

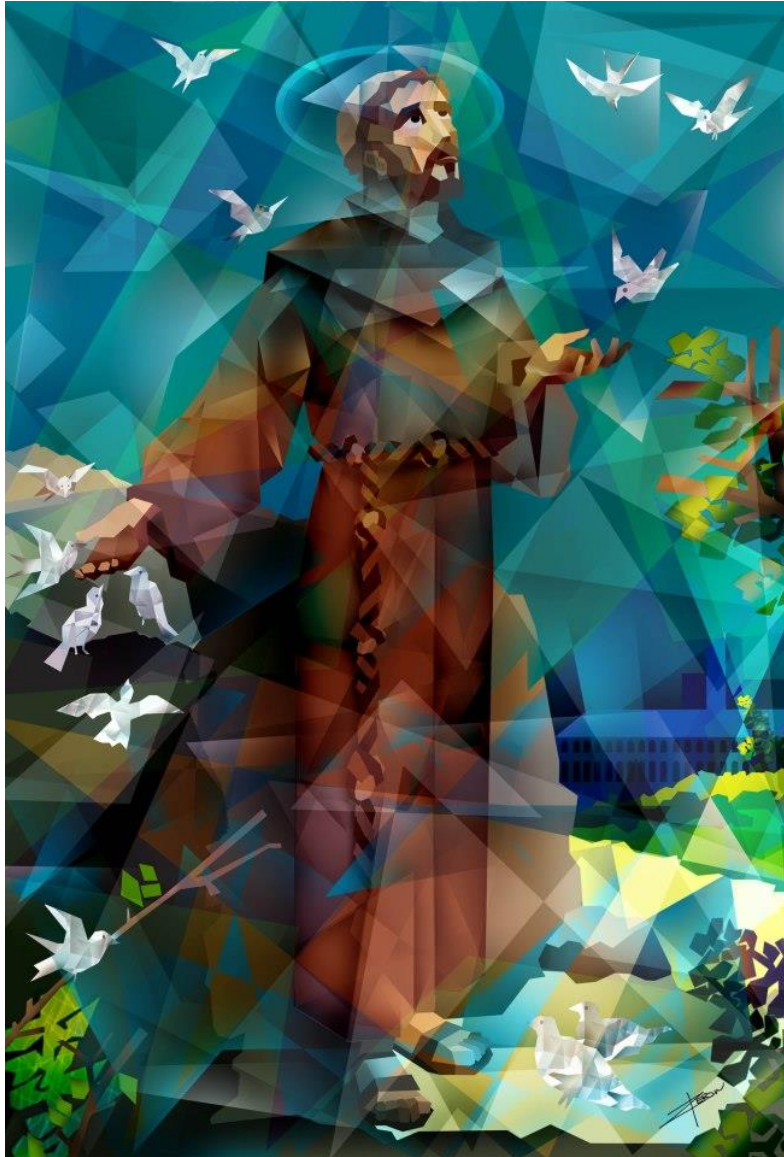


# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

OCTOBER 8, 2023

8:00 am & 10:00 am



*Artist: Wilson José Peron – São Francisco de Assis*

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 prefer you may also drink wine from the common chalice.
- 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 Wednesday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

**Greens and Candle Dedications** – Candles are lighted by Saint Barnabas to the glory of God. The flowers have been placed on the altar by Lynne Schulz in loving memory of her brother, Alan Ross; by Anthony & Michele Davenport in celebration of their anniversary; by Art & Jane Delgadillo in celebration of the birthday of their grandson, Jason Fesler; by Kim Valois in gratitude for the love and memories of Kirk and Adah Kirkpatrick.

### *Notable Events*

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>OCT 8</b>	<b>Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>OCT 19</b>	<b>Senior Potluck lunch – 12:00 noon</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>NOV 5</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday and Ingathering of Pledge Cards</b>

**VOLUNTARY**

**INTROIT**

**Heaven and earth**

**sung by The Choral Scholars**

Heaven and earth, join to worship your Creator!  
Sing to the Lord, praise the One from whom you came.  
Sing a new song to the God who goes before us,  
Making all new, leaving nobody the same.

