



Saint Benedict's Episcopal (Anglican) Church  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
May 2 and 3, 2026 | 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](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.*

Processional (6pm)  
(8am,10am)

All in Color  
They'll Know We Are Christians

*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 Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died. The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

(10am ~ sung by the Choir)

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

### A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Great Alleluia

Hymnal 206 (vs.1 & 2)

**People Glory to you Lord Christ!**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

**Sermon**

**Father 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

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.***

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember The Church of North India.

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*During the fifty days of Eastertide the confession of sins is not said.*

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you. \*(8am) And with thy spirit.**

## Announcements by the Rector

*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 (6pm, 8am)

Freely, Freely

Offertory Anthem (10am)

Be Not Afraid

Choir

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.

**\*(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.

## Preface

## 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 **(6pm, 8am)**  
**(10am)**

I Am the Bread of Life  
Hear I Am, Lord

Hymnal 335

## 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 Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his goodness. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

Because He Lives

LEVAS 43

## The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Sunday School

Attention all children, youth, and families!

Please join us for Sunday School during the 10am service  
All children and youth (pre-school through High School) are welcome

### Cursillo Ministry Weekend

St. Benedict's will be celebrating the Cursillo Ministry this weekend

There will be a speaker at all services, each sharing a brief 3–5-minute witness talk about their walk with Christ since their Cursillo experience

Please come dressed in colors and feel free to wear your Crosses/Palanca



### Mission of the Month

Please help support the women and children of Madagascar, the Secondary School in Ambohimahavalona, education program at the Women's Center, Water Filters for clean water, and our sister church, St. Michaels and All Angels.

#### How can you help?

Madagascar items will be sold in the Narthex on the weekends of May 2 & 3, 16 & 17 and 23 & 24

Monetary donations may be placed in Mission Box located at the back of the church.

Questions: Please contact Jacky Lowe: 954.684.5450, [jacquelinelowe51@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinelowe51@gmail.com).

### Brotherhood of St. Andrew BBQ

Sunday, May 3 | 12 noon

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Side Dishes, Cold Drink, and Cookies

Adults \$15 | Children \$10

Come out, enjoy great food, and support the Brotherhood's ministry in serving the church community and missions



### Confirmation Classes for Children/Youth 12 years & Older

Sunday, May 17, 24, 31 and June 7

10am – Holy Communion Time

Rector's Conference Room

This is a four-week series offered by Deacon Deb McLaughlin in preparation for the Bishop's Visit on Sunday, June 14, at the 10am Service



Confirmation/  
Confirmación

ALL Youth and Adult Confirmands, and Adults seeking Reception in the Anglican/Episcopal Church

Special Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, June 10 at 7pm in the Church



## Seafarers' May Ship Visits The Honduras

We are doing weekly visits to the stranded crew on The Honduras  
April 30, May 7 and May 14: We will leave the church at 10:30am

They are so grateful for the food we are sending  
You amazingly provided \$2,100 for us to provide them with needed food

### The Voyager

May 21: We will leave the church at 9:30am or you may meet the group at Seafarers at 10am

Please Contact Allan 954.682.4130 for additional information

## Jubilee Center

We ask for your continued support in donating food items.

The following non-perishable items are always in need  
Cereal, Beans, Veggies, Tuna, Soup, Canned Fruit, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce,  
Peanut Butter, Jelly

**At this time we ask that you refrain from donating clothing**



## May 2026 Meetings

Daughters of the King | Saturday, May 2 | St. Elizabeth's  
Episcopal Church Women | Sunday, May 3, 12 noon | St. Elizabeth's  
Mothers' Union | Sunday, May 17, 12 noon | St. Elizabeth's  
Brotherhood of St. Andrew | Sunday, May 17, 12 noon | Rector's Conference Room

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

Operating: \$6,073  
Building Maintenance: \$2,553  
Total: \$8,626

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

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## OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*Oh God of Love, you have brought together from many nations the people of our parish family of Saint Benedict's. We thank you for the countless gifts which your Holy Spirit bestowed upon this community of faith. We pray for the success of our Capital Campaign: May this be a time of generous and sacrificial giving, so 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.*



**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

**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**

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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