



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

Easter Vigil | April 17, 2022

6:00 am



The women at the empty tomb (Luke 24).

God's discerning, inclusive, Christ-centered church, engaged in outreach ministry, growing discipleship, and life changing worship.

Welcome to Indoor Worship at St. Barnabas'!

Welcome to our in-person indoor worship service. In order to worship safely we will:

- Have doors and windows open to provide fresh airflow,
- Be limited to those who have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- Require that a mask be worn at all times, except when a person has a lead speaking role at that point in the worship service,
- Prohibit touching, hugging, and handshakes,
- Permit singing while wearing masks,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- Starting from the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- After receiving the bread, you may slip it under your mask to consume it.
- Then you may take a small bowl of wine from the tray and consume the wine before returning to your seat. Empty bowls may be placed in the baskets along the side of the room.
- If you are unable to come forward, let the ushers know so the bread can be brought to you.

Two courtyard and two narthex bathrooms are available for your use. Please use the disinfecting spray that is in the bathroom. If you have any questions or concerns, the Ushers are available to assist you.

Bidding (intercessory prayer) Book – If you would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service, you may add it to the “Bidding Book” located at the back of the church to the left of the doors. If you cannot join us in person and would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service you can email the name of the person to our parish office at saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com (before Thursday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

Flower and Candle Dedications – **Flower and Candle Dedications** – Candles are lighted by David Murray In memory of his mother, Judy Murray. The lillies have been placed on the altar by Marilyn Cockshott in memory of Irene Green, Irene Ten Eyck, and Ross Ten Eyck; The Grant children in memory of Dave Grant.

Notable Events

Today		Easter Breakfast (following this worship service) Easter Celebration – 10:00 am
	April 29-30	Diocesan Spring Renewal (on Zoom, registration required)
Tuesday	May 10	Begin Adult Ed series on The Spirituality of Aging – 3:00 pm
Thursday	May 12	Supper and begin Adult Ed series on Pilgrimage – 6:30 pm
Sunday	May 15	Repair Café 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday	May 23	Memorial for the Rev. Jeremy Bond (with the Bishop) – 3:00 pm
Sunday	June 12	St. Barnabas Day and BBQ

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRE

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people with these words.

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant say the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon or Cantors sing the following three times. Each repetition is done begun on a higher note.

	The light of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

We light each other's candles from the Paschal Candle by tipping the unlit candle towards the lit one.

EXSULTET (A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT)

Then the Cantors, standing near the Paschal Candle, sing the Exsultet, as follows:

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.
Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.
Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

Answer

And also with you.

Cantors

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Cantors

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

It is customary that the Paschal Candle is lit for each worship service throughout the season of Easter.

The Salvation History

INVITATION

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings with these words.

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

THE STORY OF CREATION: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Michele Davenport

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

²¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

FIRST RESPONSE: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Said by All

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ³Give thanks to the LORD of lords, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁴Who only does great wonders, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁵Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁶Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁷Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁸The sun to rule the day, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁹The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²³Who remembered us in our low estate, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²⁴And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- ²⁵Who gives food to all creatures, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- ²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

FIRST COLLECT

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹The LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” ⁵And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

^{8:6}At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

¹³In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

^{9:8}Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

SECOND RESPONSE: Psalm 46 26

Said by All

- ¹God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- ³Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- ⁴The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁶God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- ⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- ⁸The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁹Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- ¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹¹“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- ¹²The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND COLLECT

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things:
Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our
sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

THIRD RESPONSE: Psalm 16

Said by All

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord,
my good above all other.”
- ²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THIRD COLLECT

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Sung by the Choral Scholars

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

^{15:20}Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Instead of reading this passage, the Choral Scholars are singing an embellished version of this same story.

