

# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

Third Sunday of Advent | December 11, 2022 8:00 am and 10:00 am



Magnificat on Silk - Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002

Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century.

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 symptoms and have not recently tested positive for COVID.
- Recommend that a mask be worn at all times, however, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are healthy,
- Prohibit touching, hugging, and handshakes,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread: In this season we are only serving bread (and not the wine). There are many beautiful ways to participate in the Eucharist, one is to serve bread only. This is something that we got used to doing during Covid, and going back to bread only reminds us that there is more than one way to do most things in worship.

- Starting from the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread.
- Proceed up to the rail around the altar where you may stand or kneel to receive the bread.
- After receiving the bread, you may slip it under your mask to consume it.
- If you are unable to come forward, let the ushers know so the bread can be brought to you.

Four 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.

#### Welcome to Online St. Barnabas!

Welcome to those joining our virtual worship with Facebook Live. We are glad to have you with us in this new way. You may access our livestream starting at 9:45 am at <u>facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/</u>

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel (<u>bit.ly/StBYouTube</u>) the afternoon following the service.

**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.

**Greens and Candle Dedications** – Candles are lighted by Bill Cockshott in celebration of Matthew Manos' birthday; by David Murray in memory of his father, William Murray; Carol Wilcock in celebration of the birthday of her daughter Karen Louise Wilcock-Floyd. Greens are placed on the altar by Phyllis Porter in memory of Claude A. Porter, b. 12/13/1885 and Mary C. Porter, b. 12/13/1907; by Jim and Darlene McKinney in loving memory of their son Tim.

# Notable Events

Sunday	December 11	Eucharist 8:00 am and Children's' Pageant/Eucharist 10:00 am
Sunday	December 11	Advent Lessons & Carols 5:00 pm, Reception following.
Saturday	December 24	Christmas Eve services 4:45pm and 10:45pm
Sunday	December 25	Christmas Day service 10:00 am (no 8:00 am service)
Sunday	January 1	Christmas Lessons & Carols 10:00 am (no 8:00 am service)

#### Voluntary

#### Introit

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, *Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!* 

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honour thee, Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, *Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!* 

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name." *Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!* 

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say "Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Words: LUKE 1:46-55

Music: TRADITIONAL BASQUE CAROL, ARR. BY GAIL LUND

#### Sung by the Choral Scholars

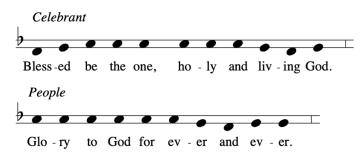
The tune of Gabriel's Message is an old Basque folk carol with roots going back to a 13th Century Latin carol Angelus Ad Virginem. The Basque carol Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen was collected by Charles Bordes, a French music teacher and composer, in the late 1800's and soon after paraphrased in English by Sabine Baring-Gould, an Anglican priest and folk song collector who had spent a winter as a boy in the Basque country.

# The Word of God

This joyful **Advent hymn** has the spirit of a Christmas carol, but with an imaginative Advent text. Singing this carol is indeed one way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby boy. We look east for the rising of the sun and we look east for the birth of Christ into the world.



During this Season of Advent, we observe a moment of silence at this point of our worship.



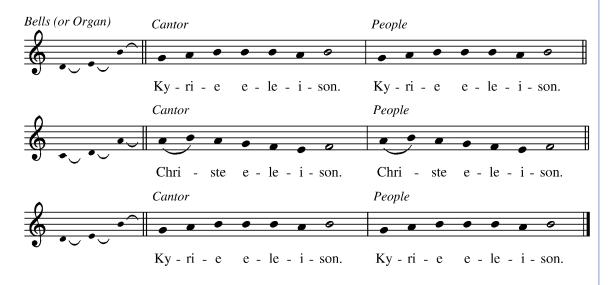
#### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

#### The Celebrant says

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**.

#### **Opening Anthem**

#### Kyrie eleison



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	May God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." Like this version of the Opening Anthem, a Kyrie is often sung as a call and response.

#### 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: Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. The Word of the Lord. Reader Thanks be to God. People

Prophets do not predict the future. Instead, they call people back into "right" relationship with God. And as this passage from **Isaiah** depicts, when "right" relationship happens then beauty is the results – "the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom…"

#### The Magnificat: Luke 1:46-55

#### 8:00 Said by all 10:00 am Sung by the Choral Scholars

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded \* the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth \* all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \* and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him \* throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; \* he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \* as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

#### Today instead of saying a Psalm at this point in our worship, we are using the Song of Mary, also known as The Magnificat. The text is taken from the Gospel of Luke where it is spoken by the mother of Jesus, Mary, upon the occasion of her visit with her cousin Elizabeth. It is a song of joy from a mother who is grateful to God for her blessings.

