



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7 and 8, 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](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.*

## 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 5-8)

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* Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Malachi****Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. **The Word of the Lord.** *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 16***(10am ~ Sung by the Choir)***The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus***

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
 he has come to his people and set them free.  
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
 born of the house of his servant David.  
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
 that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
 from the hands of all who hate us.  
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
 and to remember his holy covenant.  
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
 Free to worship him without fear, \*  
 holy and righteous in his sight  
 all the days of our life.  
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
 To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
 by the forgiveness of their sins.  
 In the tender compassion of our God \*  
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen..

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians****Philippians 1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. **The Word of the Lord.** *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

**Father Albert Cutié, Rector**  
**Guest Speaker Col. Joseph J. Martin (10am)**

**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 Province of the Episcopal Church of 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](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

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand

LEVAS 9

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
 O Thou of God and man the Son,  
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
 Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
 Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
 Now and forever more be Thine.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

**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.

Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

Douglas Major

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.

## 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

When we all get to heaven

LEVAS 20

## The Dismissal

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

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Sunday, at the 10am service, we welcome our Guest Speaker, Col. Joseph J. Martin, Group 9 Commander, Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol

**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

**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

**The Greening of the Church**

**Sunday, December 15 | During the 10am service**

Christmas Carols

Decorating the church with Wreaths, Garlands, Lights, and Christmas Trees

There will be a **surprise guest** so please make sure to bring the children  
We are happy to have this beautiful tradition continue and hope you will join us

**Saturday, December 14 | 9 am - 12 noon | Pre-decorating the church**

If you are available your help would be greatly appreciated







## Seafarers' House

**Wednesday, December 18** | Holiday of Carols Service | Meet at the church by 10:45am  
**Monday, December 30** | Deliver Angel Tree Gifts | Meet at the church at 9:30am

## 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 [jacqueline1951@gmail.com](mailto:jacqueline1951@gmail.com), for more information



**One Blood will be at St. Benedict's**  
**The need for blood did not take a holiday!**

**December 15 | 8:30am – 1:30pm**

**Sign -Up Sheets are in the Narthex or you may register at**

[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1453757](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1453757)



### Bereavement Workshop

**Sunday, December 15 | After the 10am Service | St. John's Room**

Learn tools to help you **handle the loss** of a loved one, a pet, a job, a relationship, a move, or a major change in your life, especially during the holidays. 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

**Tuesday, December 17 | 6:30pm | Deshaies Hall**

**Single?** You and your single friends are invited to an evening of fun and games.

Bring your favorite holiday food/drink

Please text Deacon Deb if you will be coming - 954.478.1091 by Monday, December 16

**FLYING  
SOLO**

*New Year's Eve Bash*  
Tuesday, December 31, 2024  
8:00 pm to 1:00 am

**2025**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvres, Champagne Toast,  
Exceptional DJ and Deluxe Party Favors.

Join us for a night of celebration  
and dance into the new year!

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church Hall  
7801 NW 5th St., Plantation, FL 33324

**Prepare for a night filled with vibrant music, dancing, and joyful festivities. Please bring your friends and family as we countdown to midnight, raising our glasses of champagne to toast to new beginnings**

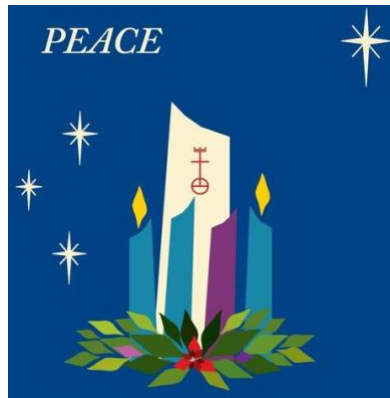
Please click on this link for your tickets: <https://stbenedictsepiscopalchurch.breezechms.com/form/f7de0f78>

Tickets will also be available in the Narthex. Contact Norma Shaw for more information – 954.673.2240

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD

Operating \$9,177.29  
Building Maintenance \$2,566.10  
Total \$11,743.39

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DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – ANGLICAN COMMUNION  
*Our mission is to know Christ's love, and to make it known*

### 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** (will resume January 13, 2025)

#### 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** (Will resume January 17, 2025)

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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