



Saint Benedict's Episcopal (Anglican) Church
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 27 and 28, 2024 | 6pm, 8am, and 10am

*Welcome to Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family! We are glad to have you worshipping 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. 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

Pastorale No. 1

Christopher Uehlein, OSB (1931-2019)

Processional

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymn 637

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*Refrain*)

J. Chepponis



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***(8:00 am - Rite I)** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***(8:00 am)** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

(Spoken)

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

John 15:1-8

People **Glory to you Lord Christ!**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you Lord Christ!****Sermon (Homily)****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;

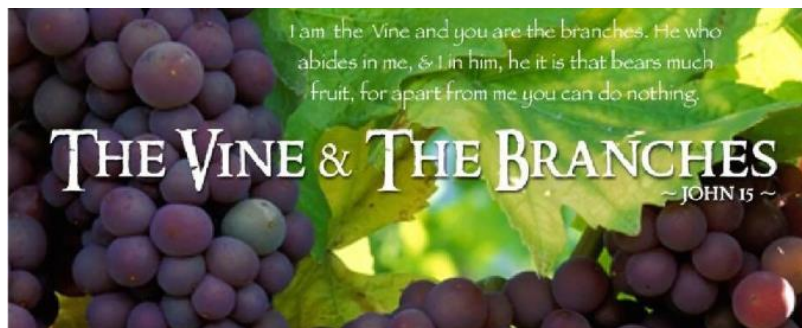
Who put their trust in you.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Church of Bangladesh

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

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

I am the bread of life

Hymn 335

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.

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

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

One bread, one body

LEVAS 151

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

Love Lifted Me

LEVAS 198

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary

Fantasy in A-minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



April 2024 Mission of the Month

We are blessed to have a member of St. Benedict's serve as a missionary to Madagascar, Jacky Lowe. Please join her in empowering the women of Madagascar to overcome poverty through the love of Jesus Christ. Jacky works with the Women's Center in Toliara where the women make crafts, Days for Girls sanitary kits, embroider Clergy shirts and stoles, and cook for workshops and events at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

How can you help?

- **Donate to the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders, SAMS**, an organization that prepares and send missionaries to spread the gospel all over the world. Use the PINK envelopes in the Narthex to write a check and place in the mission box or go to samsusa.org and click on missionaries and follow the instructions.
- **Sponsor a child to attend school or help provide water filters through the non-profit organization, Education = Hope.**
 - **Sponsoring a child to attend school is \$30/month.** Go to www.educationequalshope.org. click on the menu at the top right and choose Madagascar or use the Blue Envelopes in the Narthex.
 - **A water filter costs \$50.** To donate for the water filter go to <https://educationequalshope-bloom.kindful.com/?campaign=1296666click> or use the Blue Envelopes in the Narthex.
 - Please make checks payable to Education = Hope and indicate "sponsor child" or "water filter" in the Memo area.

For additional information contact Jacky Lowe at 954.684.5450



Bereavement Workshop: Sunday, April 28, after the 10am Service in the Rector's Conference Room. **Journey Towards Healing and Love** by getting the 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. Find a safe space to cope with the emotional, physical, and spiritual feelings of grief with Deacon Deb McLaughlin, a certified grief support group facilitator. Light refreshments will be provided.



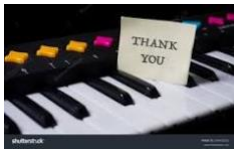
Attention all men and youth. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, St. Benedict's Chapter, invites you to their next gathering on **Sunday, May 5, after the 10am** service in the Rector's Conference Room. Through the disciplines of prayer, study, and service, the Brotherhood always aims to bring men and youth closer to Christ. Please invite a friend or two.



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 10am service. All are welcome.



Friday morning Bible Study
9:00am-10:30am. The group is studying the Old Testament books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Everyone is invited to join us in the Rector's Conference Room.



A special welcome and a note of thanks to Robert Strusinski who serves as organist on Sunday.

A gentle reminder: Please pick up your Contribution Statements and Offertory Envelopes located in the Narthex.

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

Operating: \$6,294.64
Building Maintenance: \$1,798.74
Total: \$8,093.98

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

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*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

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

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAYS

Bible Study 9:00 AM (Rector's 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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