



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30 and December 1, 2024 | 6pm, 8am, 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. 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.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I of The Holy Eucharist begins on **page 323** of the Book of Common Prayer - and Rite II begins on **page 355**.

Processional

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymn 56 (*verses 1-4*)

Lighting and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

+Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.***

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 for the Advent Season (*Haugen*)

Priest Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

People *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

Priest Lord Jesus you came to gather the nations, into the peace of God's Kingdom

People *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

Priest You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness

People *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

Priest You will come in glory with salvation for your people

People *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Celebrant Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." **The Word of the Lord.** *People*
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi**(10am ~ Sung by the Choir)*

- 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 everlasting.
- 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 Paul to the Thessalonians**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. **The Word of the Lord.** *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn**Soon and very soon**

LEVAS 14

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**Luke 21:25-36***People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things

taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

Father Albert 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 III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; For +Sean our Presiding Bishop, and +Peter our Bishop; Father Albert our Rector, Deacon Deb, our retired clergy, and all other ministers;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for our missionary Jacky, our partner churches, St. Michaels and All Angels, and the Women's Center in Madagascar.

Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

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

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 and go to “Online giving” or give by clicking on the QR CODE below... God bless you for your generous support!*



Offertory Hymn

Swing low, sweet chariot

LEVAS 18

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.**

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

***(8 am)** 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.**

***(8 am)** 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

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Agnus Dei

David Clark Isele (1946-2016)

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.

***(8 am – optional at 6 pm and 10 am)** 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 Lord, what a morning

LEVAS 13

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.

***(8 am 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

We're Marching to Zion

LEVAS 12

The Dismissal

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sacrament of Baptism


We Welcome Sophia Pilar Marceca and her family
Sophia is being baptized at the Sunday 10am service



UTO Ingathering 2024 is Here!

Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1

Your donations will be blessed this weekend. A heartfelt thank you for your prayers and donations over the months for the United Thank Offering Ministry.

**WOMEN OF
MADAGASCAR** 

Learn About St. Benedict's Partnership with Madagascar
All are welcome

Sunday, December 15 | 7am | Via Zoom

We will visit with St. Michael and All Angels in Madagascar via Zoom

Contact Jacky Lowe at 954.684.5450 or jacquelinelowe51@gmail.com, for more information



Christmas Flowers and Music Donation

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers/Music please complete the form in the bulletin.

Place the completed form along with your check in the Offering Plate

The deadline is Sunday, December 15, 2024



2024 Holiday Mission/Volunteer Opportunities



Seafarers' House

Monday, December 2 | Caroling | Meet at the church at 9:30am dressed in your Christmas spirit
Bring Christmas decoration items (used is okay) – Christmas candy and baked goods
Monday, December 30 | Deliver Angel Tree Gifts | Meet at the church at 9:30am
Wednesday, December 18 | Holiday of Carols Service | Meet at the church by 10:45am
Year around collection of full-size toiletries for men and women

Christmas TOY DRIVE sponsored by ECW for Children Ages 1 - 12 "A Rose Foundation & Behavioral Health"

Please bring your unwrapped toys to church this weekend and leave it in the "Toy Drive" container in the Narthex or drop them off at the facility on Saturday, December 7, at 4401 W. Oakland Park Blvd, Lauderdale Lakes 33313 between 10am - 2pm.
Questions – Please call Carla Holness at 954.309.3298



Jubilee Food Pantry (St. Ambrose) 2250 SW 31st Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl 33312
Wednesdays 11am -2pm - Food Bag Assembly
Saturdays 9am -12 noon - Food Bag Distribution
Contact Jubilee at 954.920.0106 for additional times

Jubilee Food Pantry Needs

Thanksgiving Fixings, Cereal, Pasta (12 or 16oz), Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Beans, Vegetables, Tuna, Soup, Fruit
Donation Bins are located in the Narthex



Coming December 7 - Angel Tree in the Narthex
Seafarers' House & St. Benedict's Family and Friends
St. Benedict's Parishioners: for confidentiality contact Alicia Kelly (954.439.0666)
or Deacon Deb (954.478.1091) or complete the form in the Narthex



Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 3 | 4pm | in front of the Church
Saturday, December 21 | 10am – 12 noon | Volunteer Park



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.

Bible Study



The Monday and Friday weekday Bible Study classes will resume on January 17, 2025

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD

Operating \$6,245.23
Building Maintenance \$2,151.77
Total \$8,397.00

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

SATURDAYS

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**

MONDAYS

Bible Study 7:00 PM (Rector's Conference Room)

TUESDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAY

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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