



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:00 am & 10:00 am



God's discerning, inclusive, Christ-centered church, engaged in outreach ministry, growing discipleship, and life changing worship.

Welcome to Worship at St. Barnabas'!

All are welcome to receive communion. If you are not baptized the Spirit may be calling you to communion and baptism. Baptism is our YES to the love God enfolds us in and our pledge to live that love. We'll accompany you on a journey towards baptism (which is actually the first part of the communion service). In the meantime you are always welcome at God's table. We are glad you are here.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- The musicians are served first so they can lead us in our Communion Hymns.
- Then, starting from the balcony and then the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- You may either stand or kneel at the rail to receive the bread. You may also cross your arms for a blessing instead of receiving the bread.
- If you prefer to drink from a common chalice then stay at the rail to do so.
- If you prefer to drink from an individual small bowl, then those are served on the main floor. Empty bowls may be placed in the baskets along the side of the room..
- 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. 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 d and Candle Dedications – Candles are lighted by Bill Cockshott in celebration of Matthew Manos’ birthday; David Murray in memory of his father, William Murray; Carol Wilcock in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Karen Louise Wilcock-Floyd.

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

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

Notable Events

SATURDAY	Dec 14	Memorial and Reception for Gary Richmond 2:00 pm
SUNDAY	Dec 15	Children’s Christmas Pageant at 10:00 am Eucharist
SUNDAY	Dec 15	Advent Lessons & Carols 5:00 pm (Childcare provided, Reception following)
SATURDAY	Dec 21	Peace Gathering 3:00 pm
TUESDAY	Dec 24	Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm
WEDNESDAY	Dec 25	Christmas Day 10:00 am service

Voluntary

Introit

Adam lay ybounden

Sung by the Choral Scholars

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,
four thousand winter thought he not too long;
And all was for an apple, and apple that he took,
as clerkés finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
ne had never Our Lady abeen heavené Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was:
therefore we moun singen: *Deo gratias!*

This is our second Sunday in the Season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby. The word "Advent" is Latin for "to come."

WORDS: ANONYMOUS 15TH CENTURY

MUSIC: BORIS ORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

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

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

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

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

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

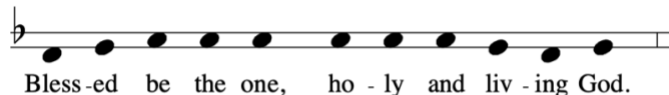
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The color for the Season of Advent is purple or blue. As a way to mark this season of expectation and hope, we wear blue vestments at St. Barnabas. This is a recovery of an ancient English tradition stemming from Salisbury Cathedral, so the particular blue that is worn is referred to as "saram blue" (Sarum being the ancient Latin name for Salisbury.)

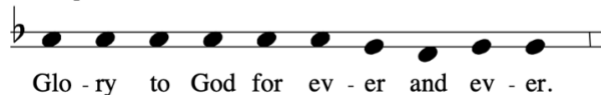
During this Season of Advent, we observe a moment of silence at this point of our worship.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant



People



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.

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.

KYRIE

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The Kyrie is a traditional prayer in ancient Greek which means Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the Book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Collect of the Day is a prayer that "collects" and organizes our thoughts. Like a sonnet or haiku, it follows a traditional structure – a preamble (address, invocation), a petition, and a conclusion (meditation). There is often an allusion to the Gospel reading. There is a Collect of the Day for each week of the year as well as special feast days.

CANTICLE 16 Luke 1:68-79 (The Song of Zechariah)

Said by All

Zechariah is a priest in the Temple and is the father of John the Baptist. This song or hymn is known as the "Benedictus" after the first word "Blessed." It is a song of praise and thanksgiving.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Soon and very soon (v1-2)

Both before and after the proclamation of the Gospel reading, we sing a **Sequence Hymn**. A "sequence" is a chant or hymn sung or recited during the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist. The placement of the music provides special emphasis to good news of the Gospels as they describe the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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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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,

— Hal - le - jah, Hal - le - 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

All stand.

