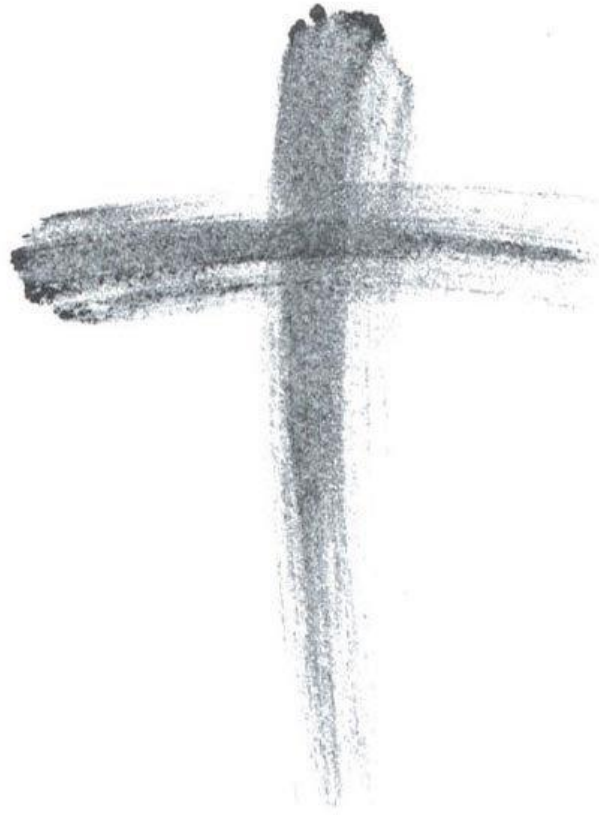




# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14, 2024

12:00 noon & 7:00 pm



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 and wine can be brought to you.

Four courtyard and two narthex bathrooms are available for your use. Please use the disinfecting spray that is in the bathroom. If you have any questions or concerns, the Ushers are available to assist you.

### Welcome to Online St. Barnabas!

Welcome to those joining our virtual worship with Facebook Live. We are glad to have you with us in this new way. You may access our livestream starting at 9:45 am at [facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/](https://facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/)

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel ([bit.ly/StBYouTube](https://bit.ly/StBYouTube)) the afternoon following the service.

**Bidding (intercessory prayer) Book** – If you would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service, you may add it to the “Bidding Book” located at the back of the church to the left of the doors. If you cannot join us in person and would like to add a prayer to be read during the church service you can email the name of the person to our parish office at [saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com](mailto:saintbarnabas.ag@gmail.com) (before Wednesday morning), or add it to the comments section on Facebook Live during the livestream.

**Greens and Candle Dedications** – Candles are 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*

<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	<b>Confirmation Class series 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>	<b>Lenten series and light supper 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	<b>Parish Workday 9:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	<b>Bishop’s Visit 8:00 am and 10:00 am</b>

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Enter in Silence.*

*Stand as you are able.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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: Joel 2:1-2,12-17

A reading from the Book of the prophet Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near--

a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains

a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly;

gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged;

gather the children, even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery,

a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples,

"Where is their God?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*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.*

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.

**PSALM 103:8-14**

The Lord re - mem - bers that we  
are but dust.

12 noon Said by All  
7:00 pm Cantor sings Refrain  
All Repeat  
Choral Scholars sing verses  
All sing refrain

- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- <sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. *Refrain.*
- <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- <sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us. *Refrain.*
- <sup>13</sup> As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust. *Refrain.*

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

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

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Kind Maker of the world

Verses 1 - 3

1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent  
 2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est  
 3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and  
 4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -  
 5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -

1 prayer, with man - ya tear poured forth by all the  
 2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and  
 3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry  
 4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,  
 5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of

1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!  
 2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.  
 3 of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.  
 4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.  
 5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

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

*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.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

**Kind Maker of the world**

**Verses 4, 5**

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**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Rob Keim**

*Followed by a moment of silent mediation.*

## LENTEN INVITATION

*All stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

## BLESSING OF THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*The ashes are imposed with the following words. Please use your thumb to impose ashes on your forehead and if they are willing, the forehead of others in your household.*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

## PSALM 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*

At this point in our **Ash Wednesday worship** we deviate from the normal flow for a Eucharist. Instead we have an invitation to begin the season of Lent, the imposition of Ashes on the forehead, and a series of prayers that are petitions for pardon.

The **ashes** are a sign of our mortality and of our penitence.

Included in the words is the most explicit **Confession** that we have in any of our worship services



Said together

As part of our special Ash Wednesday ritual we recite **Psalm 51**, a psalm or prayer for forgiveness. Each part of this Psalm begins with an appeal to God and ends with a reference to the Temple in ancient Jerusalem.

