

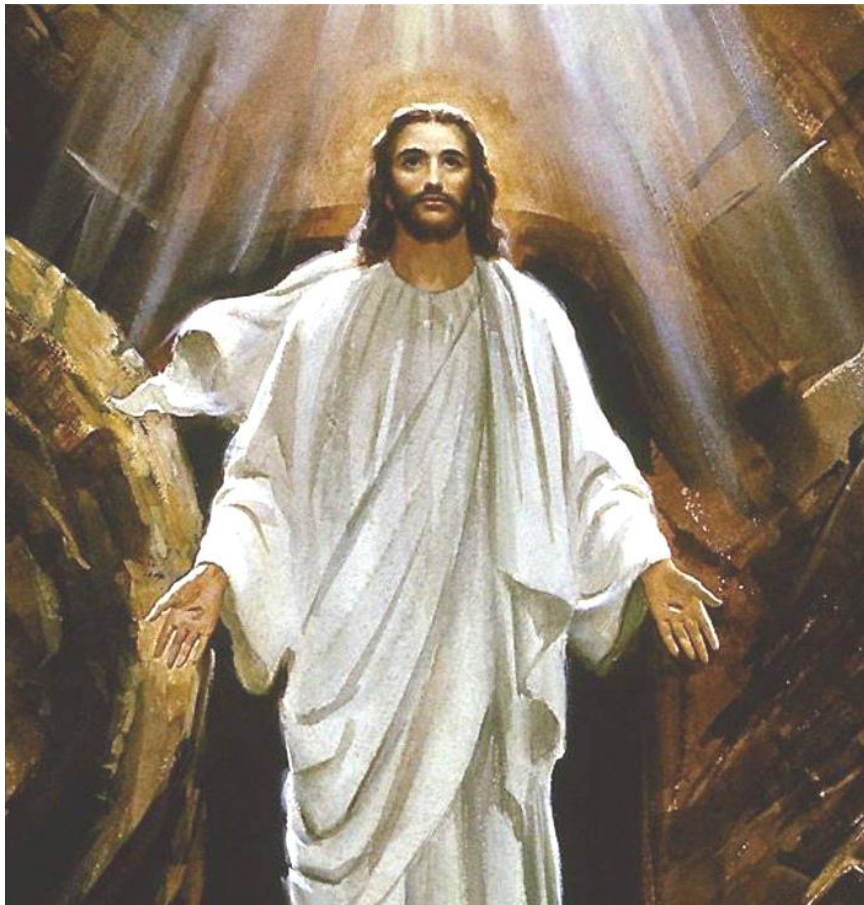
# *St. Benedict's Episcopal Church*

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# *Happy Easter!*



## **EASTER DAY**

*At St. Benedict's there are no strangers, only friends we have not met...*  
We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus!

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, *Rector*  
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, *Deacon*

# Easter Day

*We welcome you as we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Please sing along and use the bulletin, the screens or The Book of Common Prayer in your pews – known as “the priceless possession of the Anglican Church”. Around the world, the “BCP” is known wherever an Anglican/Episcopal congregation is present. Versions of the BCP (or simply “the Prayer Book”) have been translated into 150 languages. Our liturgy comes from this book and is based on the American version adopted and renewed in 1979. We hope you feel at home as you worship with us!*

## Voluntary

**Suite Gothique op. 25**

Léon Boëllman (1862-1897)

*Introduction ~ Menuet Gothique ~ Prière à Notre-Dame*

## Choral Introit

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**

Albrecht & Althouse

*Christ is Risen, Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle is done.  
Let voices sing on high. The victory of life is won for He shall never die.*

*Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Take all our sin and guilt away;  
Our souls He now will save.*

*From death to life, from earth to sky, He rises from the grave.*

## Processional Hymn

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!**

Hymnal 207

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity*

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.*

## Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*Melodic Gloria: Cheppanis*

## The Collect of Easter Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Word of God**  
*Liturgy of the Word*

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)**

In those days Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
**his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
**"His mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
**in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the LORD is exalted!**  
**the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the LORD.**
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them;**  
**I will offer thanks to the LORD.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
**he who is righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11)**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

### **Sequence Hymn**

**Alleluia! The strife is o'er**

Hymn 208 (*verses 1-4*)

### **+ The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (16:1-8)**

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

### **The Homily (Sermon)**

**Father Albert Cutié**

### **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People I will, with God's help.**

### **Sprinkling Rite**

*(Baptismal Water Blessed at Easter – Symbolizes the renewal of our Baptism)*

**Sprinkling Hymn**

**Surely it is God who save me**

Hymn 679

### **The Prayers of the People**

In the Easter mystery, God has re-created our world in joy, peace, hope, and light. And so we pray:

