Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 7 and 8, 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.
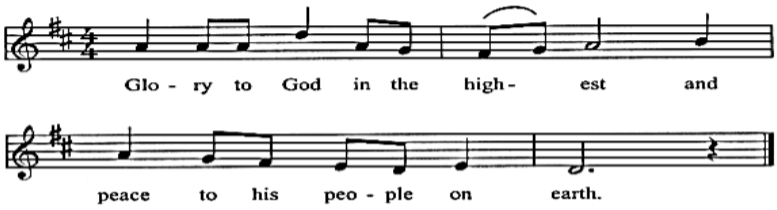
Processional Hymn **Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus** Hymnal 561

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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***(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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Joshua (24:1-3a, 14-25)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 ***Attendite, populе*** (Chanted at 10am)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn **Seek Ye First** Hymnal 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

++The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:1-13)

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. P*eople* **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 +Sean our Presiding Bishop, +Peter our Bishop, Father Albert our Rector, Deacon Deb, our retired clergy, and for all bishops and 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.

Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

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

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week….

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 … God bless you for your generous support!*

SCAN ME

Offertory Hymn **Here I am Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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 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 **In remembrance of me** LEVAS 149

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 +

The National Anthem

Recessional Hymn **This Little Light Of Mine**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Cortese from his 6pm service family at St. Benedict's, on the anniversary of his homegoing.



Clergy Appreciation
St. Benedict's will Celebrate Father Albert and Deacon Debra
Sunday, November 15



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, Mirror Lakes Elementary School Food Pantry, and the local community
Gift Cards to Walmart, Aldie's and Target or monetary donations may be placed in the Mission Box



St. Benedict's 2026 Ministry Fair
"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:16
November 7 & 8
Deshaies Hall - after all the services
Learn about the many great ministries offered at St. Benedict's



Harvest Sunday Celebration
Sunday, November 22, 2026
Donations are needed for Harvest Sunday
We especially need Fruits, Vegetables, Sugar Cane, Baked and Canned Goods
Please bring your donations to the Church on Saturday, November 21, after 12 noon

November Monthly Meetings
Daughters of the King | Saturday, November 14 , 10am | St. Elizabeth

After 10am Service
Episcopal Church Women (ECW) | Sunday. November 8 | St. Elizabeth
Brotherhood of St. Andrew's | Sunday, November 29 | Rector's Conference Room
Mothers' Union | Sunday, November 29 | St. Elizabeth

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD – IN PERSON AND ONLINE
Operating $8,443
Building Maintenance $2,558
Total $11,001
Thank you for being so dedicated to your parish, and may God bless you for your generosity.



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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
Mr. Mordecai (Manny) Emanuel, Sexton

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