

*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*

Mr. Ashworth Mattehws, *Organist and Choirmaster*

*Welcome in the name of Jesus!*

## **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!*

### **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!

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!

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!

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!

*Celebrant* 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." 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 Colossians (3:1-4)**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*  
**The Alleluia**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Great Alleluia*

+ **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18)**

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

**The Homily (Sermon)**

**Father Albert Cutié, Rector**

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

*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**

**He Lives**

LEVAS 42

*May Almighty God, The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

### The Peace

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

### 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 in Plantation, 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)**

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia**

Chancel Choir

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

**The Holy Communion**

*Liturgy of the Eucharist*

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharist Prayer A*

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen*

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

**I Am the Bread of Life  
And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love  
Taste and See  
Because He Lives**

Hymnal 335  
Hymnal 337  
LEVAS 154  
LEVAS 43

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 *The Deacon says, "Let us humble our heads before God"*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## Recessional Hymn

**He Is Risen**

Hymnal 180

## The Dismissal

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

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

A special word of thanks to Mr. Ashworth Matthews, the members of our Chancel Choir, and Jean Milien and Friends, for sharing their musical talents with our parish family. With much gratitude to the Altar Guild, Ministers of the Altar, Lectors, Ushers, Staff, and all who have helped with preparing for this service. Thank you for your dedication and time!



### **EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC DONATIONS**

**With much gratitude for your generous contributions to the Easter Flowers and Music**

**There is a flyer in the Narthex listing the donations received**

**Again – your support is very appreciated**

### **EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

**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!**



## 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 help us continue serve God for years to come.

If you have not filled out a **PLEDGE CARD for 2025**, 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*

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## **SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*Our mission is to know Christ's love, and to make it known*

### **Weekly Worship Schedule**

#### SATURDAYS

**9:30 AM Yoga in the Sanctuary**

**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**

#### 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**