



St. Benedict's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024
10:30 am



WORSHIP AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Welcome to St. Benedict's! We are glad to see you today for worship, fellowship, formation, and service.

If you have been here for a while, it is a joy to see you again. Your faithful presence and dedication inspire the rest of us to continue in our own prayers and service. Please remember that it is your joy and responsibility to reach out and welcome those who are new or returning.

If you are returning after a time away, welcome home! Your presence reminds us that God is faithful, and calls us again and again: grace upon grace.

If you are new to St. Benedict's, thank you for being vulnerable and taking the risk to step into this place. It is not easy to walk into a church as a newcomer, and we are grateful that today you join your spirit with ours. We are glad you are here.

Our ancient patterns of worship may feel a bit strange at first. Perhaps this strangeness will be a gift! Everything you need for worship is in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in your pew rack. If any of us can be of help, please don't hesitate to ask ushers, clergy, vestry, or your neighbor sitting next to you. We would be grateful if you'd fill out a contact card via the QR code below, or visitor card and place it in the offering plate.


In this bulletin, you will also find various parish announcements, our calendar of upcoming events, and an insert sheet with special prayers for each day of the week. We hope you'll take the prayer sheet home and, throughout the week, pray for the needs of the church and the world. Once again, welcome, and thank you for joining us in the worship of the living God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And A Word About Small Children: When we gather for worship, we strive to glorify God with beautiful music, intentional silence, and words of both comfort and challenge. We also strive in our worship to welcome and include people of all ages and capabilities: people who wiggle and make noise, people whose cell phones go off, people who nod off during the sermon, people who can't quite sing on key, and people who are so busy through the week that they struggle to "be still and know that you are God."

We are just crazy enough to think that together we can do it, and all who are baptized into Christ's body belong together. If you are bringing young children to worship God, THANK YOU! and we challenge you to try to engage them in the holy drama of church: sit up close where they can see the altar, teach them our prayers and how to hold a hymnal, show them when to stand or kneel, and use our worship bags to give busy hands something to do. Children belong in worship, AND we know that sometimes parents may need a moment of quiet and respite during worship or formation time. We offer nursery care from 7:45 am through the end of the 10:30 am worship service for children ages newborn through pre-K; the nursery is downstairs beside the parish hall. If your family uses this option, consider bringing your child back into worship to receive communion alongside the whole body of Christ.

For all of us, we challenge you to extend a little extra grace to those who sometimes make a joyful noise. Introduce yourself to the family. Make a new friend. They are signs of life and vitality. Remember that all of us fall short in worshiping the Lord with our whole heart, and remember the words of Jesus in Mark 10:14: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Jenna Strizak, Rector

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY
Meditation

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn 392: Come, We That Love the Lord

Hymnal 1982

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(standing)*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(standing)*

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *(seated)*

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

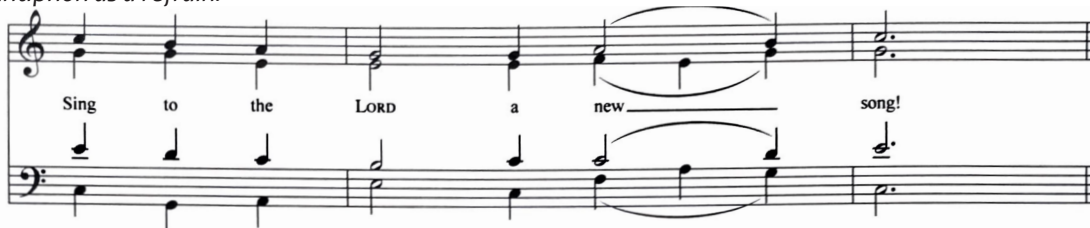
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

Cantate Domino

The choir chants the antiphon the first time. The congregation repeats it. The choir chants verses and congregation chants antiphon as a refrain.



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory. [ANT.]
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. [ANT.]
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord. [ANT.]
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. [ANT.]