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Soon and very soon (v 3-4)

Prior Page

THE SERMON

The Rev. Rob Keim

Followed by a moment of silent meditation.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All stand.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*We usually recite the Nicene Creed after the sermon. However, in this season of Advent we are going to recite **The General Thanksgiving** from pg. 101 of the Book of Common Prayer. This prayer emphasizes qualities of God which are not part of the Creed – goodness, loving-kindness, love, grace, hope, and mercy. In these times and in this season it is important for us to always have these qualities of God on our minds and hearts.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Indigenous Peoples on whose land we worship today, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Jefferson Mendoza, Julie, Lyn, Millie Jones, Jordan, Ryan Westlund, and for those who have died, Jack Kinyon, Dr. Clifton Warton, Jr.** let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Saint Barnabas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Parts of the prayers in bold, including the names, are said aloud by all.

*This form of the **Prayers of the People** is Form 1 from The Book of Common Prayer.*

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

Lord, have mercy.

The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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

People

The peace of Christ be always with you.
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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

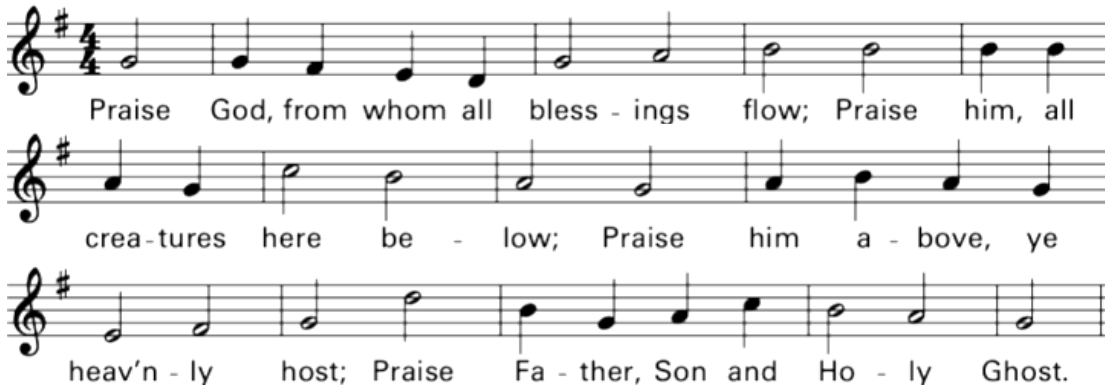
*Sung by The Choral Scholars
Lyrics in sidebar*

Offertory Lyrics:
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. Our God, Heaven
cannot hold Him, nor
earth sustain; Heaven
and earth shall flee
away when He comes
to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
The Lord God
Almighty, Jesus Christ.
Enough for Him, whom
cherubim, worship
night and day,
Breastful of milk, and
a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom
angels fall before,
The ox and ass and
camel which adore.
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
Rossetti (1830-1894)
Music: Harold Darke

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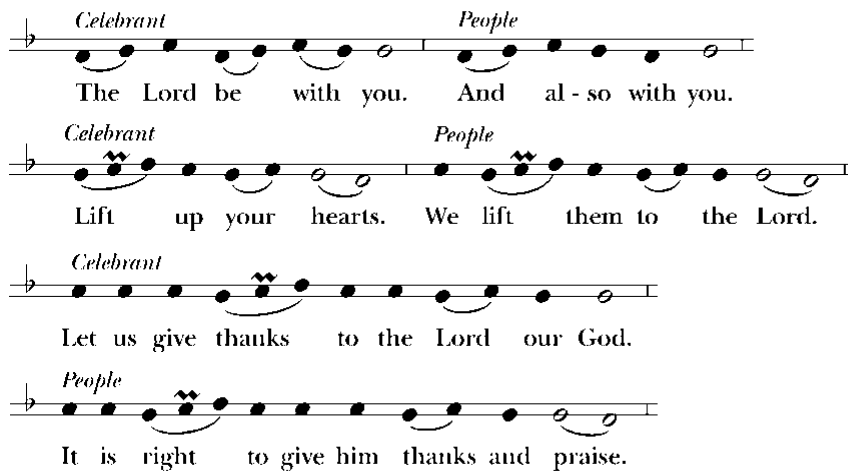
The people stand and sing



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.