WORDS & MUSIC: JOHN L. BELL (B. 1949)

Each year we observe a cycle of seasons. The year starts with Advent which leads into seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. We are currently in the long season after Pentecost called "ordinary time." The color for this season is green.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Stand as you are able.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**We are a part of all creation**

1 We are\_\_ a part of all cre - a - tion,  
2 We are\_\_ a part of ev - 'ry per - son,  
3 We are\_\_ a part of God's cre - a - tion,  
4 We are\_\_ a part of all cre - a - tion

all of\_\_ cre - a - tion sings in us, earth and sea and  
all of\_\_ the peo - ples sing in us, one our jour - ney,  
God is\_\_ the voice that sings in us, be our jour - ney,  
giv - en\_\_ the breath of life to share all the glo - ry

sky and crea - tures, join in\_\_ the dance of life and love.  
one our path - way, one in\_\_ the dance of life and love.  
be our path - way, come be\_\_ our dance of life and love.  
of our Mak - er with ev - 'ry per - son ev - 'ry - where.

All of\_\_ cre - a - tion, one o - ha - na,\* All of\_\_ cre - a - tion sings in you;

Ma - ny\_\_ the voic - es, one great mu - sic, part of me\_\_ and part of

you.\_\_\_\_ you; part of me\_\_ and part of you.\_\_\_\_

\*ohana = great family

This year we have layered in a special season about Creation and our need to care for Creation. Note the various prayers and sayings that focus on Creation.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.  
People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**  
Celebrant This is the day the Creator has made.  
People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*This Profession of Creation is provided by the Anglican Communion's "Seasons of Creation" steering committee, and we will use it during our own Season of Creation which we are observing until All Saints Sunday in November.*

## PROFESSION OF CREATION

*The Celebrant and People say together*

We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.  
We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.  
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.  
We believe in everlasting life in God.  
And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

*In this season our Song of Praise is the Venite which is Latin for "come." The Venite is composed from Psalms 95 and 96 which are traditionally attributed to King David as the author.*

*The first two verses are a call to praise God with psalms. The next verses give the reason. God is our sovereign, our provider, our Creator.*

## SONG OF PRAISE

## Venite

1. Come, let us sing to the  
Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -  
va - tion. — 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the  
Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all

gods. 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
 and the heights of the hills are his also. 5. The  
 sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have  
 mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the  
 knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For  
 he is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his  
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.  
 Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day and the Scripture readings are specific to the Feast of St. Francis which we observe today. The actual feast day is October 4<sup>th</sup> but we move it to a Sunday to combine with our annual blessing of the animals.*

*This reading from Genesis is the second of the two creation stories. The other one has God making things on each of six days and then resting on the seventh. This one reads very differently from the first.*

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING: Genesis 2:4b–17

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*This psalm of trust is thought to depict a pilgrim on his or her way to the Holy City of Jerusalem. The journey replicates the Exodus journey with God offering protection to the traveler.*

### Psalm: 121

*Remain seated.*

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
<sup>6</sup>So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**8am: Said by All**  
**10:00 am Sung by Choral Scholars**  
Anglican Chant (Henry Walford Davies)

## SECOND READING: Galatians 6:14-18

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

### SEQUENCE HYMN

### Fairest Lord Jesus

### Verse 1 & 2

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Our New Testament contains four Gospels or accounts of "good news" about Jesus and his teachings. Though Jesus and his disciples would have spoken Aramaic, these Gospels were originally written in Greek. Scholars have determined that the Gospels were written forty to sixty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thus, there do not present an eyewitness or contemporary account of Jesus' life and teachings.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30**

*All stand.*

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

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

**Verse 3**  
**Prior Page**

**THE SERMON**

*Followed by a moment of silent meditation.*

**The Rev. Rob Keim**





## 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 Episcopal Church does not have a separate statement of faith or list of things we believe. Instead we hold the ancient **Creeds**, such as the Apostles' and Nicene, to be our statements of faith. They contain the core of our belief as Christians, but do not limit our faith.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

*In this season our  
Prayers of the Peoples  
have a special emphasis  
on God as Creator as  
well as our love and  
stewardship of Creation.*

God of all Creation,  
You are present in the whole universe—even in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace all that exists with tenderness and love.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
That we are so moved to embrace the world you give us with tenderness.  
God of all creation,  
**Guide us in your love and grace.**

Lord, our teacher,  
Teach us to discover the worth of your creation both great and small,  
To be filled with awe, wonder, and contemplation,  
And to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature.  
Help the leaders of your Church to be examples of that oneness  
In their lives and ministry.  
God of all Creation, **Guide us in your love and grace.**

Lord of all wisdom and understanding,  
As water floods or runs dry so that seeds cannot grow and bear fruit,  
As the land can no longer flourish,  
As the temperature of our world rises,  
As ice melts and sea levels rise,  
We pray you to touch the hearts of those of us who have forsaken your creation  
For our own gain and false prosperity and for the complicity of all,  
That we may hear and respond to the groaning of the Earth's adversity.  
God of all creation, **Guide us in your love and grace.**