FOURTH RESPONSE: Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

Said by All

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;*
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

FOURTH COLLECT

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL: Baruch 3:9-15, 32--4:4 Karen Reinecke

- ⁹Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;
give ear, and learn wisdom!
- ¹⁰Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies,
that you are growing old in a foreign country,
that you are defiled with the dead,
¹¹that you are counted among those in Hades?
- ¹²You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.
- ¹³If you had walked in the way of God,
you would be living in peace forever.
- ¹⁴Learn where there is wisdom,
where there is strength,
where there is understanding,
so that you may at the same time discern
where there is length of days, and life,
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.
- ¹⁵Who has found her place?
And who has entered her storehouses?
- ³²But the one who knows all things knows her,
he found her by his understanding.
The one who prepared the earth for all time
filled it with four-footed creatures;
- ³³the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;
he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;
- ³⁴the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;
he called them, and they said, "Here we are!"
They shone with gladness for him who made them.
- ³⁵This is our God;
no other can be compared to him.
- ³⁶He found the whole way to knowledge,
and gave her to his servant Jacob
and to Israel, whom he loved.
- ³⁷Afterward she appeared on earth
and lived with humankind.
- ⁴¹She is the book of the commandments of God,
the law that endures forever.
All who hold her fast will live,
and those who forsake her will die.
- ²Turn, O Jacob, and take her;
walk toward the shining of her light.
- ³Do not give your glory to another,
or your advantages to an alien people.
- ⁴Happy are we, O Israel,
for we know what is pleasing to God.

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ²One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

FIFTH COLLECT

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Jeff Diehl

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

SIXTH RESPONSE: Psalm 143

Said by All

¹LORD, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.

²Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

³For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

⁴My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.

⁵I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.

⁶I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

⁷O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

⁸Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.

⁹Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
for I flee to you for refuge.

¹⁰Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

¹¹Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

¹²Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

SIXTH COLLECT

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PROCESSION INSIDE WITH THE LIGHT

The Deacon bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE DECLARATION OF EASTER AND THE VICTORY OF LIGHT

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Repeat three times. Those with noise makers make lots of noise.

OPENING ANTHEM

Pascha Nostrum

sung by the Choral Scholars

Cantor Alleluia

All Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for **us**;
therefore let us keep the **feast**,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and **e-vil**,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alle-**lu-ia**.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die **again**;
death no longer has dominion over **him**.
The death that he died to sin, once for **all**;
but the life he lives, he lives to **God**.

† So also consider yourselves dead to **sin**,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alle-**lu-ia**.

Christ has been raised from the **dead**,
the first fruits of those who have fallen **asleep**.
For since by a man came **death**,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the **dead**.

† For as in Adam all **die**,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alle-**lu-ia**.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the light has come back into the world, you may now extinguish your lit candles.

The Collect of the Day is a prayer that “collects” and organizes our thoughts. Like a sonnet or haiku, it follows a traditional structure – a preamble (address, invocation), a petition, and a conclusion (meditation). There is often an allusion to the Gospel reading. There is a Collect of the Day for each week of the year as well as special feast days.

The Lessons

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Romans 6:3-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 114

*Choral Scholars sing Refrain. All repeat. Choral Scholars sing verses.
Remain seated.*

This psalm is a song of praise to God for the acts of salvation that have been done by God. While this psalm references the Exodus and the passing through the Red Sea, we extend that salvation to that which has been made possible by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



¹Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

²Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion. *Refrain*

³The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep. *Refrain*

⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep? *Refrain*

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. *Refrain*

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —
 2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my
 2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -
 3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —
 2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —
 3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the

fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. —

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Because He lives

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Verses 3**

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL INVITATION

The Celebrant first address the people in these words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

It is traditional for the Gospel reading to be proclaimed from the midst of the people. Thus, the Deacon and book holder process to the middle of the center aisle with the Gospel Book, and the people all turn toward the reader.

As the Gospel is announced, some people use their thumb to make the sign of the cross on their forehead, mouth, and heart. These three locations indicate that the Gospel reading is to enter the mind, voice, and heart.

