



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

SIXTH (AND LAST) SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:00 am & 10:00 am



Ukraine Artist: Khrystyna Kyryk - Transfiguration
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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.
- Recommend that a mask be worn at all times, however, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are healthy,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- Starting from the balcony and then the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- 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, instead of an individual bowl, you may 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 lit by Jim and Linda Miller in celebration of the birthdays of their grandsons Josh and Brycen.

Flowers have been placed on the altar by Bill Cockshott in memory of his parents, Maurice and Bea Cockshott, his aunt, Elva Ebbels, and his sister Barbara Rombough; by Kim Valois in loving memory of Frank “Kirk” Kirkpatrick; by Gerti Garner in memory of John Garner.

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

Notable Events

Tuesday	FEBRUARY 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	FEBRUARY 14	Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Ashes 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm (with Choir)
Thursdays	FEBRUARY 15	Confirmation Class series 7:00 pm
Saturday	FEBRUARY 24	Parish Workday 9:00 am
Sunday	FEBRUARY 25	Bishop's Visit 8:00 am and 10:00 am

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

Alleluia

Sung by The Choral Scholars

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

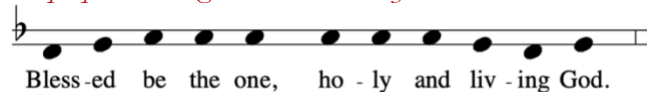
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

This is the sixth, and last, Sunday in the Season after Epiphany. In this season we celebrate the coming and growing of the light of Christ in the world. The color for this season is green.

*This last Sunday is also known as **Transfiguration Sunday** since that is the story in the Gospel reading. This year that reading is the version from the Gospel according to Mark.*

The people standing, the Celebrant says



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

People



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

This prayer is called the **Collect for Purity**, and it is reminiscent of Psalm 51. As its name implies, this is the state in which we hope to approach God in worship. The prayer dates back to the 11th century, which means it would have originally been in Latin. In this season, as a sign of welcome, the Celebrant says this prayer in Spanish.

The song of praise is known as the **Gloria**. It is also called the Greater Doxology. We sing the Shorter Doxology later in the service at the time of the Offering. This song begins with the words that the angels sang when announcing the birth of Jesus to shepherds. Other verses were added in the 4th century to create the hymns we have today. There is a sense of timelessness in knowing that we are singing words that have been sung for more than 1600 years.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Dios omnipotente, para quien todos los corazones están manifiestos, todos los deseos conocidos y ningún secreto encubierto: Purifica los pensamientos de nuestros corazones con la inspiración de tu Santo Espíritu, para que perfectamente te amemos y dignamente celebremos tu Santo Nombre; por Cristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

Translation:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King,
al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a little slower
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

CONTINUES ➤

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

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

PSALM 50:1-6

Out of Zi - on, per - fect in its beau - ty,
 God re - veals him - self in glo - ry.

8:00 am Said by All
 10:00 am Cantor sings Refrain
 All Repeat
 Choral Scholars sing verses
 All sing refrain

¹ The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. *Refrain.*

² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.

³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.

⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people. *Refrain.*

⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
 for God himself is judge. *Refrain.*

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

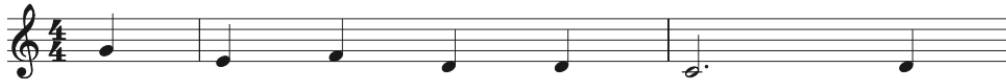
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The style of chant being used today is known as the Portland Psalter. It has a very singable refrain that is sung by all at the appointed times in the chant. These chants were originally written by Robert A. Hawthorne for his congregation in Oregon.

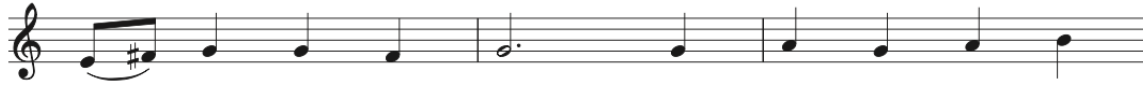
SEQUENCE HYMN

'Tis good, Lord, to be here

Verses 1 - 3



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your
 2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your
 3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -
 4. Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



1. glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,
 2. beau - ty to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E -
 3. ise ___ of things to be! We hail your bod - y
 4. see ___ your king - dom come; We long to hold the
 5. we ___ may not re - main; But since you bid us



1. like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 2. li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
 3. glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.
 4. vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.
 5. leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

It is traditional for the people to stand as the Gospel Book is lifted high by the Deacon.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

All stand.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

As the Gospel is announced, some people use their thumb to make the sign of the cross on their forehead, mouth, and heart. These three locations indicate that the Gospel reading is to enter the mind, voice, and heart. Some people also bow as a sign of reverence for Jesus who is depicted in the Gospels.

