

Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 10 and 11, 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

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

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. Amen.*

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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Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

***(8am - Rite I)**

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 Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

(32:1-14)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?' Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*

(10 am ~ Chanted by Choir)

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

(4:1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

They'll Know We are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

All praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

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

(22:1-14)

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon

Father Bob Deshaies, Rector Emeritus

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 Burundi.

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

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

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal 379

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)

***(8am)** Prayer of Humble Access

All Merciful Lord, we come to your Table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs from beneath your Table. Yet you are the Lord whose nature is always to show mercy. Therefore, gracious Lord, grant that we may eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink his blood, so that we may always dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Hymns

My God, thy table is now spread
Break thou the bread of life

Hymnal 321
LEVAS 146

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

On Christ the solid rock

LEVAS 99

The Dismissal

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention all Children and Youth

Sunday School meets during the 10am Service

All children and youth from Pre-School to High School are welcome

October Mission of the Month



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) continues to be a beacon of hope to those with mental illness and their families. Now more than ever with dwindling resources NAMI is an oasis of hope. Your monetary support is greatly appreciated. Your donations will be given to the Nami Walk on behalf of St. Benedict's. Please place your donations in the Mission Box located at the back of the church.



Seafarers House - Voyager Ship Visit

October 15 | 12:30pm

We will leave the church at 12 noon or you may meet the group at Seafarers at 12:30pm

Please Contact Alicia Kelly for additional information



October is Clergy Appreciation Month

St. Benedict's will Celebrate Father Albert and Deacon Debra
Sunday, October 25

A special luncheon will be held in the Deshaies Hall after the 10am service



Rummage Sale

Sponsored by the Mothers' Union

Deshaies Hall | Saturday, October 31, 2026 | 10am -5pm

Drop Off Dates – Deshaies Hall

Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 from 10am -2pm

For more information contact

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Your Operating Fund, Building Maintenance, Capital Campaign Statements
January – August (2026) are available in the Narthex

October Monthly Meetings

After the 10am Service

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Sunday, October 11	St. Elizabeth
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's	Sunday, October 18	Rector's Conference Room
Mothers' Union	Sunday, October 18	St. Elizabeth

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

Operating \$10,530

Building Maintenance \$2,961

Total \$13,491

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In Deshaies Hall

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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 9:30 AM

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

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