



# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 3, 2023

8:00 am & 10:00 am



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 Carol Wilcock to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, George.

Greens have been placed on the altar by Lynne Schulz in memory of her mother, Ruth Ross.

*In addition to our Sunday morning Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, we offer the following...*

### *Notable Events*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10</b>	<b>Eucharist 8:00 am &amp; Children’s’ Pageant/Eucharist 10:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>DECEMBER 17</b>	<b>Advent Lessons &amp; Carols 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>DECEMBER 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>DECEMBER 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day 10:00 am</b>

**VOLUNTARY**

**INTROIT**

**I look from afar**

**Sung by The Choral Scholars**

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet Him and say: Tell us, art thou He that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou, Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadeth Joseph like a sheep, Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

ADAPTED FROM A MAGNIFICAT BY PALESTRINA (1525-94)

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Stand as you are able.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**Signs of endings all around us**

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Today we start the new Church year with the **Season of Advent**. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby. The word "Advent" is Latin for "to come."

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.)

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

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be the One who brings us peace.

**People**

**The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

This is the day the Creator has made.

**People**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## PROFESSION OF PEACE

*This year our theme for the season of Advent is PEACE, in all of its beauty and complexity. Please join in reciting a Profession of Peace as we commit to bringing the Kingdom of God into our world. Some parts of this Profession may make you squirm. Pay special attention to those sections. Other parts may give you a sense of hope that there are things you can actually do to be a peacemaker.*

*Celebrant*  
*People*

We follow Jesus of Nazareth, the Prince of Peace.  
**We are a people of peace, yesterday, today and tomorrow.**  
**We say “no” to war, for war has no power to save us.**  
**We strive to embody the command to love God and neighbor.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

We will not be enemies with anyone  
**not those who believe they are our enemies**  
**not those whom we have been taught to hate**  
**not even those whose actions make us afraid.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

We confess our complicity in a world of violence  
**by believing the lie that violence can restore balance, offer security or establish peace**  
**by accepting the propaganda that nonviolent approaches are ineffective**  
**by squandering vast resources to uphold our own might.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

We stand with those who have no power  
**with those displaced or devastated by war and conflict**  
**with those marginalized by systems that oppress them**  
**with those excluded just because of who they are.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

We confront injustice  
**seeking to understand how our own actions provoke conflict**  
**examining circumstances through the lens of scripture**  
**using nonviolent strategies of direct action.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

We embrace a life of peacemaking, even knowing that  
**peacemaking requires humility of spirit**  
**peacemaking requires sacrifice of privilege and power**  
**peacemaking requires acts of great courage, with risk and even suffering.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

We commit to bold witness to our church and to the world  
**reflecting, praying and acting for peace**  
**honoring those who have devoted their lives to the cause of peace and justice**  
**proclaiming that we are – all of us – God’s beloved children.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

For we belong to God  
**and give our lives to the hope and possibilities of a world transformed.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

*Said by all.*

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**  
**Señor, ten piedad. Cristo, ten piedad. Señor, ten piedad.**  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

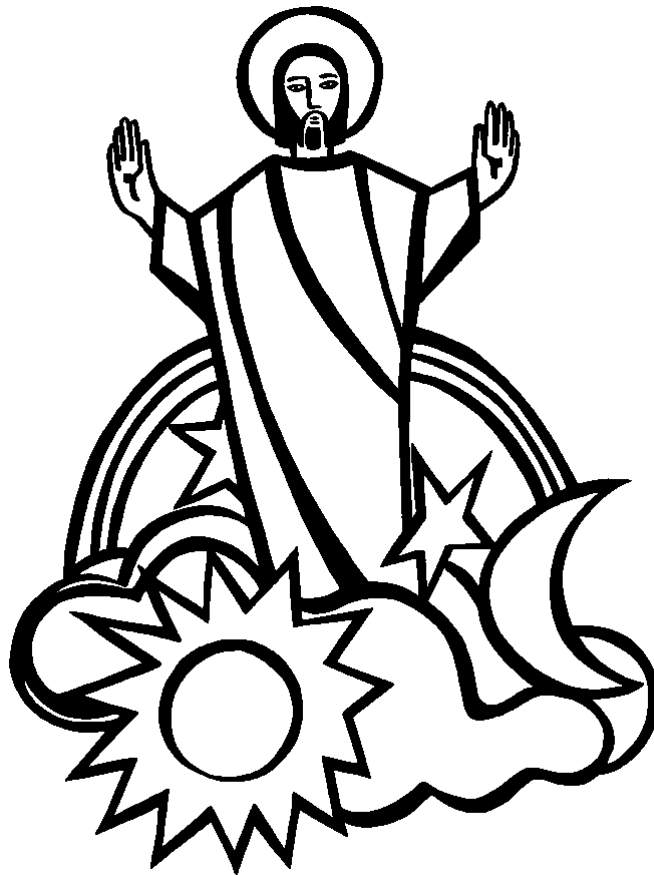
*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Kyrie is a prayer that is simultaneously a petition and a prayer of thanksgiving. It is an acknowledgment of what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will continue to do. In this version, the Kyrie is repeated first in Greek, then in Spanish, and finally in English.*



