

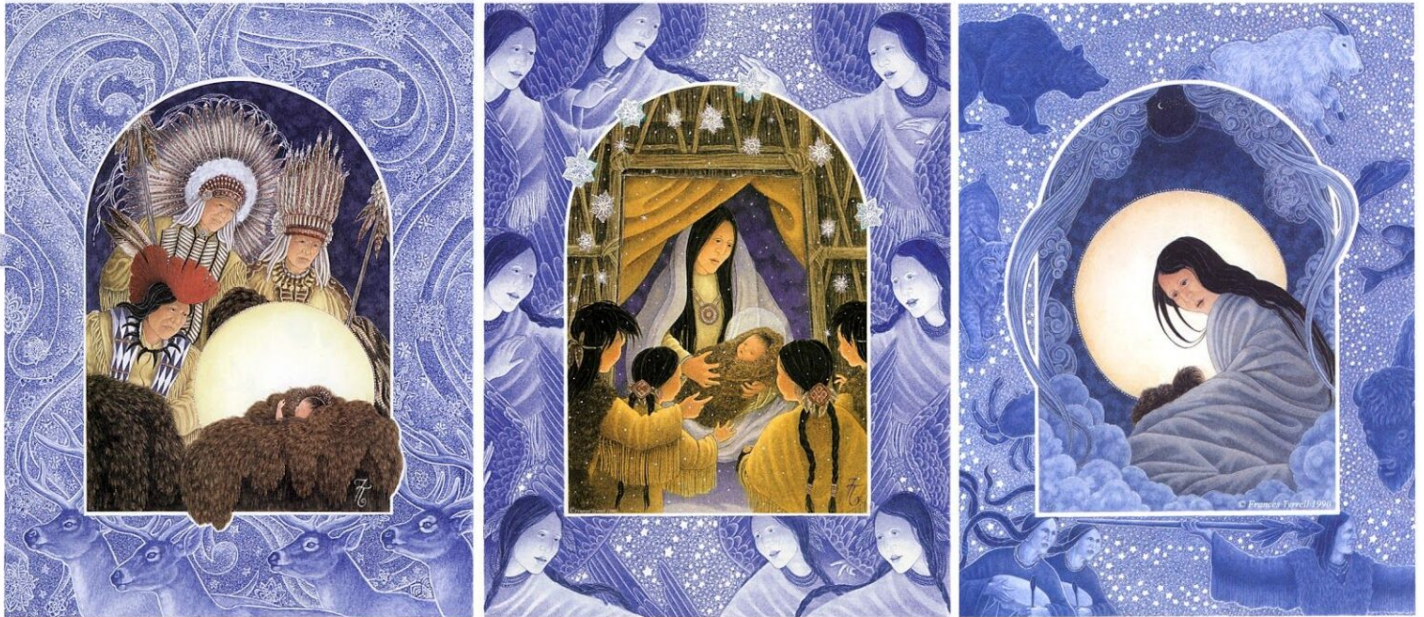


St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2022 | 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm

Christmas Day – December 25, 2022 | 10:00 am



*Illustrations from The Huron Carol – Frances Tyrrell
This triptyc (three-fold piece of art) shows a nativity scene with Native American themes*

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.
- 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 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.

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/

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel (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 (before Thursday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

Notable Events

December 27-29

Office closed

Sunday	January 1	Christmas Lessons & Carols 10:00 am (no 8:00 am service)
Sunday	January 8	Epiphany Sunday Eucharist 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Thursday	January 12, 19, 26	Confirmation classes 7:00 pm
Sunday	January 29	Parish Annual Meeting 11:15 am
Sunday	February 5	Bishop’s visit 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Voluntary

The Word of God

Stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come all ye faithful

Verses 1-3, 6

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

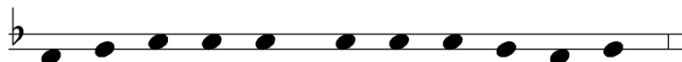
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Christmas Day starts the twelve day season of Christmas. We don't just celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas but for the entire season. The entry of Christ into the world as the baby boy we know as Jesus is an event that changed the universes forever.

