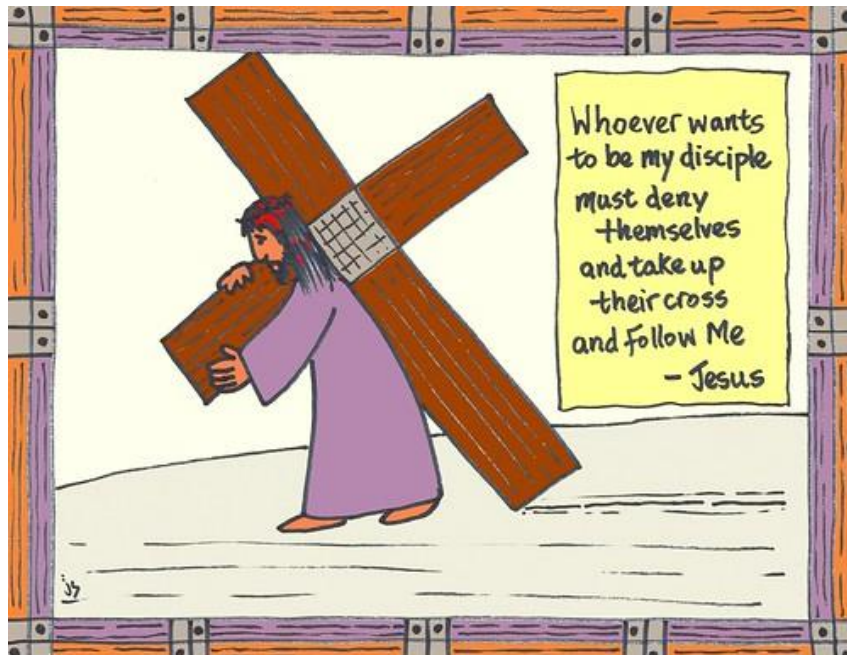
Recessional Hymn: Lift high the cross

Hymn 473

## The Dismissal

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

Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in d-minor BWV 554





## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Please join us on Wednesday evenings**

**Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm**

**Healing Service: 7pm**

**HOPE**  
South Florida

**February Mission of the Month:** St. Benedicts will be hosting three families (women & children) beginning Monday, February 26 at 4:30pm and ending Friday, March 1 at 7:00am.

**Please offer your HELP in one of the following ways:**

- **Two volunteers to stay overnight with the families.**
- **Ministries to provide meals along with fellowship** for the women and volunteers to do crafts and oversee the children with homework and outside play.
- **Breakfast and bag lunches.**
- **Cash and/or gift cards** from area stores to obtain food for these meals and personal hygiene products during the visit and to send with them as they depart.

**Please see the Flyer for contact information and more details**



**St. Benedict's Mother's Union Chapter will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 10am service on March 3, 2024.** The Annual Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10am Service.



**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 Dussuau at [joanne.lynn.michael@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.lynn.michael@gmail.com).

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

**Operating: \$7,841.21**

**Building - Maintenance: \$1,888.55**

**Total: \$9,729.76**

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### 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.*



### SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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**  
**Dr. Daniel Copher, Organist and Choirmaster**

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