*This Easter Vigil service is one of the times during our church year when we remember and **renew our baptism** in Christ. Each of us is made in the image of God, and we each have the beauty of Christ within and around us. These vows help reveal that beauty.*

*During the vows you will be sprinkled or asperged with **Holy Water.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

You may write prayer requests into the Bidding Book on the shelf at the back of the worship space.

Words and names in **bold** are said together.

Normally at this point in our worship we recite our communal **Confession** and receive absolution. However, in the season of Easter we do not say the Confession. This is a reminder that the resurrection of Jesus “saves” us from those things that separate us from God and one another. After the Easter season ends on Pentecost we will go back to reciting the Confession.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the church and for the world.

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.

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. In our own community we pray for:

Kathy Bond, Mary LeBlanc, Bill, Tony, Gladys Johnson, Mike Sickels, Tom P. Tom N, Jo and Terra Johnson, Donna Menzies, Kathy, Mike, and Katie, Don and Shirley, Cliff, Joyce Ann, and Lenae.

And, we pray for the repose of soul for Jeremy Bond.

(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding.)
Silence

The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Birthdays: Cole, Ellie, Jim Kilponen, Hector Zúñiga, Melissa, Diane, Mary Sue Gee, Georgianna Gleason, Christine.

Anniversaries:

Birthday Prayer

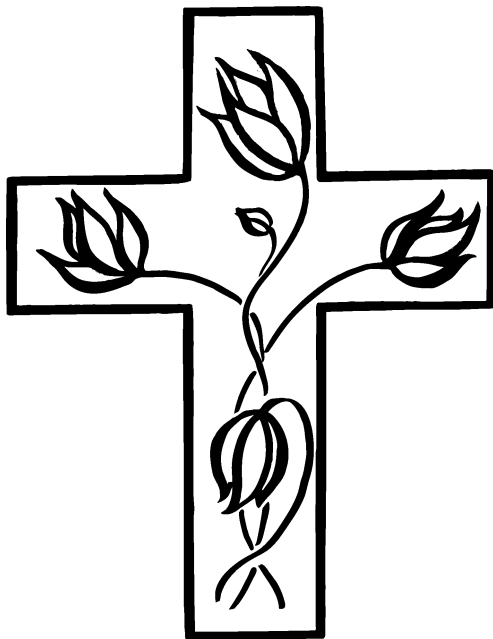
Gracious God, who made us in your own image, we thank you for life, love, and joy. Send your blessing upon these your children, who have completed another year. Surround them with your grace, fill them with your love, and strengthen them to be your servants in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

We thank you, Gracious God, for the love you have implanted in the hearts of your servants and for your continued blessings upon them. Give them kind and loving hearts, always ready to ask forgiveness as well as to forgive. Support them through times of trial, strengthen their love for one another, and may that love empower them to be instruments of God's love in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Easter Carol

sung by The Choral Scholars

"Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today," all creation joins to say;
Raise your songs and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Vain the
stone, the watch, the seal: Christ has burst the gates of hell! Death in vain forbids
him rise; Christ has opened Paradise! Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King; Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save; Where thy victory, O grave?
Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies! Alleluia!
Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be given; Thee we greet
triumphant now; Hail, the resurrection, thou!
King of glory, Soul of bliss, everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love! Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1757-1834)

Music: medieval carol tune *Orientis Partibus*; Setting by Alfred Fedak

DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing.

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

The Celebrant and People sing together

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."

*During the seasons of Easter we are using **Eucharistic Prayer A** from the Episcopal 1979 Book of Common Prayer. All Eucharistic Prayers follow a set format, though some have more contemporary and inclusive language.*

*This anthem is known as the **Sanctus**. It is said or sung in almost every version of the Eucharistic Prayer. The word "sanctus" is Latin for "holy." God is holy and worthy of respect, awe, reverence, and devotion.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 Deacon says

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

+ "Sanctify us also..." At these words some make the **sign of the cross** as symbol of our sanctification and blessing by the food drink, and by extension the acts of Jesus.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant and People sing together

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is 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 Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcomed at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silent

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the
mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,
Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The blessing by the Priest
is a reminder of the
many blessings we
already have from God.
We are aware of some
of the blessings and
unaware of others. Our
response to these
blessings is gratitude
and joy.*

The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying

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

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

At our best we take our worship experience back out into the world so that we extend our worship throughout the rest of our day. In addition, our worship should lead to action in which we are the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ... Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary *Partita on On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days*
 Nikolaus Hermann (1460-1582) *Setting by Wilbur Held*



Life at St. Barnabas

From the Vestry –In its last meeting, our Vestry decided several things that we want to bring to your attention.

