



# St. Benedict's

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## The Mission of St. Benedict's

*St. Benedict's is a welcoming community sharing and spreading Christ's love through worship, education, fellowship and outreach.*

## The Feast of St. Benedict

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# The Holy Eucharist Liturgy of The Word

## Opening Hymn

**I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry**

Requested by Phyllis Seitz      Text and music by John Ylvisaker

## Opening Acclamation *(standing)*

*Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

*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: S278

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect for the Day

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant: Together, let us pray.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons *(seated)*

*Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis 25:19-34*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;

the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 119:105-112

*Lucerna pedibus meis*

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| 105 | Your word is a lantern to my feet *<br>and a light upon my path.                  |
| 106 | I have sworn and am determined *<br>to keep your righteous judgments.             |
| 107 | I am deeply troubled; *<br>preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.      |
| 108 | Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *<br>and teach me your judgments. |
| 109 | My life is always in my hand, *<br>yet I do not forget your law.                  |

- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

## The Epistle

*Lector:* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Edith Woodling

### The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

***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.***

### Prayers of the People Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***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.***

Remembering the Wade and Marquis families, Barbara Naylor, the Residence at St. Anne's Terrace, the Loftin family, the Murphy and Hanahan families, the Wilkes family, the Waybright family, Leslie Ennis, the Mraceck family, Claire & Millie, Jay Smith, Bob Faulkender, Pete Webb, the Haider family, Jean Wakeling, Betty Reichenberg, the Landman family, Tammy & Rick Buck, Lyela Moraw, Maggie Newman, Polly Branch, the Megargee family, Lee Bowen, George Secrist, Judith King, Dorita Lema, Sarah Housley, Rob Hamblin, Martha Campbell, Michael Hale, Kirby Husbands, John Gillespie, Adam Webb, Edna Johnston, Victoria Witkiewicz, Marie Drake, Mak Yost, Timothy Willis, Thomas Carr.

We give thanks for the birth of Paxton Farris Searcy, son of Houston & Julia Searcy.

We pray for people in our community and around the world who are suffering from the pandemic and for those suffering from its economic consequences. And we pray also for those, known and unknown, who suffer from injustice as people of color.

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.***

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

Silence

*(Additional intercessions are welcome.)*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin** *(standing or kneeling)*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

### **Absolution** *(standing)*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *(standing)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***

### **Offertory Anthem**

#### **O Thou, Whose All-Redeeming Might**

St. Benedict's Parish Choir

8th century hymn  
arr. David Blackwell

1. O Thou whose all redeeming might  
Crowns every saint in glory bright,  
On this commemoration day  
Hear us, good Jesu, while we pray.
2. Contending for Thy holy name  
Thy servants earned their saintly fame,  
Which pious hearts with praise revere  
In constant memory year by year.
3. Earth's fleeting joys they counted naught,  
For higher, truer joys they sought,  
And now, with Angels round the Thy throne,  
Unfading treasures are their own.
4. O grant that we, most gracious God,  
May follow in the steps they trod;  
And, freed from every stain of sin,  
As they hath won may also win.
5. To Thee, O Christ, our loving King,  
All glory, praise, and thanks we bring;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.  
Amen.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving** *(standing)*

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People: We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant:* It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



## **Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(standing or kneeling)*

**Celebrant:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

## **Memorial Acclamation**

**Celebrant:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*(After the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept.)*

## **Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Celebrant:** Loving God, we ask you to bless the bread and wine which our brothers and sisters may consume in their homes at this time.

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.

## **The Communion of the People**

*(During the celebrant's communion, those apart may eat bread and drink wine which has been blessed, not consecrated).*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.**

**Though we cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, we thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and sustaining Spirit, be among you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Closing Voluntary**

**Who Are These like Stars Appearing**

Music: Zeuch Mich, Zeuch Mich

Melody from Geistreiches Gesang-buch

Harmony by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)