This traditional Advent hymn is about the eternal cycle of order, disorder, and reorder that we also know as life, death, and resurrection. From our own lived experience we know the truth of this cycle that happens over and over in each of our lives.



### GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

All stand.

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN	Sign of ending all around us	Verse 3 See prior page
8:00 AM THE SERMON Followed by a moment of silent medi	iation.	The Rev. Rob Keim

10:00 AM THE ADVENT PAGEANT Le

Led by Pam Pano and the Sunday School

It is traditional for the people to stand as the **Gospel Book** is lifted high by the Deacon.

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. Some people also bow as a sign of reverence for Jesus who is depicted in the Gospels. It is customary for us to say the **Nicene Creed** any time we have a Eucharist. The Creed is structured in the threefold way of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

# THE NICENE CREED *All stand.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

We pray for your Church, that in love and gratefulness it may be awakened and renewed to the work you have given it. We pray for your guidance and direction for its leaders especially for our diocesan bishop, Lucinda.

God you bless us in ways we know and don't know, And we are grateful.

We pray for all in leadership in the world; most especially we pray for President Joe Biden and Congress that they may seek and use your wisdom in making decisions. God you bless us in ways we know and don't know, **And we are grateful.** 

In this season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus with prayers that lean into a theme of gratitude.

You may type your own intercessory prayer requests in the comment section of Facebook Live. We pray for the diverse and vibrant native communities who make their home here and across these lands. For all Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we are worshipping this morning.

God you bless us in ways we know and don't know, And we are grateful.

We pray that you fill us with your grace and goodness that we may grow in holiness and in hospitality; that our mission to serve as your hands, feet, and voice is bookended with love. God you bless us in ways we know and don't know,

#### And we are grateful.

We pray for your guidance and wisdom as we strive to help all who are in any need or trouble: the hungry, homeless, substance abusers, lonely, those suffering from mental or physical illnesses, those suffering from mental and physical abuse, for refugees and those whose families have been torn apart by war, famine, or pestilence. In our own community we pray for: Katelyn Caron & family, Courteney Davis, Brian Stoltey, Bobbye, Sean, Matt, Sam Kincade, Gary, Lyn, Ramah, Tom Harris, Brandon Shrader, Jayden & Sapphire, Gerry, and the Zajac family.

God you bless us in ways we know and don't know, And we are grateful.

We thank you for the fellowship and love of our family and friends who have passed from this life into your glory; especially **Bradley Caron, Doug Lawrence, Joyce Bryant, Henrietta Delgadillo, and Lucy Dominguez.** God you bless us in ways we know and don't know, **And we are grateful.** 

(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)

And after a moment of silence the Deacon adds a concluding Collect.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Minister and People say

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. **Prayer requests** written in the bidding book (located on the shelf at the back of the worship space) and names put into the Comment Section of Facebook Live

will be included in the bulletin next week.

In response to the **Confession** the Priest says the **Absolution** signifying the grace that we have already received through Jesus. As the Absolution is said some choose to make the sign of the Cross by using the fingers to touch the forehead, heart, left shoulder and right shoulder, and back to the heart again.

#### The Priest stands and says

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

People	And also with you.
	abound in love. The peace of God be always with you.
Celebrant	Our God comes to us in peace and love that we may increase and
All stand.	

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you have a birthday, anniversary or other celebration please type that into the comments.

The people sit.Birthdays:Matthew Manos, Karen Louise Wilcock-FloydAnniversaries:Travelers:

#### **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**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,When half spent was the night.

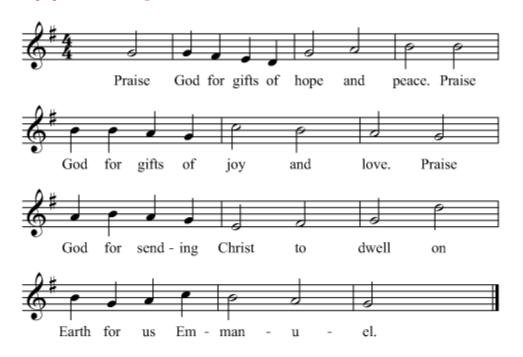
O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.True man, yet very God, from death now save us, And share our every load.

Words: GERMAN, 15TH CENTURY

Music: ES IST EIN ROS, 1599, ARR. BY HOWARD HELVEY

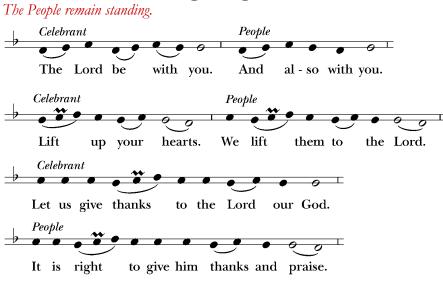
#### DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing



In this season of Advent, we are using **Eucharistic Prayer B** from our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. This version uses more traditional language as we remember how Jesus changed and continues to change the universe.