Changes in Covid safety and hygiene policies - We are shifting our St. Barnabas mask policy to highly recommend the wearing of masks in worship, but if you are fully vaccinated it is no longer mandatory to wear a mask. This change is consistent with the shift in guidance from our Bishop. In addition we will have the ushers pass the offering plate, and we will move our 11:15 Coffee Hour into the Parish Hall. Finally, kids and teachers are no longer required to wear masks in the classroom, though it is still highly recommended. This last update is consistent with the policies of our local school district, Lucia Mar. All of this is subject to change if the case count takes off again. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Additional fund raising - We try to keep additional fund raising efforts to a minimum, but the Vestry has approved three special fund raising campaigns at St. Barnabas - first, for the local resettlement of Afghani refugees through SLO4Home, second, for the aid of Ukrainian refugees through Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), and finally, a Palm Sunday offering for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Please see details in the bulletin and weekly-e for each of these.

SLO4Home – You can be a lifeline for refugee families in need. In the coming months and years, more than 65,000 Afghans will be welcomed in communities across the United States. These families have urgent and varied needs, many having left vibrant lives with only what they could carry. We are working to ensure San Luis Obispo will be a welcoming and supportive new home for the families who will arrive in the months ahead. We cannot do this without your help.

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Donate to help Ukraine – As the invasion and violence continue to increase in Ukraine, and refugees flee into neighboring countries, some have asked what we can do to help with this crisis. We have learned today that over 3 million people are currently displaced because of the war, and organizations are working together to provide basics of food, clothing, and shelter. Episcopal Relief and Development is partnering with Christian organizations on the ground in places like Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania working tirelessly to respond to immediate needs.

Please go to www.episcopalrelief.org to donate quickly to refugees fleeing Ukraine. On the homepage there is a button that allows you an easy way to give money; our prayers are in pushing “donate.”

We are grateful for your support of the many for whom prayers are answered with a cup of soup, a warm coat, and a sleeping bag.

Adult Ed series on Pilgrimage – Join us for a light supper followed by learning and discussion on the topic of “Pilgrimage.” A pilgrimage is a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about their self, others, nature, or a higher good, through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life. Curiously, some pilgrimages never leave home. Join us at the church starting on **Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 pm** for this three week series. These classes will not be online.

The Spirituality of Aging – In this series of classes we will look at how to "grow" old, rather than just "get" old, by exploring the wisdom of a lifetime and embracing the changes that aging brings. Age has a different task than youth, or mature adulthood. The task is to reflect on the meaning of life and to prepare for the final surrender of all we are and have been to our Creator and Guide. We move from "doing" to "being", and from "role" to "soul". Age may bring not only the challenge of losses and change but also present moment appreciation of all God has made and done in us. It can open out into the vocation of "elderhood", or sharing our gentle, patient wisdom with family, friends, and situations. We do not have less to look forward to, but more. We may miss our ability to control the outcomes of our health, life, relationships, but we are invited to a new vision of God as our faithful companion. We can learn to find God everywhere, not just in special places, rituals or times. And little by little the trust this builds in us opens into a joyous, grateful experience of the Present Moment which will become an Eternity of Love. This four week series will begin on **Tuesday, May 10th at 3:00 pm**. This class will be held in the Parish Hall/Forum Room and will not be online.

Volunteers operate the St. Barnabas Thrift Shop

Specifically we need people for these jobs and times:

- Tuesday AM needs a processor
- Wednesday PM needs a processor
- Friday PM also needs a processor.