Each Sunday, our  
worship includes a  
reading from  
(a) the Old Testament,  
(b) the Psalms,  
(c) the New Testament,  
and (d) the Gospels.

Our readings are on a  
pre-set three-year cycle  
called "The Revised  
Common Lectionary"  
or RCL. Today we start  
Year B of that three-  
year cycle.

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

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

*Remain seated.*



Re - store us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your count - e - nance,  
and we shall be saved.

- <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 Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us. *Refrain*
- <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. *Refrain*
- <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 yourself.
- <sup>17</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. *Refrain*
- <sup>18</sup> Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**8am: Said by All**  
**10am: Cantor sings Refrain.**  
**All repeat.**  
**The Choir sing verses.**  
**All sing Refrain.**

*Today's Psalm is a prayer for deliverance from national enemies of the ancient Hebrew People. Of note, the psalm asks God to take action. In this way violence is averted.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

Let there be peace on earth

Verses 1 - 2

1. Let there be peace on earth and let it be -  
2. Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the

gin with me; \_\_\_\_\_ Let there be peace on  
mo - ment now. \_\_\_\_\_ With ev' - ry step I

earth, the peace that was meant to be, \_\_\_\_\_ With  
take, let this be my sol - cmn vow: \_\_\_\_\_ To

God as cre - a - tor, \_\_\_\_\_ bro - thers and sis - ters are

we, \_\_\_\_\_ Let us walk with each o - ther \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in per - fect har - mo - ny. \_\_\_\_\_

*2nd time to Coda* ⊕



**Coda**



take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace c -  
ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on  
earth and let it be - gin with me.

**GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

*All stand.*

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

*Today’s Gospel reading has a sense of anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Christ into the world as a baby boy.*

Our preacher today,  
**Gerti Garner**, is a  
 lay-person here at  
 St. Barnabas. Among  
 other degrees she has  
 a Masters in Divinity  
 from the Claremont  
 School of Theology.  
 Gerti has applied to be  
 part of our diocesan  
 preaching course in  
 2024. Today, we  
 welcome Gerti as she  
 opens up the Word of  
 God for us.

**THE SERMON**

*Followed by a moment of silent mediation.*

Gerti Garner

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

*Deacon says*

In this Season of Advent let us focus our minds and hearts on peace and offer our prayers to the God of Love for the Peace of Christ to come among all peoples, saying: *Bring us your peace.*

We pray for your holy catholic Church that all members may always be open to the immense generosity of God's love and pass it on to others who are searching for healing and peace.  
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of El Camino Real, the San Luis Obispo deanery and this parish of St. Barnabas, that you will draw us into a deeper relationship with you and with one another. Help us trust you and one another in challenging times. Free us from fear and lead us into the peace of reconciliation with all peoples.  
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for new pathways of peace to open that will bring an end to violence of every kind among all nations, within our own nation, our communities, and in our homes, so that there will be safety and justice for everyone. We especially pray for a peaceful end to the wars in Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Gaza.  
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for the peace inclusion and wholeness brings. Especially we pray for all people who suffer from institutional prejudice and direct bigotry; that everyone will be respected, welcomed, and included.  
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for the peace of forgiveness and reconciliation for the wrongs done to native peoples in every land and especially for all Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we are worshipping this day.  
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

We pray for peace and the healing touch of Jesus to restore all who are suffering in any way. And we pray for those who have died that they rest in your peace.