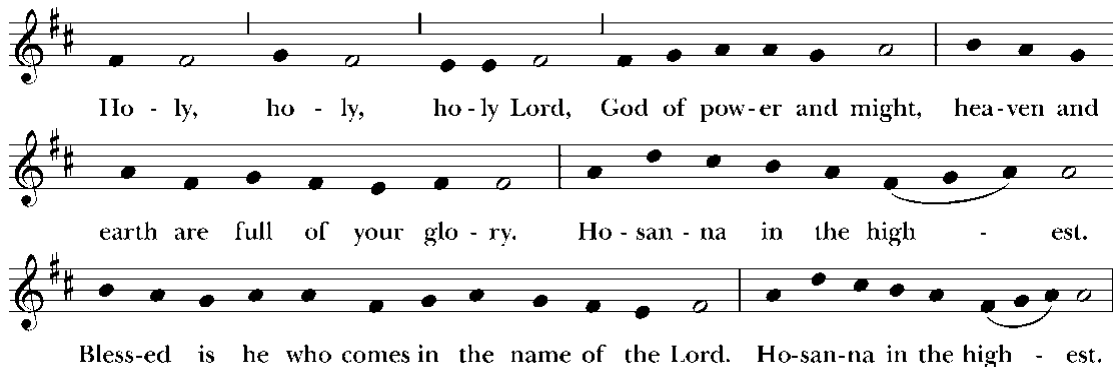
Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Today we are using
Eucharistic Prayer B
from the *Episcopal Book*
of *Common Prayer*.

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,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 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.**

The Deacon says

And 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.**

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.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Take my life and let it be

1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
 3. Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly,
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold— Not a mite would
 5. Take my will and make it Thine— It shall be no
 6. Take my love— my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its

Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days— Let them
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry
 long - er mine; Take my heart— it is Thine own, It shall
 treas - ure store; Take my - self— and I will be Ev - er,

flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
 be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
 on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

It only takes a spark

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
 2. What a won-drous time is spring—when all the trees are bud-ding,
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found— pass it on!

And soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
 The birds be-gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom-ing;
 You can de-pend on Him, it mat - ters not where you're bound; pass it on!

That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it: You
 That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it: You
 I'll shout it from the moun-tain top, I want my world to know: The

spread His love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
 want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

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

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Birthdays: Jeff Diehl (12/6), Corey Kielan (12/11), Matthew Manos
Karen Louise Wilcock-Floyd, Kalina Kragenbrink (1-year)

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 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.**

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

*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.*

CLOSING HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion



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



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



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



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

Deacon Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

VOLUNTARY

LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

2025 PLEDGE CARDS – Pledge cards were gathered on November 3rd during both services. We also received numerous cards in the collection plate and mail. If you have not yet returned your 2025 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.

2024 GIVING – As we near the end of the year, if you would like to know your status of pledge vs actual donations, feel free to give me a call or send me an email and I can quickly and easily prepare a year-to-date statement for you.

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Thank you for your support of St. Barnabas.

Janette Sofranko, Financial Secretary

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND RECEPTION

Memorial and Reception for Gary Richmond will be Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 pm

We are looking for some folks to help out with the receptions. If you would like to help, please contact Jane Delgadillo at 805-680-8712. Thank you!

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY AND DIOCESAN CONVENTION – The Nominating Committee has begun its work to identify and recruit three new Vestry members for three-year terms. In addition, seven people to be nominated to represent St. Barnabas at the Diocesan Convention. Terms begin with the Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th. If you have someone that you think should be considered by the Nominating Committee then please let them know. The committee includes Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz, Brian Petersen, and Tracy Schiro.