Regular shifts are 10-1 or 1-4. Processors do have some flexibility if those hours aren't perfect.

There is an ongoing need for people who are willing to be trained and work as substitutes especially cashiers.

If you like being in charge there is a hope of expanding store hours but that requires managers and cashiers willing to work on Saturday once a month. Please contact Mary Ann Hjalmarson (805-481-4509) if you are interested in participating in a meaningful ministry.

Birthday or Anniversaries? If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up and would like to have your name in the bulletin, please call the office or send an email (saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com) no later than Thursday 11 am.

Bible Study – The Tuesday morning Bible Study group is continuing a new unit of the Kerygma Program, "Shalom": Old Testament scholar Donald E. Gowan unravels the multiple biblical threads of this eternal quest for peace in this masterful exploration of the Hebrew concept "*shalom*" and the Greek "*eirene*." Peacemaking is a central concern of the church and the world today. The study guide has 14 sessions but the group usually takes longer to cover the material. The material is available in a digital format or paper – the first two packets are still available in the office. Anyone is welcome to join the discussion on Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 9:30. Most participants also join for Morning Prayer at 9 AM. Please call Mary Ann Hjalmarson (805-481-4509) with questions or concerns.

Vestry Members – The governing board of our parish is made up of the following:

Class of 2023 – Georgianna Gleason (Sr. Warden), David Ottesen, Paul DeTilla

Class of 2024 – Steve Jerrick, Brian Stoltey, Kris Vardas (Jr. Warden)

Class of 2025 – Rachel Mann, Liza Navarro Zúñiga Nichols, Brian Petersen

Opportunities to gather virtually during the Shelter-At-Home emergency.

Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am – We will live-stream our Sunday 10:00am worship services on the St. Barnabas' Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/>

All you need is a computer or device with an internet connection and speakers to watch the live-stream; you do not need to have a Facebook account. A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel: (<http://bit.ly/StBYouTube>) following the service.

If you would like to participate more fully in the service, the order of service booklet is available for download on the St. Barnabas website by clicking the big blue "Weekly Bulletin" button on our website. Sunday morning worship bulletin is available starting at 1:00 pm on Thursday.

Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9:30 am – If you have a Book of Common Prayer at home that will be useful to have on hand. We will use the Zoom video conferencing service for this gathering. Click this link to attend via your computer or device

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87865134138?pwd=VnV3YnVuWEFsU21vczYxRWVnUmFzUT09>

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. When prompted put in the meeting id of **878 6513 4138#** and when prompted for a password put in **365072#**, and then hit **#** a second time.

Friday afternoon Centering Prayer –On Friday afternoons at 4pm we will hold a Centering Prayer Service. After first gathering for a few minutes we practice our 20 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Following the practice we will be reading and discussing a passage from *The Cloud of Unknowing*, an anonymous fourteenth century spiritual director. We'll be using *Where Only Love Can Go* an edited collection of the writings.

We will use the Zoom video conferencing service for this gathering. Click this link to attend via your computer or device

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86777561670?pwd=OEV0ajc1WXhuSGJINTIwbU1LUWR6Zz09>

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. When prompted put in the meeting id of **867 7756 1670#** and when prompted for a password put in **034979#**, and then hit **#** a second time.



Diocesan Spring Renewal

Spring Renewal is our new annual gathering for the Diocese of El Camino Real!

Spring Renewal is for worship, thanksgiving and celebration!

Spring Renewal is for shared learning and growth!

Spring Renewal is for everyone in our Diocese!

Mark your calendars for the diocesan Spring Renewal Event on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30th.

All individuals who register by March 31st will be sent a Spring Renewal Party Pack. Please provide the mailing address where you would like to receive your party pack.