In our own community, we continue to pray for: **Marilyn, Jim, Linda, Chantelle, Judith Stocker, Sarah Hockaday, Gordon MacDonald, Susan Milner, Amy, Gordon, James, Steve, Christina, Barbara, Abraham, Chris, Jim Goode, Fritz, Steven, Gizmo, Karen Robin Piaz, Ann Mathias, Deborah, and Becky Dominador.**

**And the repose of soul for: Jesse, Duane Poole, Lyn McLain, Kurt & Monica Villani, Marv Pate, and Ward Lee.**

God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

*(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)*  
God of love, **Bring us your peace.**

*The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

*In this season our Prayers of the People reflect our theme of PEACE.*

*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?

## 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.**

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

## 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people sit.*

**Birthdays:**           **Jeff Diehl, Pam DeTilla, Jim Miller, Leslie Campbell  
Carlos Ortiz**

**Anniversaries:**

### Birthday Prayer

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

### Anniversary Prayer

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

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

## 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 Adam Lay Ybounden Sung by the Choral Scholars

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,  
Four thousand winter thought he not too long;  
And all was for an apple, and apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never Our Lady ybeen heavene Queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was:  
Therefore we moun singen: Deo Gratias.

ANONYMOUS, 15TH CENTURY ENGLISH

ARRANGED BY JERRY ULRICH

## DOXOLOGY

*The people stand and sing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Another name for **Holy Communion** is "The Eucharist", a Greek word for "thanksgiving." Thus it is appropriate for us to sing a song of praise and thanksgiving to God as we begin our Eucharist.

**Adam Lay Ybounden** dating to the 1400's in Britain narrates the fall of humanity following Adam's temptation, resulting in redemption by the birth of Jesus. The lyrics may have belonged to a wandering minstrel, and may have been used in medieval Mystery Plays.

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, oh Lord.  
*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.



*In this season of Advent we are using Eucharistic Prayer 2 from the supplemental Episcopal resource, Enriching Our Worship. Note, the more contemporary language and theology when compared to the Book of Common Prayer.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.  
You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*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*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*In this season of Advent  
we are saying the  
Sanctus rather than  
singing it.*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Barnabas and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **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.**

*At this point in the  
Eucharistic Prayer the  
Celebrant makes the  
sign of the cross over the  
bread and wine and  
welcomes the infusion of  
the Spirit. The elements  
are now considered  
blessed or consecrated.*



# 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. All are welcomed at God's table.

## COMMUNION HYMN

## I've got peace like a river

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a  
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my  
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my  
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got riv - er in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got foun - tain in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. soul; \_\_\_\_\_ I've got o - cean in my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

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

COMMUNION HYMN

It is well with my soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,  
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, — It is well with my soul, —  
 — It is well, it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "It is well with my soul." It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The second system also has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*The people stand*

*Celebrant says*

Holy God, the bread and cup remind us how good you are. You nourish us in our journey of faith, reminding us that you are always present with us. As we journey through Advent, prepare us to hear your call.

**People**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

As we receive your peace, may we see where we can share it with others. Guide us in our words and actions.

**People**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

We give you thanks for who you are.

**People**

**And the blessings of being called your people. Amen**

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you are remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

## CONCLUDING HYMN

## Prepare the way, O Zion

*This is a traditional Advent hymn. We wait until Christmas Eve to sing Christmas carols or hymns.*



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

*During the musical postlude you are welcomed to depart quietly, or sit and listen. Both these choices are appropriate forms of worship.*

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## VOLUNTARY

## LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

**2024 PLEDGE CARDS** – Pledge cards were gathered on November 5th during both services. We also received numerous cards in the collection plate and mail. If you have not yet returned your 2024 pledge card, please drop it by, put it in the collection plate, or mail it to the church office. If you need a blank card, please pick one up in the narthex or the office. Thank you all for your support of our church and the many ministries here.