DIOCESAN ADVENT RETREAT – You are invited to join others from around the diocese for our annual Advent Retreat. This year it will be on **Saturday, December 14th, 10am to 3pm**, at St. James in Paso Robles. The theme this year is “Encountering Emmanuel,” and there will be both large group and small group discussions, as well as personal time (for things like walking or journaling), and we will begin and end with worship. Lunch will be offered; there is a suggested \$10 donation to cover the cost of lunch, but this is not required. In the busyness of this time of year, it’s easy to overlook the spiritual nourishment that this season provides, but sometimes it’s when we are most busy that we most need care for our souls. Register here: tinyurl.com/DioceneRetreat24

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 15 – 8:00 am and 10:00 am (**Children’s Christmas Pageant**) Eucharist

Sunday, December 15 – 5:00 pm – Advent Lessons & Carols (Childcare provided, Reception following)

Saturday, December 21 – 3:00 pm – Peace Gathering

Sunday, December 22 – 8:00 am and 10:00 am Eucharist

Tuesday, December 24 – 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm – Christmas Eve Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25 – 10:00 am – Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday, December 29 – (no 8:00 worship) – 10:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 6 – 8:00 am and 10:00 am Eucharist and Epiphany celebration

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER VIRTUALLY

Sunday morning WORSHIP at 10:00 am – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00 am 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 Mark. 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 Thérèse of Lisieux. Her "little way" is a hard way, but one that is easily recognized by most of us who know that we are not among the great souls of history, and who are more used to gray days than hours spent bathed in blazing spiritual light. We are using Simply Surrender, an edited collection of prayers and reflections from her autobiography.

We meet every Friday from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. We next meet **in person** next on **Friday, December 13th** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. On 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 2025 – Rachel Mann, Carlos Ortiz (Jr. Warden), Brian Petersen
Class of 2026 – Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, Tracy Schiro (Sr. Warden)
Class of 2027 – Leslie Campbell, Tom DeNatale, Corey Kielan

This Week's Altar Guild Team:

Janette Sofranko, Ann Mathias, Michele Davenport, Susan DeNatale

Sunday School Teacher:

Adrienne & Corey Kielan

Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:

8:00 am: Michele Davenport, Ann Mathias

10:00 am: Paul & Tracy Schiro, Ann Feather

This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:

8:00 am: Carlos Ortiz, Robert Merritt

10:00 am: Steve Jerrick, Harry Johnson

CALENDAR
December 8 - 15

TODAY	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Buildings & Grounds meeting.....	11:15 am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library)	9:30 am
	Biblical Roundtable (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library).....	10:00 am
	12-Step Meeting (outdoors).....	12:00 noon
Wednesday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid	12:15 pm
	Writing From Life class.....	2:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal.....	5:30 pm
Thursday	Morning Yoga with Sigrid.....	9:30 am
Friday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid	12:15 pm
	Centering Prayer (in-Person)	4:00 pm
Saturday	Gary Richmond Memorial	2:00 pm
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion w/ Children’s Pageant	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Winter Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols	5:00 pm

**In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER/PREACHER The Rev. Rob Keim
 DEACON The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
 8AM MUSIC Sharon Williams
 MUSIC MINISTER Janis Johnson
 CHORAL SCHOLARS Leah Coffey, Catryna Benander
 Zach Allen, Alexander Miller

8 am

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER Michele Davenport
 LECTOR Lorrie Erno
 CHALICE Karen Reinecke
 USHERS Carlos Ortiz, David Williams
 VESTRY ON CALL Carlos Ortiz
 COFFEE MINISTRY HOST Carlos Ortiz

10 am

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER Bob Taylor
 LECTOR Nancy Taylor
 CHALICES Kevin Pence, Debbie Miller, Todd Long
 USHERS Jim & Linda Kilponen, Diane Wilcock
 VESTRY ON CALL Tom DeNatale
 LIVESTREAM Jeff Diehl
 COFFEE MINISTRY HOST Steve Jerrick, Harry Johnson



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