Thank you for your interest in Spring Renewal! This will be a chance to learn and grow together, as a diocesan community and we are excited to welcome Bishop Sean Rowe as our keynote speaker. Due to Covid, we are meeting online this year, but will still have the same program as we would have had in person. (The schedule is below.) We invite you to participate by either joining a “Watch Party” in your parish, or another parish, or individually in your own home. The registration link is below, and you will be able to select if you’re participating in a Watch Party or participating at home. Either way, we are glad you will be there!

<https://www.realepiscopal.org/spring-renewal-2022-registration/>

Schedule for Spring Renewal

Friday, April 29

6:30 pm – Zoom Room Opens

7:00 pm – Reception, with special recognition of Canon Brian Nordwick for his ministry in the Diocese of El Camino Real

8:00 pm – Compline, led by Bishop Lucinda Ashby

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am – Zoom Room Opens

9:30 am – Keynote Address on “Faithful Ways: Fresh Vistas” by the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania

11:30 am – Small Group Conversations

12:00 pm – Break for Lunch

12:15 pm – (Optional) Social Justice Ministry Conversations

1:30 pm – Keynote Address by Bishop Sean Rowe

2:30 pm – Closing Eucharist

Please save the date for Spring Renewal next year, which we hope will be in person: April 28-29, 2023.

Making donations to St. Barnabas – Even though some are not able to meet in-person for worship, many may want to continue to contribute to St. Barnabas. We have several options to continue giving as we progress through this change in how we worship.

Electronic transfer

This might be a good time to consider setting up electronic transfer of funds. At St. Barnabas we have Quick Pay with Zelle set up and many banks and financial institutions also use this software. Payments can be set up as one-time or recurring. To transfer money, use the email address of the Financial Secretary (stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com) as the recipient. If you have questions or difficulties setting it up, call Janette Sofranko at 805-801-4526

Auto pay from your financial institution

Many banks and financial institutions offer a service often called Auto Pay or Bill Pay. It's fairly easy to set up online if you do online banking. We have several donors using this option today. The payment can be set up one time or recurring. The bank will issue the check on the date you give them and mail the check to St. Barnabas.

Mail your check

You can also mail your check to St. Barnabas. The address is: 301 Trinity Ave., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 Please put "Attn Financial Secretary" on the envelope.

If you have any questions on how to make your donation at this time, please feel free to contact Janette Sofranko, Financial Secretary, at 805-801-4526. You can also send an email to stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com. Thank-you for your continued support of St. Barnabas.



If you are reading the bulletin electronically, you can click on this button to donate immediately.

Donations of time and talent are just as important as financial donations. Thank you to everyone who helps make things happen on Sunday!

The Altar Guild Team:

Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

Sunday School Teachers:

Pam and Aly Pano

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Hosts:

Dave & Sharon Williams (9 am), The Vestry (11:15 am)

This Week's Coffee Hour Hosts:

Carlos Ortiz (8:00 am breakfast) Steve Jerrick (11:15 am)

CALENDAR Week of April 17 – April 24

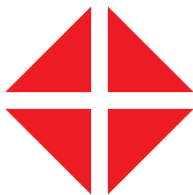
Sunday	Easter Sunday Easter Vigil 6:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am Easter Celebration* 10:00 am Children’s Sunday School..... 10:00 am Children’s Easter Egg Hunt 11:15 am
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED Stephen Ministry..... 12:30 pm
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (via Zoom)..... 9:30 am Biblical Roundtable (via Zoom) 10:00 am 12-Step Meeting (outdoors) 12:00 pm Finance Committee via Zoom 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid..... 12:00 noon Choral Scholar Rehearsal 7:15 pm
Thursday	
Friday	Centering Prayer..... 4:00 pm
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion..... 8:00 am In-Person Holy Communion*..... 10:00 am Children’s Sunday School..... 10:00 am * In-person and via Facebook Live

Serving Today

Presider / Preacher The Rev. Rob Keim
Deacon The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
Music Minister Janis Johnson

Choral Scholars Katelyn Caron, Dylan Benander, Chris Marston, Daniel Greenblat
Pre-Production Adam Loveridge

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