



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday of Advent
November 29 and 30, 2025 | 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

The God of Abraham praise

Hymnal 401

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

"God Is Near"

First Sunday - The Angel's Message: Hear

Responsive Litany

Advent is a time to hear again of God's redeeming work.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Advent is a time to hear again of God's reconciling love.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Advent is a time to hear again of God's unmerited grace.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Advent is a time to hear again of our ultimate hope.

Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Candle Lighting

Today we light the **first candle**. The first candle reminds us that as we wait upon the Lord we do so with a sense of heightened awareness. In a world where our attention is easily diverted in many directions, Advent is a time to quiet ourselves and listen for God's word with expectant ears. This Advent we hear and receive the message of the One who continues to speak.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank you that your word never changes and your promises never fail. In faith we know that everything you have spoken about will come to pass. Yet like your people of old, we often struggle during times of waiting. As we cast our faith in your unfailing promises, enable us to also trust the timing of your response. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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 Advent Season

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 Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

(10am ~ Sung by the Choir)

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you."

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Romans

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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

Matthew 24:36-44

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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.

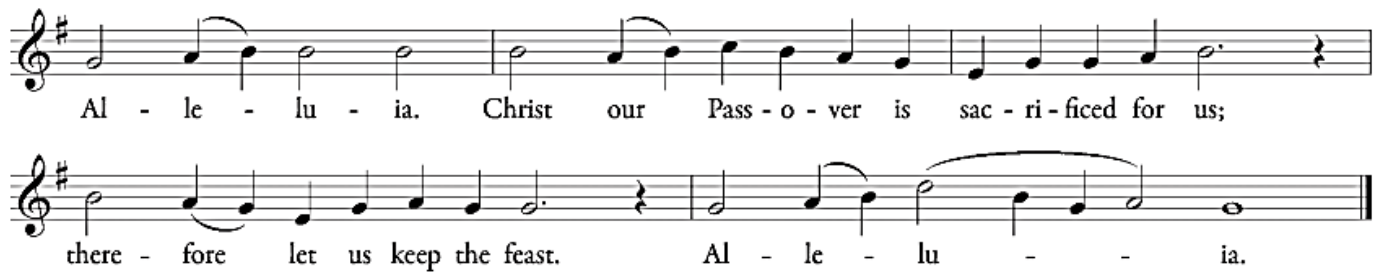
We pray for our partner churches, St. Michael and All Angels in Madagascar, and our missionary Jacky.

Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Anglican Church of Australia.

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

Douglas Major (b. 1953)



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.

***(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 God, thy table now is spread

Hymnal 321

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

Soon and very soon

LEVAS 14

The Dismissal

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 am Service

ALL children and youth are **WELCOME** to participate in this year's exciting program



The Angel Tree is in the Narthex

Gifts are being requested for St. Benedict's Members in need or homebound and for the Crew of our adopted Seafarers Ship, The Voyager.



November Mission of the Month – Gratitude

“We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our parish family and the community at large”

In November the focus will be on the needs of our parish family and the local community

Please show your support by placing your monetary donation in the Mission Box

Your funds will be used to help meet the needs placed on our Angel Tree



UTO Ingathering 2025 - Final Call

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Your donations will be blessed next Sunday at the 10am Service

A heartfelt thank you for your prayers and donations for the United Thank Offering Ministry



The Second Coming of Christ

Please join us for a three-week study

Beginning Friday, December 5 at 9am and Monday, December 8 at 7pm



Friends in Faith Luncheon

Monday, December 15 | 12 noon | Deshaies Hall

Tickets are available for sale in the Narthex after all of the services

All are welcome, but tickets need to be purchased in advance

Questions – Please contact Allan Dupuis at 954.682.4130

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD

Operating \$8,034

Building Maintenance \$1,634

Total \$9,668

Thank you for your dedication to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity. To sign up for ONLINE GIVING please visit our website and select the “Giving” tab. www.saintbenedicts.org



Save the Date



Saturday, December 6	10am	Decorating the outdoor church property (All hands-on deck, please!)
Saturday, December 6	6pm	"Light Up Plantation" - Caroling at City Hall
Friday, December 12	5:30pm	Caroling in front of the Church
Friday, December 12	6pm	"Lightening Up St. Benedict's Ceremony" • Turning on the Lights! • Walking the Labyrinth • Musical Presentations & Caroling • There will be a slide for the children along with cotton candy and hot chocolate
Thursday, December 18	5pm	Caroling in front of the Church
Friday, December 19	6pm	Parish Appreciation Party - Deshaies Hall Everyone is invited!

SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 (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

Mr. Ashworth Matthews, Organist and Choirmaster

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