



# St. Benedict's

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

## 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020



# The Holy Eucharist Liturgy of The Word

## Voluntary

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

Music: Coronation by Oliver Holden

## Opening Acclamation *(Standing)*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People:** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## 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: S280

*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 God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Lessons *(Seated)*

*Lector:* A reading from the book of Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

*Exsurgat Deus*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners  
into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for  
the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## The Epistle

*Lector:* A reading from the first letter of Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Gospel

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17:1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

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 Rev. Claiborne Jones, Telisa Sims and family,  
Maria Pineiro and family, Ewing family, Pete Webb, the Haider  
family, Jean Wakeling, Betty Reichenberg, the Landman  
family, Tammy & Rick Buck, Chad Jacobs, Robin Dahlstrom,  
Lyela Moraw, Maggie Newman, Polly Branch, the Megargee  
family, Lee Bowen, George Secrist, Joey Martin, Judith King,  
Dorita Lema, Kevin Brainerd, 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 pray for people in our community and around the world  
who are suffering from the economic consequences of the  
pandemic. And we pray for all public servants who are working  
to promote health and well-being in our common life.

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.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in  
the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us  
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O  
lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin (standing or kneeling)

Deacon: 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 Hymn: 495

Hymnal 1982

**Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!**

## 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious  
resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the  
true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken  
away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed  
death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us  
everlasting life.

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:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Loving God, we ask you to bless the bread and wine which our brothers and sisters may consume in their homes at this time. 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 I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I 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 I embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Easter 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 blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

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

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

### **Closing Hymn: 460**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** (verses 1, 3-5)

Hymnal 1982