## The Great Thanksgiving

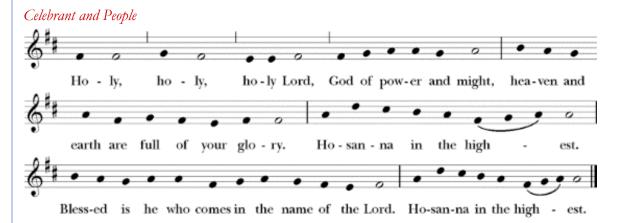


#### The Celebrant continues

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

#### Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Barnabas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

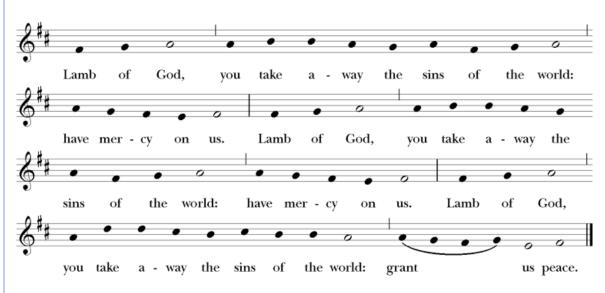
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Deacon says

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

#### People and Celebrant

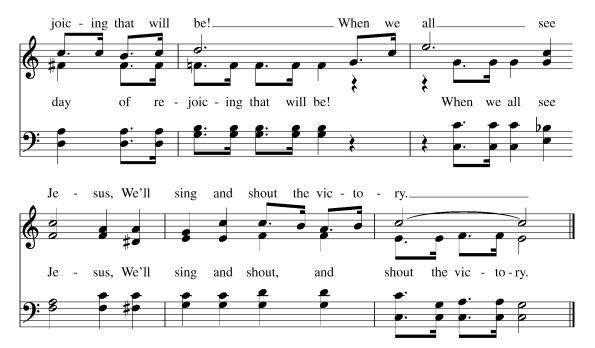
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. The Celebrant and People sing together



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.





During this Season of Advent, we observe a moment of silence at this point of our worship.

# After the Silence, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

#### Celebrant and People say together

Almighty and ever living 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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying

May the love and light of God scatter the darkness from before you; May God's presence and peace in Christ Jesus keep watch over your hearts and minds; May you be steadfast in gratefulness and hope: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.* 

#### CONCLUDING HYMN Lift every voice and sing S: 20 1. Lift ev - 'ry Till earth and voice and sing, heav - en 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning 3. God of si - lent our wea years, God of our ry · · b · b lib 1. ring, Ring with the har mo nies of \_ er -\_ 2. rod, Felt in the days when\_\_\_\_ hope un born\_\_\_\_ had 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us\_ thus far on\_ the 10 rise High as the 1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing list - 'ning\_ beat, Have not our 2. died; Yet with a stead - y wear - y\_ 3. way; Thou who hast might, Led by thy us in - to the. þ<u>e</u>. 1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll ing sea.\_ 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa thers sighed?\_ 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path,\_\_\_\_ we pray.\_\_ full of the faith that the dark past has taught 1. Sing а us; song o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa -2. We have come tered; feet stray from the pla-ces, our God, where we met 3. Lest our thee;



- *Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

#### Voluntary



# Sunday, December 11, 2022 5:00 pm

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL

## Life at St. Barnabas

<u>Pledge Envelopes</u> – Pledge Envelopes are available to be picked up for those of you that who indicated that you would like them. They will be in the narthex on Sunday or stop by the office to pick them up. If you would like envelopes please contact Janette Sofranko or Adam Loveridge in the Church Office.

<u>SLO Deanery offering of "A Storied Pilgrimage on Race"</u> – Our Diocese has put together a twelve-session series which explores the personal stories of those across the diocese on issues of race. Each session will be one hour on Zoom and will be led by the clergy of the Deanery. The sessions will be every other Thursday evening at 7:00pm and running through February. The next session is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm</u>. Zoom login information is below. Each session is stand alone, so you are welcomed to attend even if you have not attended prior session. No reservation is needed, just join the Zoom meeting shortly before 7:00pm.

Click this link to attend on your computer or device: <u>bit.ly/sbstoriedpilgrimage</u> To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. Meeting ID: 811 5036 9907#. Password 136424#, and then hit # a second time.

**Experience the wonder of Advent at our annual Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols** – Sunday, December <u>11th at 5 pm</u>, join us for a service that is an over 100-year-old tradition. It weaves scripture readings with carols sung by our Choir, and Choral Scholars, past and present, to tell the story of salvation history. Reception following in the Parish Hall.

