



# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 18, 2022  
8:00 am and 10:00 am



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 [facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/](https://facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/)

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel ([bit.ly/StBYouTube](https://bit.ly/StBYouTube)) 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](mailto: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 Jerri Pence in celebration of the birthday of her grandson Matthew Pence. Greens are placed on the altar by John and Mary Ann Hjalmarson in celebration of their anniversary.

### *Notable Events*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve services 4:45pm and 10:45pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day service 10:00 am (no 8:00 am service)</b>
	<b>December 27-29</b>	<b>Office closed</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>Christmas Lessons &amp; Carols 10:00 am (no 8:00 am service)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 12, 19, 26</b>	<b>Confirmation classes 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 29</b>	<b>Parish Annual Meeting 11:15 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 5</b>	<b>Bishop’s visit 8:00 am and 10:00 am</b>

## Voluntary

### Introit

Sung by the Choral Scholars

I sing of a maiden that is makeless;  
King of all kings to her son she ches.  
He came all so still where his mother was,  
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.  
He came all so still to his mother's bower,  
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.  
He came all so still where his mother lay,  
As dew in April that falleth on the spray.  
Mother and maiden was never none but she:  
Well may such a lady God's mother be.

Words: 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

Music: PATRICK HADLEY

## The Word of God

*Stand as you are able.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

### O come, O come, Emmanuel

### Verses 1-4

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

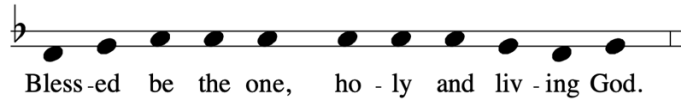
*This is the most well-known of the Advent hymns. In this carol we ask Jesus to come into the world and change both the universe and us. "Emmanuel" is Hebrew for "God is with us." It is a name that we first see in the Old Testament book of the prophet Isaiah, a name of one who will protect the house and lineage of King David. The New Testament Gospel of Matthew interprets this same name, Emmanuel, as a foretelling of the birth of the Messiah and the fulfillment of Scripture in the person of Jesus.*

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

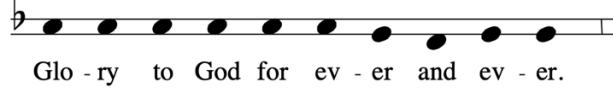
The color for the Season of Advent is purple or blue. As a way to mark this season of expectation and hope, we wear blue vestments at St. Barnabas. This is a recovery of an ancient English tradition stemming from Salisbury Cathedral, so the particular blue that is worn is referred to as "saram blue" (Sarum being the ancient Latin name for Salisbury.)

**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.

*Celebrant*



*People*



## 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

*Bells (or Organ)*

*Cantor*

*People*



*Cantor*

*People*



*Cantor*

*People*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Lessons

*The people sit.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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8 am Said by All  
10:00 am Sung by ALL  
† sung to second half of chant

- <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.
- <sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-nasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.
- † <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
- <sup>4</sup>O Lord God of **hosts**, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your **people**?
- <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of **tears**; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to **drink**.
- <sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our **neighbors**, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to **scorn**.
- <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
- <sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your **right hand**, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for your **self**.
- <sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn a-way **from you**; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your **Name**.
- † <sup>18</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

*This style of chant is called “simplified Anglican Chant.” When singing a text in Anglican Chant, the natural rhythm of the words as they would be spoken governs how the music is fitted to the words.*

*The bold words at the end of the line indicate when the next note of a measure should be sung. Note that this note change is sometimes done for only the last part of a word.*

## SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,  
<sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

### SEQUENCE HYMN

### O come, O come, Emmanuel

### Verse 5 & 6

(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - jice! Re - jice!  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*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.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN O come, O come, Emmanuel Verse 7 & 8**

(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**THE SERMON**

**Sister Greta Ronningen**

*Followed by a moment of silent meditation.*

*It is customary for us to say the **Nicene Creed** any time we have a Eucharist. The Creed is structured in the three-fold 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.**

*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.*

## **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.**



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: **Shirley, Cara Kelly-Lopez, Rick Scott, Lindsey Miller, Hiliary, Irene & Nick Greenelsh, Nashawn, Georgianna, and Dan.**

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 **Grant Wahl, Mark Traub, George Newall, Colonel Joe Kittinger, and Giuliano Setlin.**

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**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Our God comes to us in peace and love that we may increase and abound in love. The peace of God 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:** Matthew Pence, Katie Kragenbrink, Taylor Boling

**Anniversaries:** John and Mary Ann Hjalmarson

**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.

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



*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:

*Celebrant and People*



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.