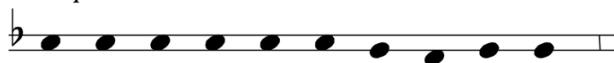
The color for Christmas is white and the season ends on January 6th with the Feast of Epiphany.

Celebrant



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

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

Angels we have heard on high!

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -

- - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the words 'in ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-' and the second system covers '-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of Mary: Grant that we, who have turned our lives towards you and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

In each of our worship services we read four passages from the Bible: an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a New Testament reading, and a Gospel reading. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle so that we end up reading a large portion of the Bible in our worship. Today's readings are specific to Christmas Day (and Eve). The three-year cycle is called the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and it is used by most mainline denominations.

We respond to the reading of Scripture by thanking God for the gift it is to us.

The Lessons

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

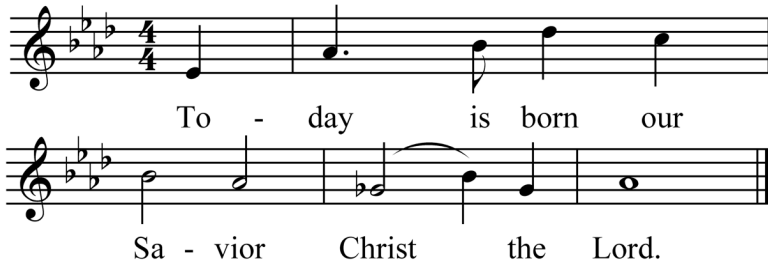
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Christmas Eve - Sung by the Choral Scholars. All sing refrain.
 Christmas Day – Said by All



Like the other Scripture readings in today's worship, Psalm 96 is specifically assigned to Christmas Day. This particular psalm is known as an enthronement psalm in which God is not only praised by the Hebrew people, but by all nations of the world.

- ¹Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- ²Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. *Refrain.*
- ³Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods. *Refrain.*
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- ⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! *Refrain.*
- ⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- ⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts. *Refrain.*
- ⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity." *Refrain.*
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth *Refrain.*
- ¹³He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth *Refrain.*

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem

Verse 1 & 2

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

*In 1865, the year the Civil War ended and President Lincoln was assassinated, themes of peace and quiet would probably have been welcome to Americans. In that year, the Rev. Phillips Brooks took a trip to Israel and saw Bethlehem and its surrounding fields on Christmas Eve, which eventually inspired him to write **this Christmas hymn**. In contrast to some other Christmas hymns that emphasize the glory of God as seen in the grand chorus of angels, Brooks focuses on the quietness of Christ's birth, and how little the larger world paid attention. The final stanza is a prayer that Christ would come and be present with us.*

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

All stand.

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem

**Verse 3
Prior Page**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Rob Keim

Followed by a moment of silent meditation.

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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

You may type your own intercessory prayer requests in the comment section of Facebook Live.

*The parts of the prayer in **bold** are said out loud together.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Lucinda our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Peggy Shurtleff, Richard Rohr, Denny Ward, Nancy Terra & Valarie Lee, Cara Kelly-Lopez, Irene & Nick Greenelsh, Rick Scott, Lindsey Miller, Layla, Jane Petersen, and Becky Dominador.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life., and we will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially
Roger Wanger, Ken Bush, Mary O'Quest, and Frances Hesselbein.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

*(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 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.

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

sung by the Chancel Choir & Choral Scholars

*LYRICS AT END OF BULLETIN

DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing

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.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. 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.**

This is the point in the Eucharist at which the bread and wine are consecrated. The hand gestures of the Priest are a visible sign of this sacred act. There are many appropriate hand gestures during the consecration though most include some form of the Cross.

In this version of the Eucharistic Prayer some also make the sign of the cross on themselves showing that we are also made sacred by the Eucharist.

