



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 10, 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/

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 Wednesday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

Greens and Candle Dedications – Candles are lighted by Bill Cockshott in celebration of Matthew Manos’ birthday; David Murray in memory of his father, William Murray; Carol Wilcock in celebration of the birthday of her daughter Karen Louise Wilcock-Floyd.

Greens have been placed on the altar by Phyllis Porter in memory of Claude A. Porter, (b.12/13/1885) and Mary C. Porter, (b.12/13/1907); by Jim & Darlene McKinney in loving memory of their son Tim; by Kim Valois in gratitude for the love of Kay Diann, William Ralph Young, and John Soto.

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

Notable Events

Sunday	DECEMBER 17	Advent Lessons & Carols 5:00 pm
Sunday	DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm
Monday	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day 10:00 am

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

Comfort, comfort

Sung by The Choral Scholars

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
 speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 comfort those who sit in darkness,
 mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
 speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
 tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

CHARLES GOUDIMEL, 1510-1572

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

This is our second Sunday in 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.)

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 We follow Jesus of Nazareth, the Prince of Peace.
People **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 We will not be enemies with anyone
People **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 We confess our complicity in a world of violence
People **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 We stand with those who have no power
People **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 We confront injustice
People **seeking to understand how our own actions provoke conflict**
examining circumstances through the lens of scripture
using nonviolent strategies of direct action.

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

Celebrant We commit to bold witness to our church and to the world
People **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 For we belong to God
People 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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.



THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

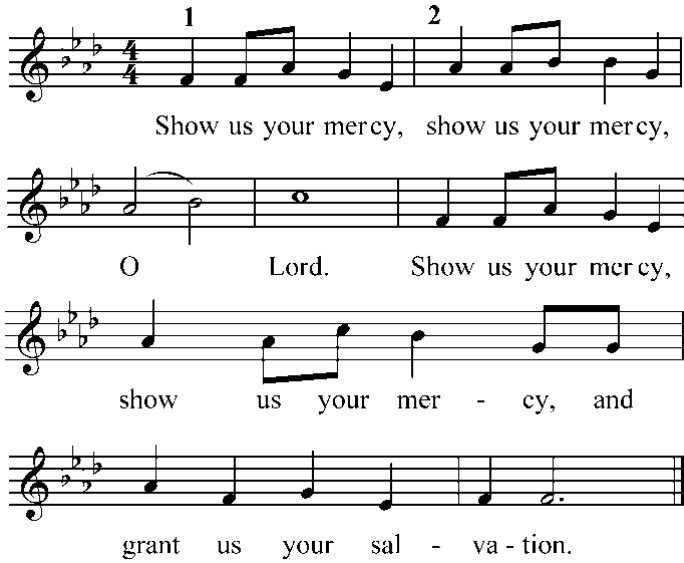
People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Remain seated.



1
2

Show us your mercy, show us your mercy,
O Lord. Show us your mercy,
show us your mer - cy, and
grant us your sal - va - tion.

¹ You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

² You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins. *Refrain*

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land. *Refrain*

¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. *Refrain*

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. *Refrain*

8am: Said by All
10am: Cantor sings Refrain.

All repeat.
The Choir sing verses.
All sing Refrain.

This psalm is a prayer for divine favor and blessings. The prayer anticipates the blessing of God which brings peace, salvation, and good rain.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

This New Testament letter was written in the name of the Apostle Peter about seventy years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. This part of the letter is about how the anticipated coming of Jesus has and will change the universe forever. These changes should cause us to live our lives differently than otherwise.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 - emn vow: _____ To

2nd time to Coda



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. _____



Coda



take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e -



ter - nal - ly. _____ Let there be peace on



earth and let it be - gin with me. _____



This reading from the Gospel according to Mark is a message of anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Christ into the world as the perfect union of human and divine, a union that we know of as Jesus.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

All stand.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Let there be peace on earth

**Repeat Verses 1-2
Page 8-9**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Rob Keim

Followed by a moment of silent mediation.