THE SECOND LESSON *(seated)*

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *(standing)*

Hymnal 1982

Hymn 192: This Joyful Eastertide (verses 1 & 2)

THE GOSPEL *(standing)*

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Lindsey Hardegree

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 (*standing*)

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was shadow shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying, Christ is risen: The Lord is risen, indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this glorious morning, give us hope, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

These fifty days bring joy to all Christian believers. We pray especially for Rob, our bishop, and all made one in Christ. May we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we and all those who lead rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

For Elias DuPree and Sam Nail as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage. Pray that God will make their lives together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity will overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

For all of us who have need of the gift of Easter, for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for Paul Stein; Faith Lamplugh; Lee Bowen; Randy Curtis and family; Lisa Tardiff; the Rawls family; Jeanne Frank; Keira & Elyse Cavanagh; Andy Farrington; Fred Scott; Blaine and Brenda Milam; Eli Long; Carol Chukwukelu; Christopher Cahillane; Kenna Farley; Louise Megargee and family; Martin Taylor and Bob Faulkender, for all our siblings, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

For all who suffer and mourn, that the Lord God wipes away all tears, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

May God transform our faith in the power of Christ's resurrection as He transformed the faith of the disciples: from inconsistency to persistence, from fatalism to surprise, from sorrow to joy, from doubt to conviction, from despair to hope, from fearful silence to bold confession. May we be Jesus's hands and feet for the life of the world, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hidden with Christ in God, for Christ is risen: **The Lord is risen, indeed.**

God of life, we thank you for the Paschal Mystery to which we are joined. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus, the risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (*kneeling*)

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.

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*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

St. Benedict's Parish Choir

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958)

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, traditional French

Arranged by Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom we had slain,
Thinking that he never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for the three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982

Hymn 184: Christ the Lord Is Risen Again! (verses 1 & 3)



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (standing)

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 S129

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.



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

Alleluia! Christ Our Passover

Jeffrey H. Rickard

Congregational Refrain

Musical notation for the Fraction section, featuring four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature, followed by a 3-measure rest. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us". The third staff continues with lyrics: "keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,". The fourth staff concludes with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!" and includes a "poco rit." marking above the final measure.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -
- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us
keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE INVITATION AND THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome to receive the sacrament, and all who put their hands out will be served. An usher will direct you to the communion rails; you may stand or kneel. If you want only the host (without wine), please hold up one finger. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten free host, please tell the Eucharistic Minister. If, for mobility reasons, you would prefer communion brought to you at your seat, please tell the usher. If you are interested in Holy Baptism, speak with Mo. Jenna or Fr. Daron.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Love of God, How Strong and True
St. Benedict's Parish Choir

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: de Tar, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

We read Thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love!
We read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thy power to bless and save,
even in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 1982

Hymn 593: Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(standing)*

Let us pray. **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.**

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982

Hymn 400: All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 2, 5 & 7)

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Straf Mich Nicht

Johann Rosenmüller (1619–1684)
Arranged by Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)

Ascension Day with St. Catherine's, Marietta

Thursday, May 9

St. Catherine's hosts (571 Holt Rd NE, Marietta, GA 30068)
6:30: Stations of the Resurrection (outdoors) with Holy Communion, followed by fellowship and cotton candy.

(Why Cotton Candy on Ascension Day? Acts 1:9!)

The 40th Day of Easter is Ascension, a principal feast of the church! St. B's will join fellow Episcopalians in Cobb county at St. Catherine's for a fun and different celebration! We'll walk the Stations of the Resurrection outdoors at 6:30 with Holy Communion, and celebrate (with cotton candy) Jesus being taken up in a cloud. Come keep the feast together.

"Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:15,16

GOAL NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 111

GOAL PLEDGE TOTAL: \$560,260

PLEDGES AS OF THIS WEEK: 106

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$499,253



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give a one time gift, scan the QR code or go to
tinyurl.com/StBPledge2024**

Holy Baptism

Are you interested in Holy Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception into the Episcopal Church? Let Mo. Jenna know!

Pentecost - May 19 & St. Benedict's Day - July 14

Nursery Care

The nursery is staffed for ages 0-4 from 7:45 until 11:45 each Sunday. For more info contact Laura Bracci, laurabracci@hotmail.com or Mo. Jenna, jenna@mysaintb.org.

This Week

Sunday 5/5

7:45 am - Nursery Care
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
8:45 am - Outreach: Church of the Common Ground—Kitchen
9:15 am - Parish Choir Rehearsal—Nave
9:20 am - Episcopal Community Foundation—Parish Hall
9:20 am - EYC-Youth Group Meeting—Conference Room
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 am - Daughters of the King Discernment Class—Zoom
5:30 pm - Youth - Bob Ross Painting Party—Parish Hall
8:00 pm - An Order for Compline Evening Prayers—Zoom

Monday 5/6

10:30 am - Women's Bible Study—Music Room
8:00 pm - An Order for Compline Evening Prayers—Zoom

Tuesday 5/7

7:00 pm - Bridge Club—Parish Hall
8:00 pm - An Order for Compline Evening Prayers—Zoom

Wednesday 5/8

8:00 pm - An Order for Compline Evening Prayers—Zoom

Thursday 5/9

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study—Zoom
6:30 pm - Ascension Day at St. Catherine's
7:00 pm - Parish Choir Rehearsal—Nave
8:00 pm - An Order for Compline Evening Prayers—Zoom

Friday 5/10

6:00 pm - Wedding of Elias DuPree & Sam Nail

Sunday 5/12

7:45 am - Nursery Care
8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:15 am - Parish Choir Rehearsal—Nave
9:20 am - Adult Formation—Parish Hall
9:20 am - EYC-Youth Group Meeting—Conference Room
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
8:00 pm - An Order for Compline Evening Prayers—Zoom

Worship

Eucharistic Ministers

Help administer the Eucharist (the body & blood of Christ) to the faithful during church. This is a beautiful opportunity to grow closer to our Lord and to this parish. No qualifications except a love of Jesus and a desire to be close to him.

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/StBEucharisticMinisters
Email Saralee Parker with any questions. texslt67@gmail.com

Youth and Children's Choirs

Children and youth in K-8th grades are invited to join choir for the 2024-2025 school year! Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays beginning in August, and pickup from Stinger Squad is available for STBS students.

Email Valerie Pool (valerie.pool@mysaintb.org) or Trevor Kytola (tkytola1@gsu.edu) for more information.

More info: mysaintb.org/youth--childrens-choirs.

Formation/Education

Children's Sunday School Every Sunday in April and May!

Thanks to several members of our parish who answered the call for volunteers to lead children's Sunday school, we will be offering Lego Sunday school for children in elementary school (K-5) every Sunday in April and May! Class will be in one of the classrooms adjacent to the parish hall from 9:20 until 10:15. We hope you will join us! daron@mysaintb.org

Men's Bible Study

Join the Men's Bible Study for fellowship and discussion of the Gospel of the week. **Thursdays at 7:30 am on zoom.**
Contact Paul Stein for the link: paulgstein99@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 10:30 am - Music Room, 301b

The Women's Bible Study will continue to explore the Gospel of John. Come join us. For more info, contact Phyllis Seitz (phyllis1seitz@gmail.com)

Adult Formation

Sundays at 9:20 in parish hall

Join Mo. Jenna for an introduction to the Book of Common Prayer-- our Anglican treasure!-- and how it can deeply form and transform our lives and faith. We'll cover both the practical (how on earth do I use this thing?!) and the sublime!

Youth

Youth Group Bob Ross Painting Party Tonight, May 5 at 5:30 pm!