SEQUENCE HYMN

'Tis good, Lord, to be here

Verses 4, 5

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold

Followed by a moment of silent meditation.

It is customary for us to say the **Nicene Creed** any time we have a Eucharist. The Creed is structured in the three-fold way of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. **We pray for Marilyn, Jim, Chantelle, Randall, Elissa Davis, Kevin B., Don, Janie Parish, Catrina, Sarah, Dan, Ginny, Carl, Peter, Shirley Holgate, Karin, Tim, Anna, Chris Long, Lucy, May B., and Serena Sue Stanford.**

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. **We pray for the repose of soul for Genevieve Kong, Bob Myers, Col. Roger Donlon, Michelle Seybert, Joe Gregoire.**

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)

(Silence)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And after a moment of silence, the Deacon adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People say

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Prayer requests written in the bidding book (located on the shelf at the back of the worship space) and names put into the Comment Section of Facebook Live will be included in the bulletin next week.

In response to the Confession the Priest says the Absolution signifying the grace that we have already received through Jesus. As the Absolution is said some choose to make the sign of the Cross by using the fingers to touch the forehead, heart, left shoulder and right shoulder, and back to the heart again.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of 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: **Josh and Brycen**

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.

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

Still I Sing Alleluia

Sung by the Choral Scholars
Lyrics can be found on Page 19

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

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

DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

At 8:00 am the Sanctus is said by the 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.

At 10:00 am the Sanctus is sung by the Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.
**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The People remain stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Barnabas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. 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

The Celebrant and People sing together

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.— Lamb of God. you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Light of Light, Love given birth

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

1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth;
 2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see,
 3 May all who seek to praise a - right

deem - er of the earth: more bright than day your face did
 lect found com - pan - y; the heavens a - bove your glo - ry
 lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glo - ry,

show, your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
 named, your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
 now all

Final Ending
 faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be still and know that I am God

1 Be still and know
that I am God.
Be still and know
that I am God.

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

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

The blessing by the Priest is a reminder of the many blessings we already have from God. We are aware of some of the blessings and unaware of others. Our response to these blessings is gratitude and joy.

Each of our hymns today
is a traditional **Epiphany**
Hymn.

This coming Wednesday
is **Ash Wednesday** when
we start the season of
Lent.

CONCLUDING HYMN

O wondrous type!

Descant

1 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry

2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate

3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the

2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the

3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be

4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!

2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.

3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.

4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – In preparation for Bishop Lucinda’s annual visit with us at St. Barnabas on Sunday, February 25th, we are in the midst of a **three-week series** of Confirmation Classes on Thursday February 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 pm. These confirmation classes are appropriate for those who want to be “confirmed” in the Episcopal Church or who want to be “received” from another Christian tradition. At times it is appropriate for a person who has already been confirmed as an Episcopalian to “re-affirm” their baptismal vows. Contact Fr. Rob for additional information.

SHROVE TUESDAY – There will be a Pancake Supper on February 13th to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the food preparation and the serving. If you are interested, please contact Pam Pano (4sasha@att.net).

VESTRY RETREAT – Twice a year, our Vestry (or governing board) meets for six hours to review and plan. This year our winter Vestry Retreat is on Saturday, February 17, and we will be joined by Canon Martha Korienek as she leads us through a Mutual Ministry Review. In this review we remember what we accomplished in 2023 and daydream about what we want to do in 2024, and beyond. Please contact any Vestry member if you have feedback.

PARISH WORKDAY – Our nine-acre campus and facilities need care and maintenance. Join us on Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 am as we tend the grounds. Bring rakes, clippers, gloves, and leaf blowers as we spruce up the (a) parking lots area, (b) playground, (c) Memorial Garden, and dismantle the old metal shed. There will also be projects in the worship space as we prepare for the Bishop’s visit.

AARP TAX-AIDE – will offer free income tax preparation services at St Barnabas’s church on Thursdays, beginning February 1st. Reservations can be made now at ccfreetax.org/appointment.html or by calling (805) 931-6308. A photo ID is required for the principal taxpayers and Social Security cards are required for every person in the tax return.

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 densusan.stbarnabas@gmail.com.

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, March 8th** (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: Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

Sunday School Teacher: Adrienne & Corey Kielan

LYRICS TO OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind, with Spirit below and beside me; with Spirit all around, even where affliction's found; I will sing, I will sound, "Alleluia." When darkness descends and the night never ends; when my shadows and demons surround me; when questions I spin echo answerless within; even then, even then, "Alleluia." Alleluia, still I sing "Alleluia." Open us to You 'til we sing, "Alleluia." Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain; hear our prayers that we offer to you, Lord; breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath; that our lips may confess, "Alleluia." So praise the Father and praise the Son, praise the Spirit who moves in all through all; all creation sound the word so profound; let us sing, let us live, "Alleluia!"

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