<u>Would you like to host a Coffee Hour?</u> – Please sign up on the sign in sheet in the narthex. Contact Adam at the church office at <u>saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com</u> with any questions and let him know if you will need help learning how to operate either the coffee maker or the dishwasher so a K&H person can be there to help.

**Thrift Shop News** – A few Sundays someone commented to me "how hard it is to get rid of stuff" after I shared that Goodwill does not accept toys; neither does the Saint Barnabas' Thrift Shop. That lead me to the thought that if we choose gifts more carefully with the concern of how that gift will need to be discarded someday perhaps it will be possible to find gifts that will not end up in a landfill.

<u>2023 Pledge Cards</u> – If you have not yet turned in a 2023 pledge card then they may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the offering box on any Sunday morning. If you need a new pledge card, they are available in the narthex (entrance to the church).

<u>Nominations for Vestry and Diocesan Convention</u> – The Nominating Committee will begin its work at the end of October to identify and recruit three new Vestry members for three-year terms. In addition, five people to be nominated to represent St. Barnabas at the Diocesan Convention. Terms begin with the Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have someone that you think should be considered by the Nominating Committee then please let them know. The committee includes Paul DeTilla, Georgianna Gleason, and David Ottesen.

## **Opportunities to gather virtually**

<u>Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am</u> – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00am worship services on the St. Barnabas' Facebook page <u>facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/</u>

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: (<u>bit.ly/StBYouTube</u>) 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.

<u>Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9:30 am</u> – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. If you have a Book of Common Prayer at home that will be useful to have on hand. Click this link to attend via your computer or device: <u>bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer</u>

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.

<u>Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00 am</u> – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. Bible Study will start at <u>10:00 am</u> immediately following Morning Prayer. The Zoom login is the same as Morning Prayer (above). As we restart Bible Study the group will explore <u>Paul's letter to the Romans</u>. The guide has been updated to include material on Martin Luther and the Reformation since this is the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Call Mary Ann if you have any questions.

**Friday afternoon Centering Prayer** – Each Friday afternoon 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 Evelyn Underhill, a modern spiritual writer. We'll be using *Grace Through Simplicity*, an edited collection of her prayers and reflections. We will use the Zoom video conferencing service for this gathering. Click this link to attend via your computer or device

bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer

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.

<u>Making donations to St. Barnabas</u> – Even though some are not able to meet in-person for worship, many may want 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 onetime or recurring. To transfer money, use the email address of the Financial Secretary (<u>stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com</u>) 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 <u>stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com</u>. 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!

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 – Melissa Biel, Steve Jerrick, Kris Vardas (Jr. Warden) Class of 2025 – Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz, Brian Petersen

#### The Altar Guild Team:

Janette Sofranko, Ann Mathias, Charmaine Petersen

#### Sunday School Teacher:

Pam and Ali Pano

#### Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Hosts:

8:00 am Michele Davenport, Ann Mathias10:00 am Alicia Nowicki, Marigay Ross, Marsha Boyer

#### This Week's Coffee Hour Hosts:

8:00 am Carlos Ortiz10:00 am Paul & Tracy Schiro, Ann Feather

#### CALENDAR Week of December 11 – December 18

	week of December 11 – December	18
Today	In-Person Holy Communion	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion*	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	10:00 am
	Advent Lessons and Carols with Reception	5:00 pm
Monday	Senior Chair Yoga with Sigrid	
	Stephen Ministry	
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library)	
-	Biblical Roundtable (Hybrid Zoom & Church Librar	y)10:00 am
	12-Step Meeting (outdoors)	
	Finance Committee Meeting (via Zoom)	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid	
-	Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Friday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid	
	Centering Prayer (via Zoom)	
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion	
	In-Person Holy Communion*	
	Children's Sunday School	
	•	In-person and via Facebook Live

#### SERVING TODAY

Presider/Preacher	The Rev. Rob Keim
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
Music Minister	Janis Johnson
8:00 am Pianist	Sharon Williams
Choral Scholars	Katelyn Caron, Rachel Koenigsberg,
	Chris Marston, Alexander Miller
Livestream Production	Adam Loveridge

#### 8 am

Eucharistic Minister	Michele Davenport
Lector	Georgianna Gleason
Ushers	Ann Mathias, Robert Merritt
Vestry on Call	Georgianna Gleason
Coffee Host	Carlos Ortiz

#### 10 am

Eucharistic Minister Bob Taylor Lector Tricia Ottesen Ushers Linda & Jim Kilponen, Kris Vardas Vestry on Call David Ottesen Coffee Hour Host Paul & Tracy Schiro, Ann Feather



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