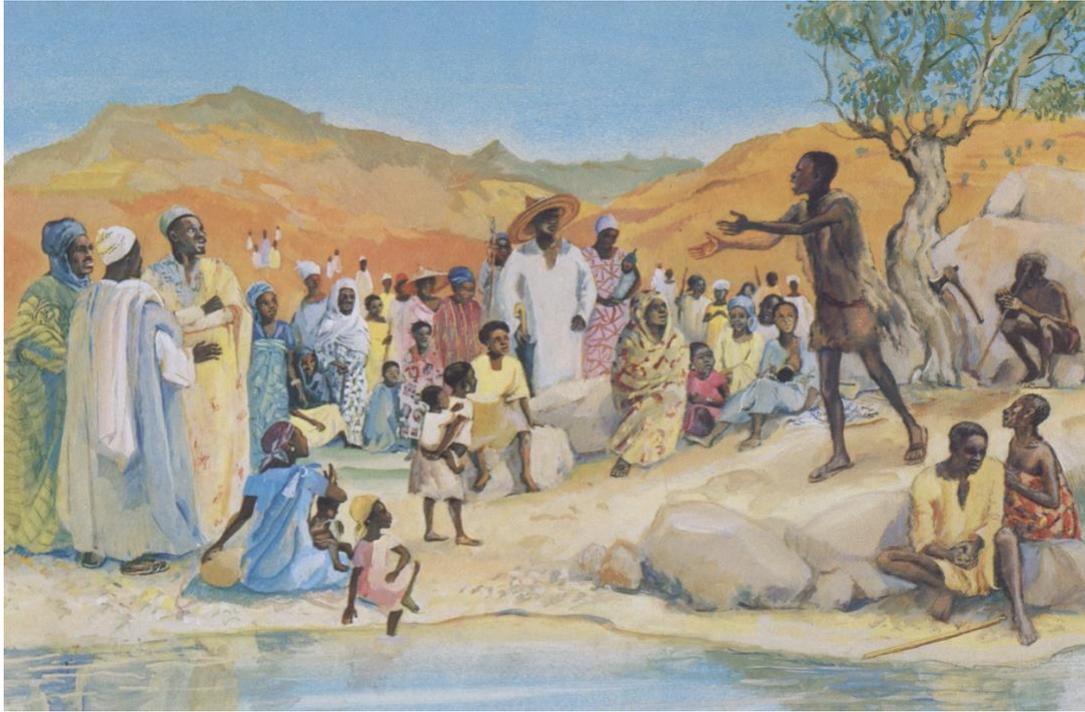




St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 17, 2023

8:00 am & 10:00 am



John the Baptist preaching in the desert – JESUS MAFA

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 Ann Mathias in celebration of the birthday of her grandson, Conner Castleman, and her son, Brent Mathias.

Poinsettias have been placed on the altar by John and Mary Ann Hjalmarson in celebration of their anniversary.

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

Notable Events

TODAY	DECEMBER 17	Advent Lessons & Carols 5:00 pm (Childcare provided, Reception following)
Sunday	DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm
Monday	DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day 10:00 am
Sunday	DECEMBER 31	(No 8:00 am worship)
Sunday	DECEMBER 31	Christmas Lessons & Carols 10:00 am

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

I wonder as I wander

Sung by The Choral Scholars

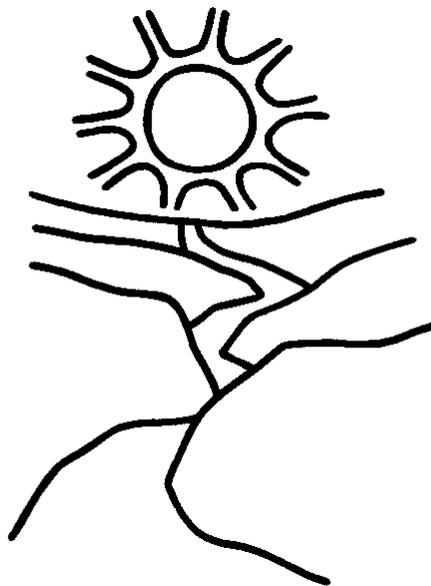
I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,
For poor ornery people like you and like I:
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow stall:
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall:
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing:
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

APPALACHIAN CAROL

ARR. RICHARD SHEPHARD



THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Watchman, tell us of the night

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

This is our third 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.)