*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*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Creator of the stars of night

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 \* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,  
 1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,  
 1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be  
 1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*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    **Blest be the King whose coming**

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

**CONTINUES**➤

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

*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**



## Life at St. Barnabas

**Welcome Sr. Greta and Br. Dennis** – Today we welcome Sister Greta Ronningen (an Episcopal priest) and Brother Dennis Gibbs (an Episcopal Deacon) as they lead worship for us. Fr. Rob and Dcn. Susan are both traveling. Sr. Greta and Br. Dennis are monastics from the Community of Divine Love in San Luis Obispo.

The Community of Divine Love was founded in 2010 as a religious community drawn to the monastic way of life by a desire for love of God and people. On their website they write, “Our quest to know love, our care and intercession for those around us, the desire to bring meaning and hope to people, and our passion to help build a world of justice and peace flow from this desire. We are committed to the contemplative way of life and dedicated to works of justice and spiritual care and friendship with the poorest and most marginalized among us. We strive to see God in all things and in all people. We hope to be instruments of peace and serve as an icon that might draw others into a closer union with the Divine.”

**Pledge Envelopes** – 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.

**SLO Deanery offering of “A Storied Pilgrimage on Race”** – 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 Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. 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: [bit.ly/sbstoriedpilgrimage](https://bit.ly/sbstoriedpilgrimage)

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. Meeting ID: 811 5036 9907#. Password 136424#, and then hit # a second time.

**Would you like to host a Coffee Hour?** – Please sign up on the sign in sheet in the narthex. Contact Adam at the church office at [saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com](mailto:saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com) 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.

**Advent Festival available to watch** – If you were unable to attend the wonderful Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols, it is available on our homepage to stream. It was a remarkable and beautiful service! We had a number of Choral Scholar Alumni return to join in singing as well. Special thanks to Janis Johnson, our Chancel Choir, all our readers, and everyone who contributed to the service.

**Vestry Nominations** – The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following Vestry nominations which will be voted on in our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am.

Robert Merritt

Sheila Miller

Tracy Schiro

In the Annual Meeting we will also vote to confirm the appointments of Carlos Ortiz to fulfill the remainder of a two-year term, and Melissa Biel to fulfill the remainder of a one-year term.

## Opportunities to gather virtually

**Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am** – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00am worship services on the St. Barnabas' Facebook page  
[facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/](https://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: ([bit.ly/StBYouTube](https://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** – 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:

[bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer](https://bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer)

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.

**Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00 am** – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. Bible Study will start at **10:00 am** immediately following Morning Prayer. The Zoom login is the same as Morning Prayer (above). As we restart Bible Study the group will explore Paul's letter to the Romans. 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](https://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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

**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:**  
Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

**Sunday School Teacher:**  
Pam and Ali Pano

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
8:00 am Carlos Ortiz  
10:00 am Paul & Tracy Schiro, Ann Feather

**This Week's Coffee Hour Hosts:**  
8:00 am Robert Merritt, Karen Reinecke  
10:00 am Mary Ann and John Hjalmarson

## CALENDAR

### Week of December 18 – December 25

Today	In-Person Holy Communion .....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion* .....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School .....	10:00 am
Monday	Thrift Shop Staff Meeting.....	10:00 am
	Senior Chair Yoga with Sigrid .....	12:00 noon
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library) .....	9:30 am
	Biblical Roundtable (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library) .....	10:00 am
	12-Step Meeting (outdoors).....	12:00 pm
	Vestry Meeting (via Zoom).....	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Choir Rehearsal.....	6:00 pm
Friday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Centering Prayer (via Zoom).....	4:00 pm
Saturday	<b>Early Christmas Eve Service*</b> .....	<b>4:45 pm</b>
	<b>Late Christmas Eve Service*</b> .....	<b>10:45 pm</b>
Sunday	No 8:00 am Service	
	In-Person Holy Communion* .....	10:00 am
	No Children's Sunday School today	

*\* In-person and via Facebook Live*

### SERVING TODAY

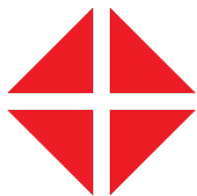
Presider/Preacher	Sr. Greta Ronningen
Deacon	Br. Dennis Gibbs
Music Minister	Janis Johnson
8:00 am Pianist	Sharon Williams
Choral Scholars	Katelyn Caron, Rachel Koenigsberg, Ricky Scott Chris Marston, Alexander Miller, Taylor Hatch
Livestream Production	Adam Loveridge

#### 8 am

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

#### 10 am

Eucharistic Minister	Pamela Jones
Lector	Melissa Biel
Ushers	Bob & Nancy Taylor, Judy Thompson
Vestry on Call	Steve Jerrick
Coffee Hour Host	Mary Ann & John Hjalmarson



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SAINT BARNABAS' OFFICE HOURS: TUES: 9AM – NOON, WEDS 9AM – 1PM, THURS 9 AM – 12:30 PM, 1:30 – 2 PM