**DIOCESAN ADVENT RETREAT** – You are invited to a diocese-wide Advent Retreat and we hope you will join us! We will gather on Saturday, December 9th, at St. James in Paso Robles. We will begin at 10am and have a day of worship, Bible study, and reflection. You are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring a journal or computer if you are someone who enjoys writing while reflecting. Lunch will be provided, and there is a \$10 suggested donation to help with the cost of lunch, but this is not a required contribution. The retreat will end by 3pm. The theme of the day is “The Mysteries of the Season of Advent” and the retreat will be led by the diocesan Advent Retreat committee. Questions? Please email Canon Martha at [canonmartha@realepiscopal.org](mailto:canonmartha@realepiscopal.org). To register, visit: [tiny.cc/adventretreat23](http://tiny.cc/adventretreat23)

**SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOU** – When was the last time someone really listened to you? We’re talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. A person in pain needs that kind help. That’s one of the ways **Stephen Ministers** care for others. Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God’s love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That’s why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it. Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God’s representatives who bring his love to those who are hurting.

***Do you need someone with these gifts to listen to you?***

*Deacon Susan can find a Stephen Minister for you. Call her at the church or email her at [dcnsusan.stbarnabas@gmail.com](mailto:dcnsusan.stbarnabas@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 People’s Kitchen. Julie Shires is the ministry leader.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY AND DIOCESAN CONVENTION** – The Nominating Committee has begun its work at the end of October to identify and recruit three new Vestry members for three-year terms. In addition, five people to be nominated to represent St. Barnabas at the Diocesan Convention. Terms begin with the Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28th. If you have someone that you think should be considered by the Nominating Committee then please let them know. The committee includes Melissa Biel, Steve Jerrick, and Kris Vardas.

**Experience the wonder of Advent at our annual Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols** – Sunday, December 17th at 5 pm, join us for a service that is an over 100-year-old tradition. It weaves scripture readings with carols sung by our Choir, and Choral Scholars, past and present, to tell the story of salvation history. Childcare will be provided. Reception follows in the Parish Hall.

## 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). We are looking at the book of Genesis and for each of the 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 lay people. Feel free to contact Gerti Garner at [ggrgarner@gmail.com](mailto:ggrgarner@gmail.com) for more information.

**Friday 4:00 pm 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 Catherine of Siena, a 14th century mystic who composed and dictated *The Dialogue*, a summary of her theology, her spirituality, and her pastoral concerns, becoming the first woman published in one of the Italian dialects. We are using *Set Aside Every Fear*, an edited collection of her prayers and reflections.

We meet every Friday from 4 – 5pm. We meet **in person** on **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. 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 online 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:**  
Pam & Aly Pano

**Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Ministry:**  
8:00 am David & Sharon Williams  
10:00 am Lynne Schulz, Art & Jane Delgadillo

**This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry:**  
8:00 am Michele Davenport, Ann Mathias  
10:00 am Alicia Nowicki, Carl Hunter, Art Delgadillo

## CALENDAR

### Week of December 3 – December 10

<b>TODAY</b>	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion*.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 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 noon
Wednesday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Writing From Life Class.....	2:00 pm
	Girl Scouts.....	3:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal.....	6:30 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 and <b>Children’s Pageant</b> *.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Buildings and Grounds Meeting.....	11:20 am

*\* In-person and via Facebook Live*

### SERVING TODAY

Presider	The Rev. Rob Keim
Preacher	Gerti Garner
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
8am Music	Sharon Williams
Minister of Music	Janis Johnson
Choral Scholars	Rachel Koenigsberg, Chris Marston Katelyn Caron, Blake Diaz

#### 8 am

Eucharistic Minister	Karen Reinecke
Lector	Georgianna Gleason
Chalice/Usher	Carlos Ortiz
Usher	David Williams
Vestry on Call	
Coffee Hour Ministry	Michele Davenport, Ann Mathias

#### 10 am

Eucharistic Minister	Bob Taylor
Lector	Paula Smith
Chalices	Kevin Pence, Todd Long, David Murray
Ushers	Harry Johnson & Steve Jerrick
Vestry on Call	Rachel Mann
Coffee Hour	Alicia Nowicki, Carl Hunter, Art Delgadillo
Livestream	Jeff Diehl



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