Lord of all power and light,  
We pray you to enlighten those of us with power and wealth  
That we do not turn away in indifference but rather  
Come to use and share that power and wealth for the  
Common good, for the care of the poor,  
And for the care of all creation.  
God of all creation, **Guide us in your love and grace.**

Lord of all peoples, languages, and cultures,  
We thank you for giving us diversity in both nature and in humanity.  
We, at St. Barnabas remember the native peoples on whose homeland  
We now worship.  
We pray for forgiveness for any complicity in ill treatment of native peoples  
And seek to be united in ways that promote the well-being of all.  
God of all creation, **Guide us in your love and grace.**

Lord of healing and mercy,  
We give thanks for your love and all that you give to us.  
We pray you now to care especially for people who suffer either  
From consequences of war, strife, famine, and ill health or for  
Any other reasons. We continue to pray for those in our own community: **Marilyn, Jim,  
Chantelle, Leslie Burleson, Greg, Bill Faulkner, Frank Smith, Paula Smith,  
Richard R., Charlie, David & Susan, Craig, Doug, Breeze, Tom. B.,  
Laura McMaster, Dan & Carl, Dave Habr, and David Morris.**

**And we pray for those who have died. Especially Jan Ross, Diane Feinstein,  
the Rev. Henry Clay Ford, and David McCallum.**  
God of all creation, **Guide us in your love and grace.**

*(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)*  
God of all creation, **Guide us in your love and grace.**

*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.**

*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 Christ 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.*

*If you are in person then  
you may write pray  
requests into the Bidding  
Book on the shelf at the  
back of the worship  
space.*

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

*While we do have  
individual **Confession** it  
is more common for us  
to make a communal  
Confession like this  
one from our Book of  
Common Prayer. What  
have you left undone?*

*After the Confession and  
Absolution we share  
**The Peace** with one  
another as a  
preparatory step for the  
Eucharist.*

*If are joining us on Facebook Live and you have a **birthday, anniversary or other celebration** please type that into the comments.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The people sit.*

**Birthdays:** Jason Fesler  
**Anniversaries:** Anthony & Michele Davenport,  
Chase & Katie Kragenbrink  
Deb & Dave Habr

### **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

**The Majesty and Glory of Your Name**  
sung by the Chancel Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space.  
Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beast of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man, that You are mindful of him?  
O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,  
And so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia!

WORDS: PSALM 8

MUSIC: TOM FETTKE

## DOXOLOGY

*The people stand and sing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*At our 10am Eucharist, please switch to the supplemental seasonal bulletin.*

*If you are attending in-person worship, then this supplement is yellow.*

In the last three months in the season after Pentecost we are using Eucharistic Prayer C from our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. Note the emphasis on God's Creation.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

As 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The original version of this Eucharistic Prayer only listed the Patriarchs (men) from some of the early Old Testament stories. We know that God also honored the women of these stories, so we add them. You may note there are three men and four women. Remember that Leah and Rachel both had Jacob as a husband.*

You are welcomed to join the choir in singing this Communion Hymn. Or, you may elect to listen.

The words for today's Communion Hymn are attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

COMMUNION HYMN

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord



1 Most High, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be  
 2 (My Lord be) praised by bro - ther sun who through the  
 3 (My Lord be) praised by sis - ter moon and all the  
 4 (By sis - ter) wa - ter be thou blessed, most hum - ble,  
 5 (By mo - ther) earth my Lord be praised; gov - erned by  
 6 (My Lord be) praised by those who prove in free for -  
 7 (For death our) sis - ter, prais - ed be, from whom no  
 8 (Most High, om) - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be



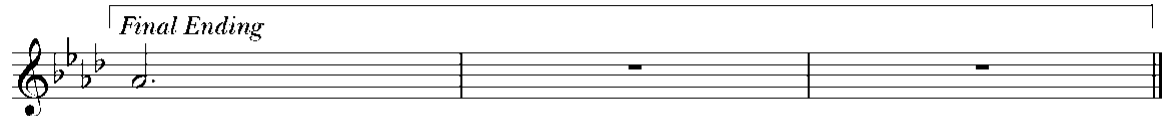
1 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.  
 2 skies his course doth run, and shines in bril - liant splen - dor:  
 3 stars, that with her soon will point the glit - tering hea - vens.  
 4 use - ful, pre - cious, chaste; be praised by bro - ther fire; —  
 5 thee she hath up - raised what for our life is need - ful.  
 6 giv - ing - ness their love, nor shrink from trib - u - la - tion.  
 7 one a - live can flee. Woe to the un - pre - par - ed!  
 8 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.