This **Advent hymn** about a watchman has both a sense of anticipation about what is to come and as sense of safety and peace. Both of these themes fit nicely with our Season of Advent.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

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. We are currently in Year B of that three-year cycle.

CONTINUES >

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

THE SONG OF MARY (THE MAGNIFICAT)

Remain seated.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

8am: Said by All
10am: Choir sings.

*The text of this canticle, **The Magnificat**, is taken from the Gospel of Luke where it is spoken by Mary, the soon to be mother of Jesus, upon the occasion of her visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. This canticle is traditionally used on this the third Sunday in Advent. On this third Sunday we also use the **color pink** as you will see in on our Advent wreath.*

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. _____

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8,19-28

All stand.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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. Dr. Caro Hall

Followed by a moment of silent meditation.

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, Mike, Tink, Julia, Clyde, Li, Will Hoker, Kalina Rose, Katie, Michael Johnson, Kevin Baker, Kyle, Kristy Rogers, Brent, Ryder, Candace, Daniel, Judi, Tev, and Rachel.** And the repose of soul for: **Becky Dominador, Jean Wesolowski, Bronka Sundstrom, Eric Danducci, Jeff Byors, Dalles Powell, and Gregorio.**

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: Conner Castleman, Brent Mathias, Katie Kragenbrink
Anniversaries: John & Mary Ann Hjalmarson, Brian Stoltey & Shea Scheuer

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 In the Bleak Midwinter Sung by the Chancel Choir

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

WORDS: CHRISTINA ROSETTI, 1872, LONDON

MUSIC: GUSTAV HOLST, 1906; ARRANGED BY DAN FORREST

*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
 heav - en - 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.

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 God 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

Creator of the stars of night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

My soul gives glory to my God

This Advent hymn is from a supplemental Episcopal hymnal called Voices Found. This is a hymnal which emphasizes music and hymns by women composers and poets.

The words for this particular hymn are based on the words of Mary, the mother of Jesus, words that we know of as the Magnificat.

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
 2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3 From age to age, to all who fear, such
 4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spi - rits
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

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 and remain with you forever.

Amen.



CONCLUDING HYMN

Soon and very soon

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

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

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 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,

— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. 3. 4.
 — Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

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!

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LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

WELCOME TO THE REV. DR. CARO HALL – Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Caro Hall to our pulpit and altar. Caro is the recently retired Rector of St. Benedict’s Episcopal Church in Los Osos. Caro chairs our diocesan Social Justice Committee, and locally she leads Los Osos Cares. In 2022 Caro was recognized by Rep. Salud Carbajal as a “Woman of the Year.” Caro and her wife, Jill, live in Los Osos.

EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF ADVENT AT OUR ANNUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS – Tonight, 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. They 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 the church or email her at 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 Counters who process the offering. Janette Sofranko 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 – 5:00 pm – Advent Lessons & Carols (Childcare provided, Reception following)
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.

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**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:
Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

Sunday School Teachers:
Robert Merritt

Thank you to last week's Coffee Hour Ministry:
8:00 am Carlos Ortiz, Robert Merritt
10:00 am Paul & Tracy Schiro

This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry:
8:00 am Tracy Tschanz, Karen Reinecke
10:00 am Cherry Baldwin

CALENDAR

Week of December 17 – December 24

TODAY	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion*.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Advent Lessons & Carols* (childcare provided)	5:00 pm
Monday	Thrift Shop Staff Meeting.....	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
	Senior Aging and Spirituality Gathering	3:00 pm
	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	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 Liturgy of the Word.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Liturgy of the Word*	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Christmas Eve Eucharist (childcare provided)	4:45 pm
	Christmas Eve Eucharist	10:45 pm

** In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

Presider/Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Caro Hall
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
8am Music	Sharon Williams
Minister of Music	Janis Johnson
Choral Scholars	Katelyn Caron, Rachel Koenigsberg, Chris Marston, Blake Diaz, Taylor Boling, Ryan Nagelmann, Taylor Hatch, Catryna Benander

8 am

Eucharistic Minister	Carlos Ortiz
Lector	Candace Kincade
Chalice/Usher	Michele Davenport
Usher	Dave Rodgers
Vestry on Call	Melissa Biel
Coffee Hour Ministry	Tracy Tschanz, Karen Reinecke

10 am

Eucharistic Minister	
Lector	John Totten
Chalices	Gerti Garner, Bob Taylor, Kevin Pence
Ushers	Pat & Penny Chambers
Vestry on Call	Sheila Miller
Coffee Hour	Cherry Baldwin
Livestream	Corey Kielan



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