That the *joy* of the Risen Christ may inspire the Church throughout the world, and here in our parish community of St. Benedict's, to proclaim, in our work and worship together, the good news of the empty tomb. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the *peace* of the Risen Christ may reign among the nations and peoples of the world, leading them to work together to uphold the sacred dignity of all men, women, and children: Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the *hope* of the Risen Christ may console the troubled, reconcile those who are estranged and alienated, and heal the hurting and suffering among us, especially those that are not able to join us physically. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the *light* of the Risen Christ may shine on the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends, and we remember the benefactors and members of St. Benedict's throughout the years. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays:* Father of life, Author of love, in raising your Son from the grave all of creation has been reborn. May the life and love of the Paschal mystery, which we celebrate today, be a constant and lasting reality in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

*During the fifty days of Eastertide the confession of sins is not said.*

**The Peace** *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

### **Announcements by the Rector**

*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](http://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 (8am)

**I serve a risen Savior**

LEVAS 42

Offertory Anthem (10am)

**The Holy City**

Chancel Choir

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair.  
I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple there.  
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,  
Behold the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang.  
It was the voice of angels, from heaven in answer rang.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, lift up your gates of peace  
Hosana in the highest, Hosana to your King!

And then me saw my dream was changed; the streets no longer rang.  
Hushed were the glad hosanas the little children sang.  
The song broke up with mystery; the morn was cold and chill,  
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill;  
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, hark how the angels sing;  
Hosanah in the highest, Hosanah to your King.

And once again the scene was changed; new earth there seemed to be;  
I saw the holy city beside the timeless sea.  
The light above was on the streets, the gates were open wide,  
That all the world might enter; and all of us did rise.  
Beneath the moon and stars by night the sun who shines by day;  
It was a new Jerusalem that would not pass away.  
It was a new Jerusalem that would not pass away.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, sing for thy light is nigh;  
Hosanah in the highest, Hosanah forever more.  
Hosanah in the highest, Hosanah forever more.

**The Doxology**

*Old Hundredth*

**The Holy Communion**

*Liturgy of the Eucharist*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

**The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

**The Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei – Lamb of God*

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God: take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**OUR INVITATION TO YOU TODAY**

*This is the Lord's Table where none are excluded, and all are welcomed.  
Please come to the altar this morning and share the Sacrament of Christ's Presence with us.*

**Communion Hymns**

**In remembrance of me**

LEVAS 149

**O Lord my God**

LEVAS 60

## Prayer after Holy Communion

Let us pray. (*Celebrant and People say this prayer together*)

*God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**The Easter Blessing** *People respond "Amen"*

**Recessional Hymn**

**The day of resurrection!**

Hymnal 210

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Voluntary**

**March – Occasional Oratorio**

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

A special word of thanks to Dr. Daniel Copher, Mr. Ash Matthews, and the men and women of our Chancel Choir for sharing their talents with the Lord and with our parish family! With much gratitude to the Altar Guild, Ministers of the Altar, Lectors, Ushers, and all who have helped with preparing for this service. Thank you for your dedication and time!

## EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES | March 31

**8am and 10am:** Traditional Easter Day Masses

**12pm:** *Misa del domingo de resurrección (español)*

**World Famous Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn after the Sunday 10am Mass.  
All children and families are welcome to participate!**



**EASTER Flowers and Music Donations:** With much gratitude for your generous contributions to Easter Flowers and Music. There is a flyer in the Narthex listing the donations received. Again – your support is very appreciated.



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

**Operating: \$8,295.92**  
**Building Maintenance: \$1,057.90**  
**Total: \$9,953.82**

Thank you for your dedication to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity!



### A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Each and every member of this community is important to God and to us! Together, throughout the years, we have helped to create this beautiful Christian community, and together we continue to build up the Body of Christ, here at St. Benedict's.

I ask that you take a moment to consider including this church in your *Last Will and Testament* and to make a generous contribution that will be a spiritual legacy for ages to come. Please contact us so we can help you to take this important step for the long-term well-being of your church. We have volunteers who are prepared to guide you. We are in the midst of our 5-year Capital Campaign, please see the Ushers for a card.

If you have not filled out a **PLEDGE CARD for 2024**, you still have time. Our church really counts on each of you to carry out God's work all year long. Please fill out a pledge card today and drop it in the basket, mail it, or bring it to the parish office. We need your continued and faithful support!

With every blessing for you and yours this Easter and Eastertide,

*Father Albert*

*Email: [parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org](mailto:parishoffice@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.*



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