1 From thee a - lone all crea - tures came; no one is  
 2 with bright - ness he doth fill the day, and sig - ni -  
 3 Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weath - ers  
 4 joc - und is he, ro - bust and bright, and strong to  
 5 Sus - tained by thee, through ev - ery hour, she bring - eth  
 6 Hap - py, who peace - a - bly en - dure; with thee, Lord,  
 7 But blest be they who do thy will and fol - low  
 8 Let crea - tures all give thanks to thee, and serve in



1 wor - thy thee to name. 2 My Lord be  
 2 fies thy bound - less sway. 3 My Lord be  
 3 all, re - peat the psalm. 4 By sis - ter  
 4 light - en all the night. 5 By mo - ther  
 5 forth fruit, herb, and flower. 6 My Lord be  
 6 their re - ward is sure. 7 For death our  
 7 thy com - mand - ments still. 8 Most High, om -  
 8 great hu - mil - i - (ty.)



ty.



Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

Loving God, we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*This version of our  
Post Communion Prayer  
is from a supplemental  
Episcopal resource called  
"Enriching Our Worship  
1." This version connects  
the Eucharist we have  
just experienced with the  
Dismissal at the end of  
worship as we "sent  
forth to proclaim God's  
love to the world."*



Today we observe  
the annual Feast of  
St. Francis of Assisi,  
the 12<sup>th</sup> century  
Catholic friar,  
deacon and preacher  
who founded the  
Order of Friars  
Minor. He is known  
for arranging the  
first live nativity  
scene and for his  
love of all of nature.  
With the Feast of St.  
Francis we **ble**ss  
**animals and pets.**

## A SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

### *Introduction – From Genesis Chapter 1*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And God saw everything that God had made, and behold it was very good.

### *Opening Prayer*

O God, we thank you for all the creatures you have made, so perfect in their kind-- great animals like the elephant and the rhinoceros, humorous animals like the camel and the monkey, friendly ones like the dog and the cat, working ones like the horse and the ox, timid ones like the squirrel and the rabbit, majestic ones like the lion and the tiger, and the gentle birds with their songs. O Lord give us such love for your creation, that love may cast out fear, and all your creatures see in humans their priest and friend, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Version of Psalm 148*

All dogs and cats, large and small: **Praise the Lord!**

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs: **Praise the Lord!**

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures: **Praise the Lord!**

All robins, wrens, and singing birds: **Praise the Lord!**

All bats, squirrels, and raccoons: **Praise the Lord!**

All horses, cows, and sheep: **Praise the Lord!**

All lizards, snakes and creeping things: **Praise the Lord!**

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest: **Praise the Lord!**

*Litany for animals*

Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world, **We thank you, God!**

For all the fun and friendship we have with animals, especially those who share our lives and our homes, **We thank you, God!**

Guide the leaders of the nations of this world that they will consider the needs of the creatures of the earth in their decision making. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those animals who are ill, suffering or without a home. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all those animals we have loved and who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the times we have hurt or neglected animals, **We are sorry.**

For all the times we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forests, oceans, or fields, **We are sorry.**

**God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our kin, all animals as our partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen.**

*Blessing of the animals*

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

Deep Peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep Peace of the still air to you.

Deep Peace of the forgiving heart to you.

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

All creatures of our God and King



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

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

VOLUNTARY

Part of the function of the Deacon, in The Episcopal Church, is to connect our congregation to the wider community. Thus, deacons are often chaplains in the community. With this function in mind the Deacon announces "the Dismissal" and send us back out into the community to be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world.

## LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

**CHANCEL CHOIR IS BACK** – Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed after summer break on **Wednesdays**, from **6:30 to 7:30 pm** in the sanctuary. Sunday morning warmup rehearsals will be at 9:15 am. **NEW SINGERS ARE WELCOME.** Please contact our Music Director, Janis Johnson, if you want to sing with us.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY TOPIC** – Our Tuesday morning Bible Study group began this last week and continues at 10:00 am, right after 9:30 am Morning Prayer. We begin at the beginning, Genesis, the Bible's first book. We are using a book from Forward Movement, a primary Episcopal Church publisher of Christian resources for prayer, spirituality, and other related practices. For each of Genesis' 50 chapters, the text is printed and followed by a reflection, questions, and a prayer. The publisher invites us to "Come and explore the advent of humanity and the interplay of God and Humans with this daily guide..." The reflections are written by a variety of authors, clergy, scholars, and laypeople.