The Fraction, also called **The Breaking of the Bread**, both recalls Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper, and also reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.

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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff contains the beginning of the verse. The third staff contains the end of the verse. The fourth staff contains the second line of the Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



COMMUNION HYMN

What child is this

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

During the Communion Hymns we will have the distribution of the bread and wine.

The choir is served first so that they may then lead us in the singing.

Then, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Away in a manger

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

AFTER COMMUNION

Silent night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

We hold lit *candles* on Christmas Eve during the singing of *Silent Night*.

To light your candle, tilt the unlit candle towards the lit candle while the lit candle stays vertical so that it does not drip wax.

Handheld lit candles may be extinguished at the end of the singing of *Silent Night* and placed in the basket as you leave the service.

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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

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

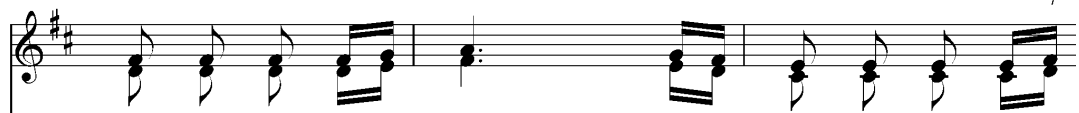
Joy to the world



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Life at St. Barnabas

Confirmation Classes – In preparation for Bishop Lucinda’s visit with us at St. Barnabas on Sunday, February 5th, we are going to have a **three-week series** of Confirmation Classes on Thursday January 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 pm.

These confirmation classes are appropriate for those who want to be “confirmed” in the Episcopal Church or who want to be “received” from another Christian tradition. At times it is appropriate for a person who has already been confirmed as an Episcopalian to “re-affirm” their baptismal vows. Contact Fr. Rob for additional information.

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 5th 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

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 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.

From the Vestry – In its last meeting our Vestry (Governing Board) approved a balanced budget for 2023. This includes a \$20k drawdown on reserves to pay for two campus renovation projects and includes several increases for outreach ministries. We are very blessed.

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 29th 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.

***OFFERTORY ANTHEM LYRICS**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; enough for Him, whom angels fall before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

WORDS: CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

MUSIC: ARLEN CLARKE

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/

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) 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

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 500th 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.

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!**

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:
Jane Delgadillo, Pam & Aly Pano, Jerri Pence

Sunday School Teacher:
Pam and Aly Pano

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Hosts:
8:00 am Robert Merritt, Karen Reinecke
10:00 am Mary Ann and John Hjalmarson

This Week's Coffee Hour Hosts:
10:00 am No coffee hour on Christmas Day.

CALENDAR
Week of December 25 – January 1

Today	In-Person Holy Communion*	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School	10:00 am
Monday	Senior Chair Yoga with Sigrid	12:00 noon
	Stephen Ministry.....	12:30 pm
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
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
Sunday	No 8:00 am Service	
	Christmas Lessons & Carols.....	10:00 am
	No Children’s Sunday School today	

** In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

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

Choral Scholars Ricky Scott, Taylor Hatch
 Livestream Production Jeff Diehl

Dec 24th 4:45 pm

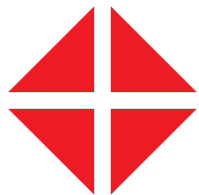
Eucharistic Minister Karen Reinecke
 Lector Robert Merritt
 2nd Chalice Pamela Jones
 Ushers Pat and Penny Chambers, Karen Reinecke

Dec 24th 10:45 pm

Eucharistic Minister Kevin Pence
 Lector Paula Smith
 Ushers David & Susan Murray, Ted Schepp

Dec 25th 10:00 am

Eucharistic Minister Karen Reinecke
 Lector Tricia Ottesen
 Ushers Michele Davenport, Ann Mathias
 Vestry on Call / Organist David Ottesen



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SAINT BARNABAS’ OFFICE CLOSED THIS NEXT WEEK