Join us in the parish hall for a night full of happy little trees, and happy accidents as we paint along with everyone's favorite TV painter, Bob Ross. We will provide all the supplies. No experience is required! Just wear some old clothes and bring a spirit of adventure and fun! We hope to see you there.

Second Sunday Family Fellowship Starting June 9

Families with children of all ages (or no children) are invited to join us at Oakdale Park (the playground right next door to St. Benedict's) **following the 10:30 Eucharist on the second Sunday of each month** for a time of fellowship. Bring a snack or picnic lunch and let the kids play on the playground while parents meet and talk with one another. We will begin on June 9. We hope to see you there!

Episcopal Youth Community

Sundays at 9:20 in the conference room

All sixth through twelfth graders are invited to join us as we begin a discussion of the Catechism (beginning on page 845 of the Book of Common Prayer). Bring your comments and questions as we take a deep dive into what we believe as Christians and why it matters for how we live our daily lives.

Outreach

Church of the Common Ground

Join us in making lunch for the Church of the Common Ground. Gather in the kitchen after the 8:00 service monthly on the dates below for sandwich making and packing lunch bags.

Then join us for worship with Common Ground parishioners downtown at the International Peace Fountain in Woodruff Park at 1 pm. More info? unclehud@yahoo.com

June 2, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Dec. 15

Common Ground Fundraiser at Farm Burger

Want to try something different for dinner and help a worthy cause? **Wednesday, May 15, from 4pm-8pm**, Church of the Common Ground will be the featured organization at Farm Burger in Midtown. Common Ground will receive a portion of the restaurant's proceeds during that time period.

The Midtown location is located within Whole Foods at 22 Fourteenth St. NW, Atlanta (corner of 14th and Spring).

Pastoral Care

A dedicated group of volunteers are continuing to offer their time to serve our church community within various pastoral care capacities, including prayer requests, transportation, meal delivery, Eucharistic visits and more. Mo. Jenna is also readily available for prayers, calls and/or visits for those in need.

Fr. Daron - daron@mysaintb.org or
Anna Best - best.dewitt1968@gmail.com

Transportation Ministry

St. Benedict's is looking for volunteer drivers to transport parishioners in need of rides to/from Sunday morning church services and other church events throughout the year.

To volunteer as an (even occasional) driver, OR to receive transportation to church or church events, fill out the form at the link below. Kerry Thomas will coordinate the availability of volunteer drivers with those who are in need of rides.

Sign up at: tinyurl.com/StBTransportation

Fellowship & Announcements

Save The Dates

July 14

St. Benedict's Day

one service at 10:30 am, celebration to follow

August 11

Ministry Fair

between services and 30 minutes after the 10:30 service

Kick-off Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

St. Clare's Stitches

Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

St. Clare's Stitches is a group that gets together to sew or knit. Anyone interested in joining in, bring a project to work on. We will meet on the dates below in parish hall.

Email Ellen with any questions. ellen.parker.gaffney@gmail.com

5/14, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, Dec. TBD

Fellowship & Announcements

Honoring our Graduating Seniors

We want to honor and pray for all our graduating seniors during the **10:30 am Eucharist on Sunday, May 12**, as well as in our parish publications. We ask all graduating seniors, or their families, to email Fr. Daron (daron@mysaintb.org) with the name of the graduate, the school they are graduating from, and what the graduate will be doing next. **We ask that you submit this information by Monday, May 6.**

A Wedding at St. B's

Wedding bells are ringing at St Benedict's! Deacon Mary Grace's son Elias DuPree is getting married to his fiancé Sam Nail in our church on Friday, May 10 at 6:00 in the evening. Everyone at St. Benedict's is invited to the ceremony! Please come and join us as we pray for the happy couple and celebrate the sacrament of marriage.

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta
The Rev. Jenna Strizak, Rector (jenna@mysaintb.org)
The Rev. Daron Vroon, Associate Rector (daron@mysaintb.org)
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