We meet in the library and on Zoom, so you may join at 10:00 for Bible Study only or at 9:30 for Morning Prayer. If you would like to join us, please let us know. We only have two books left, so we may need to order more. You want to be equipped to join in the discussion. Feel free to contact Gerti Garner at [ggrgarner@gmail.com](mailto:ggrgarner@gmail.com).

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT** – Take a look at the Weekly-E to find a report on this month's ministry. Each month we will be focusing on one of the many ministries of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church. This month our focus is on the Adult Bible Study. Mary Ann Hjalmarson is the ministry leader.

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – Today, **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** we have our annual celebration of the Feast of St. Francis. Your pet may be in worship with you, or you may bring your pet in after you have received the Eucharistic bread and wine. The pet blessings will be after the Eucharist.

**PHOTOS FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** – Bring in framed photos of your deceased loved ones to place on the side altar. Once again this year we will observe All Saints/All Souls Sunday with a display of photos of your loved ones who have died. Photos will be displayed on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, and then you may take your photos home with you. You may bring in your photos earlier if you wish.

**IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCHEON!** – St. Barnabas' Seniors, we hope to see you on **Thursday, October 19th, at 12:00 p.m.** for our next Senior Potluck! A time set aside for fellowship and community, to share a meal, catch up with friends, and maybe make some new ones. A main dish and beverages will be provided. Please bring one of your favorite salads, desserts, or side dishes to share. If that's not possible for you, please join us anyway. **A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall.** Please sign up by Oct 15th. Looking forward to being together again! Coordinated by your Stewardship Committee.

## 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.

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**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 Teresa of Avila, a 16<sup>th</sup> century mystic who in addition to her contemplative prayer, study and writings also carried out difficult reforms of the long-established religious life of the Carmelite order. We are using *Let Nothing Disturb You*, an edited collection of her prayers and reflections.

We meet every Friday from 4 – 5pm. We meet **in person** on this coming **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. On all other Fridays we meet via Zoom: [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

Electronic transfer: You can make an electronic transfer to St. Barnabas using Quick Pay with Zelle set up. Many banks and financial institutions offer this method of funds transfer. Donations 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. There are no fees associated with this type of transfer.

PayPal is another option for electronic transfer. You can find St. Barnabas using the email address of the Financial Secretary. [stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com) PayPal does charge St. Barnabas a processing fee.

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 on line or at the bank. The donation can be set up as 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. Please put "Attn Financial Secretary" on the envelope. The address is: 301 Trinity Ave., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

If you have any questions on how to make your donation, 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.

**DONATE**

**DONATIONS OF TIME AND TALENT ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS FINANCIAL DONATIONS.**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS SERVE EACH SUNDAY!**

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

Class of 2024 – Melissa Biel, Steve Jerrick, Kris Vardas (Sr. Warden)

Class of 2025 – Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz (Jr. Warden), Brian Petersen

Class of 2026 – Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, Tracy Schiro

**This Week's Altar Guild Team:**

Marigay Ross, Barbara Conry, Elizabeth Hillis

**Sunday School Teachers:**

Adrienne & Corey Kielan

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Ministry:**

8:00 am Ann Mathias

10:00 am Gerti Garner, Jane & Art Delgadillo,  
Jim & Sheila Miller, Carol Wilcock.

**This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry:**

8:00 am Robert Merritt, Carlos Ortiz

10:00 am

## CALENDAR

### Week of October 8 – October 15

<b>TODAY</b>	Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of the Animals .....	8:00 am & 10:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion .....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion* .....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Buildings and Grounds meeting after service.....	11:20 am
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
	Finance Committee Meeting.....	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Choir Rehearsal.....	6:00 pm
	Coastal Performing Arts Youth Theater Rehearsal.....	6:00 pm
Friday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Centering Prayer ( <b>in person</b> ) .....	4:00 pm
Saturday	Prison Volunteer Training.....	8:00 am
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion .....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion* .....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 am

*\*In-person and via Facebook Live*

### SERVING TODAY

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

#### 8 am

Eucharistic Minister	Karen Reinecke
Lector	
Chalice/Usher	Robert Merritt
Usher	Carlos Ortiz
Vestry on Call	Kris Vardas
Coffee Hour Ministry	Carlos Ortiz, Robert Merritt

#### 10 am

Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Taylor
Lector	Lynne Schulz
Chalices	Bob Taylor, Kevin Pence, Deborah Miller
Ushers	Jim & Linda Kilponen, Tom Bormes
Vestry on Call	
Coffee Hour	



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