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
<sup>10</sup>Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
<sup>12</sup>Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
<sup>14</sup>I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.  
<sup>15</sup>Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.  
<sup>16</sup>Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
<sup>17</sup>Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.  
<sup>18</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

#### LITANY OF PENITENCE

*The Celebrant and people together, all kneeling*

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*The Celebrant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**



Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The Priest, stands and, facing the people, says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*All sit.*

*Celebrant*

Pray for peace, seek for peace, speak for peace, act in peace.

And the peace of the Lord 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.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**A Hymn to God the Father  
Sung by the Chancel Choir**

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son  
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;  
And, having done that, thou hast done;  
I fear no more.

"A Hymn to God the Father" is English Metaphysical poet John Donne's prayer for forgiveness. Enumerating his sins, the poem's speaker worries that God could never forgive them all—until he realizes that believing God couldn't forgive him is the most foolish sin of all. In the repeated line "When thou hast done, thou hast not done", the poet puns upon his own surname. But in the third line, "thou hast don(n)e", he places his faith in God.

Words: John Donne  
(1573-1631)

Music: Donne, John  
Hilton (1599-1657)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

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

*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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

*The Celebrant and People say together*

**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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

*The Deacon says*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*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.**

**CONTINUES ➤**

Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
     as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
     and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, all my gladness

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,  
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,  
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,  
 Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit  
 Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they  
 Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -  
 strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;  
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;  
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,  
 on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.  
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.  
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

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

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. 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.*

## CONCLUDING HYMN

## The glory of these forty days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

DEPART IN SILENCE

## 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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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](mailto: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/](https://facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/)

All you need is a computer or device with an internet connection and speakers to watch the live-stream; you do not need to have a Facebook account. A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel: ([bit.ly/StYouTube](https://bit.ly/StYouTube)) following the service.

**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 attend via zoom: [bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer](https://bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer) To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. Meeting ID: **878 6513 4138#** Password:**365072#**, and then # 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. Feel free to contact Gerti Garner at [ggrgarner@gmail.com](mailto:ggrgarner@gmail.com) for more info.

**Friday 4:00 pm CENTERING PRAYER** – Each Friday afternoon from 4-5pm we hold a Centering Prayer Service. After gathering for a few minutes, we practice our 20 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Following the practice, we read and discuss a passage from the 14<sup>th</sup> century mystic Catherine of Siena's *The Dialogue*, a summary of her theology, spirituality, and pastoral concerns, becoming the first woman published in one of the Italian dialects. We meet **in person** on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. All other Fridays we meet via Zoom: [bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer](https://bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer). To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. Meeting ID: **867 7756 1670#** Password: **034979#**, and then # 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. To transfer money, use the email address of the Financial Secretary ([stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com)) as the recipient. Question: call Janette Sofranko at 805-801-4526. There are no fees associated with is type of transfer.

Via PayPal you can find St. Barnabas using: [stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com). We are charged a processing fee.

**AUTO PAY FROM YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION:** 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:** 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 please feel free to contact Janette Sofranko, Financial Secretary, at 805-801-4526. You can also send an email to [stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support of St. Barnabas!

**DONATE**

Donations of time and talent are just as important as financial donations.

## CALENDAR

### Week of February 14 – February 18

<b>TODAY</b>	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	<b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist (with ashes) .....</b>	<b>12:00 noon and 7:00 pm</b>
	Writing from Life class.....	2:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal.....	6:30 pm
Thursday	<b>AARP Tax Prep .....</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	Yoga with Sigrid.....	9:30 am
	<b>Confirmation Class .....</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Friday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid.....	12:00 noon
	Centering Prayer (via Zoom).....	4:00 pm
Saturday	Prison Volunteer Training .....	8:00 am
	<b>Vestry Retreat .....</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion*.....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 am

*\*In-person and via Facebook Live*

### SERVING TODAY

Presider/Preacher	The Rev. Rob Keim
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
Minister of Music	Janis Johnson
Choral Scholars	Leah Coffey, Rachel Koenigsberg, Chris Marston, Alexander Miller

#### 12 Noon

Eucharistic Minister	Karen Reinecke
Chalice/Usher	Michele Davenport
Lector	John Totten
Usher	Ann Mathias
Vestry on Call	

#### 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Minister	Gerti Garner
Chalices	Kevin Pence, Bob & Nancy Taylor
Lector	Lorrie Erno
Ushers	Steve Jerrick & Harry Johnson
Vestry on Call	
Livestream	Jeff Diehl



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