



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
March 9 and 10, 2024 | 6pm, 8am, and 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](http://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.*

**Voluntary: Herzliebster Jesu BWV 1093**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Processional: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah**

Hymn 690

**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.**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**A Reading from the Book of Numbers**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. The Word of the Lord. *People: **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

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Thomas Purcell  
(d. 1682?)



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

A Reading from of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

Hymn 158

*People:* **Glory to you Lord Christ!**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." 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 Episcopal Church.

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: **\*(6pm, 8am): Amazing grace!**

LEVAS 181

Offertory Anthem: **(10am) God, Whose Giving Knows No End**

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise:  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one,  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants, fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, your grace conferred:  
Ours to use, for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by serving all.*

**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

## 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: My faith looks up to thee

LEVAS 88

### 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: O How I Love Jesus

LEVAS 95

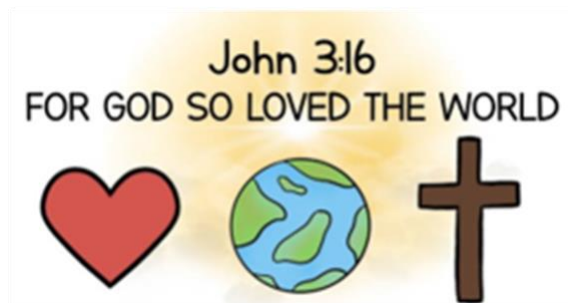
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### The Dismissal

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

### Voluntary: Sortie

Richard Knight (b. 1965)



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Please join us on Wednesday evenings**

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

**Healing Service: 7pm**



**Easter Flowers and Music:** If you would like to make a donation for Easter Flowers and Easter Music, please complete the enclosed form. Please submit your request by **Monday, March 18, 2024**. With gratitude for your generosity.



**The ECW Monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, March 10 after the 10am service in the St. Elizabeth's Room.** All women are part of the ECW and are invited to join to continue to strengthen this important ministry. Refreshments will be served.



**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, March 17**, after the 10am service. Bring a friend or two. Through the disciplines of prayer, study, and service, the Brotherhood always aims to bring men and youth closer to Christ.



**Mother's Union Monthly Meeting – Date Change:** **The monthly meetings now be** held on the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 17, after the 10 am service in the Parish Hall.



**Friday morning Bible Study – Time Change:** **The Bible Study will meet from 9am -10:30am.** The group is studying the Old Testament books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Everyone is invited to join us in the Church Conference Room.



**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.

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

**Operating: \$15,205.37**

**Building Maintenance: \$5,688.76**

**Total: \$20,894.13**

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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 9:00 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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