

Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday
July 25 and 26, 2026 | 6pm, 8am, 10am



Welcome to Saint Benedict's Episcopal (Anglican) 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. More information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at www.saintbenedicts.org. All responses in the liturgy can be found in **BOLD**. Our music is taken from The Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Let us prepare our hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament

Processional Hymn

How firm a foundation

Hymnal 637

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*Refrain*)

J. Chepponis



(c) Copyright 1986 by G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago. All Rights Reserved.

***(8am - 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 WORD OF GOD

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Celebrant O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

(29:15-28)

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini Domino*

(*Spoken*)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

(8:26-39)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand

of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.

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

(13:31-33,44-52)

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Deacon 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 (Form VI)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God...

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For +Sean our Presiding Bishop, +Peter our Bishop, Father Albert our Rector, Deacon Deb, our retired clergy, and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Feel free to add your prayers of Thanksgiving)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

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

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 with you.

People And also with you.

***(8am)** 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

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People And of Thine own have we given Thee.

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

Douglas Major (b. 1953)



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.

*(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

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Hymnal 337

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.

*(8am 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

Make me a blessing

LEVAS 158

The Dismissal

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday School is on summer break

There will be special events throughout the summer



A Warm Welcome to our Guest Organist Rob Strusinski



healthy mothers, healthy babies®
coalition of broward county

Traveling Bassinet

The Traveling Bassinet is in the Narthex

The Daughters of the King (Ann Saunders Chapter) will be making donations towards the Traveling Bassinet on behalf of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Mothers of Broward County during July. Parishioners are also invited to donate NEW baby items such as clothing, linens, toys, baby wipes, baby wash, baby shampoo, etc.



July Mission of the Month Seafarers' House

Monetary donations along with prayer, socks, t-shirts, personal hygiene items, coconut water and healthy snacks are greatly appreciated

The Caribe Voyager is in need of additional assorted size weights, a yoga mat, a large metal colander and a handheld juicer



Diocesan Co-Ed Cursillo #18 Weekend (July 23-26, 2026)

St. Benedict's is well represented!

Please pray for the seven Pilgrims attending and the thirty plus people who are participating as leaders or serving in one manner or another in preparing for this weekend



Thank You for Your Continued Donations to the 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



The Choir is on Summer Break

Singers are invited to sing in the Summer Choir - 9:30am Sunday Rehearsal

Great repertoire – sing with other fine musicians

Please speak with Ash for more information

Bible Study



Bible Study will be taking a short break beginning August 1

Classes will resume on September 11

With gratitude for your participation

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

Operating \$10,842

Building Maintenance \$5,396

Total \$16,238

Thank you for being so dedicated to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity.

To sign up for ONLINE GIVING please visit our website and select the "Online Giving" tab.

www.saintbenedicts.org

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

Nuestra misión es conocer el amor de Cristo y darlo a conocer

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 (Summer Break June 17 – August 19)

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector
The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon
Ms. Linda Schlepp-Gray, Parish Administrator
Mr. Ashworth Matthews, Organist and Choirmaster

7801 NW 5th Street, Plantation, FL 33324 • PHONE: 954-473-6578

PARISH EMAIL: parishoffice@saintbenedicts.org