THE ADVENT PAGEANT (10:00 AM)

Led by Pam Pano and the Sunday School

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.**

*In this season our
Prayers of the People
reflect our theme of
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, Dave & Deb Habr, Richard R., GeeGee Soto & family, Bill Sherman, Chad Sterling, Betsy Ehrler, the Brazil family, Sharon, Lyn, Gary, Mark Bolyanatz, Carol, Baby Mila, Charles A., Shawn MacRoberts, Jessie, Jessica, David, James, Wendy, and Bishop Michael Curry** And the repose of soul for: **Gwen Belisle, John Soto, Dr. Mary Cleave, Ranger, Delphine Fontagneres, Ron, and Shane MacGowan.**

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.

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Birthdays: Corey Kielan, Paul DeTilla, Karen Louise Wilcock-Floyd,
Matthew Manos

Anniversaries: Leslie Campbell & Gary Richmond

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

O Come, Redeemer of the Earth

O come, Redeemer of the earth, And manifest your virgin birth:

Let every age in wonder fall, Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will but of the Spirit, You are still the Word of God in flesh arrayed,

The promised fruit to man displayed. O Morning Star, come end our night.

Cast out our sin and shed your light. Darkness of our mortal state

With endless beams illuminate. All praise, eternal Son,

Above whose advent shows your matchless love Whom with the Father, we adore,

And Holy Ghost forevermore. Amen.

WORDS: AMBROSE OF MILAN, 337-397;

ARRANGED: BRIAN L. HANSON

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

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.

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.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

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*.

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

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

Peace before us

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

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un - der our feet. _____ Peace with - in us,
love un - der our feet. _____ Love with - in us,
light un - der our feet. _____ Light with - in us,
Christ un - der our feet. _____ Christ with - in us,

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. _____
love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. _____
light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. _____
Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. _____

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6. peace. _____ Let all a - round us be peace. _____

6. Let all a - round us be peace. _____

5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

6. Peace before us, peace behind us,
peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
let all around us be peace. *(three times)*

COMMUNION HYMN

Heal me, hands of Jesus



1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!



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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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

People, look East

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



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



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

Experience the wonder of Advent at our annual Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols – Next 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.

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.

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 densusan.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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 17 – 8:00 am and 10:00 am Eucharist
Sunday, December 17 – 5:00 pm – Advent Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 24 – 8:00 am and 10:00 Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, December 24 – 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm – Christmas Eve Eucharist
Monday, December 25 – 10:00 am – Christmas Day Eucharist
Sunday, December 31 – (no 8:00 worship) – 10:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday, January 7 – 8:00 am and 10:00 Eucharist and Epiphany celebration

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). 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 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, January 12th** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. All other Fridays we meet via Zoom: 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) 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 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. 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:

Janette Sofranko, Ann Mathias, Michele Davenport

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Ministry:

8:00 am Michele Davenport, Ann Mathias
10:00 am Alicia Nowicki, Carl Hunter, Art Delgadillo

This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry:

8:00 am Carlos Ortiz, Robert Merritt
10:00 am Paul & Tracy Schiro

CALENDAR

Week of December 10 – December 17

TODAY	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion and Children’s Pageant*	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Buildings and Grounds Meeting.....	11:20 am
Monday	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 noon
	Prison Ministry Meeting.....	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Finance Committee Meeting.....	6:00 pm
	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Choir Rehearsal.....	6:30 pm
Friday	Senior Fitness with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Centering Prayer (on Zoom).....	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
	Advent Lessons & Carols*	5:00 pm

** 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, Blake Diaz

8 am

Eucharistic Minister	Michele Davenport
Lector	Lorrie Erno
Chalice/Usher	Karen Reinecke
Usher/Vestry on Call	Robert Merritt
Coffee Hour Ministry	Carlos Ortiz, Robert Merritt

10 am

Eucharistic Minister	Debbie Miller
Lector	Melissa Biel
Chalices	Tom Bormes, Pamela Jones, Nancy Taylor
Ushers	Jim & Linda Kilponen
Vestry on Call	
Coffee Hour	Paul & Tracy Schiro
Livestream	Corey Kielan



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