



# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 15, 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/](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 lighted by Ann Mathias in celebration of the birthday of her grandson, Conner Castleman, and her son, Brent Mathias.

Poinsettias have been placed on the altar John and Mary Ann Hjalmarson in celebration of their anniversary; by Tricia and David Ottesen in celebration of the birthday of their son, Neil.

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

### *Notable Events*

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>Advent Lessons &amp; Carols 5:00 pm</b> <i>(Childcare provided, Reception following)</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Peace Gathering 3:00 pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day 10:00 am service</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Dec 29</b>	<b>Christmas Lessons &amp; Carols * no 8:00am service</b>

## Voluntary

### Introit

#### The Holly and the Ivy

Sung by the Choral Scholars

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

*Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom as white as the lily flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour. *Refrain*

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. *Refrain*

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. *Refrain*

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. *Refrain*

ENGLISH TRADITIONAL CAROL

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

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Stand as you are able.*

### OPENING HYMN

Hark! the glad sound!

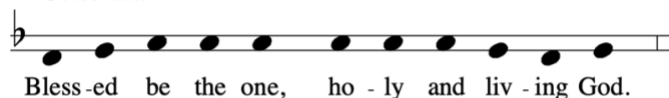
1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

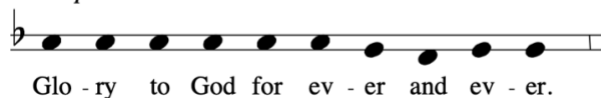
pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

*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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*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.

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

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

*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.

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 4:4-7**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel (v. 1-4)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - ell

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.

At our 10:00 am  
worship service the  
Gospel reading and  
sermon are replaced by  
the Children's Pageant.

**8:00 AM GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18**

*All stand.*

*Deacon*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**8:00 AM THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Rob Keim**

*Followed by a moment of silent meditation.*

**10:00 AM THE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**

Lead by Pam Pano and Natalia Berryman

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel** (v. 5-8)

Prior page



## 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.

## 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.**

*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.*

*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.*

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 **Joshua, Taylor, Aly & Andre, Carl Hunter, Bill G., Deanna Madeson, Isabel, Delores & family, Arila, Farrid, Saluero, Jose & Moria Avila, Richard Placho, and for those who have died**, 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.**

*(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*        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.*

## **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                    A Maiden Most Gentle                    *Sung by The Chancel Choir***

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing  
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

How blest is the birth of her heavenly child  
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call  
The Lord of creation and Saviour of all  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare  
And marveled in awe at the babe in her care  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray  
Sing praise to the Savior, sing endless Amen  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*  
*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

**WORDS:** THE VENERABLE BEDE, PARAPHRASED BY ANDREW CARTER  
**MUSIC:** FRENCH TRADITIONAL MELODY ARRANGED BY ANDREW CARTER

**DOXOLOGY**

*The people stand and sing*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'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 also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give 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.**

*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 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.**

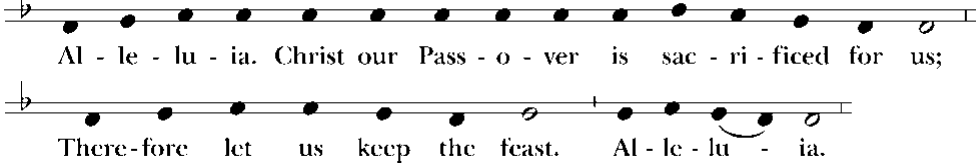
**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

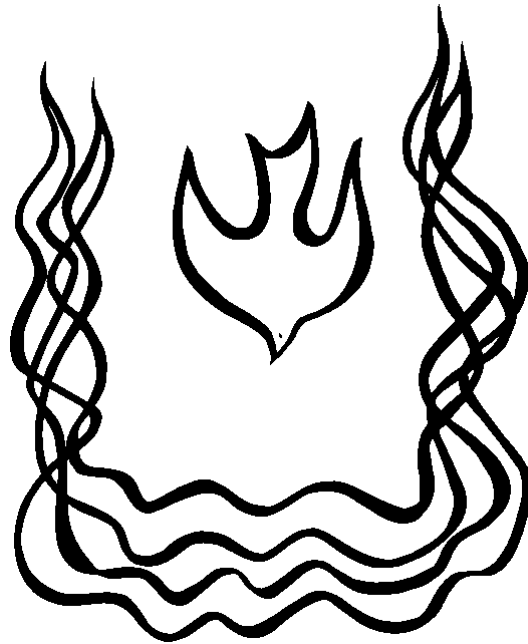
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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

Watchmen tell us of the night

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COMMUNION HYMN

Swing low, sweet chariot

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Swing — low, sweet char - i - ot, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. Fine

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see —  
 2. If you get — there be - fore — I do, —  
 3. The bright - est day that — ev - er I saw —  
 4. I'm some - times up and — some - times down, —

1. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. A band — of an - gels  
 2. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all — my friends I'm  
 3. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my  
 4. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. But still — my soul feels

1. com - ing af - ter me, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,  
 2. com - ing too, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,  
 3. sins a - way, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,  
 4. heaven - ly bound, — Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,

*D.C.*

*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:** Conner Castleman, Brent Mathias, Katie Kragenbrink (12/17),  
Neil Ottesen (12/19)

**Anniversaries:** Brian Stoltey & Shea Scheuer (12/20)  
John & Mary Ann Hjalmarson (12/23)

### **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

When we all get to heaven

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus, Sing His mer - cy and His grace;  
 2. While we walk the pil - grim path-way, Clouds will o - ver - spread the sky;  
 3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv - ing ev - 'ry day;  
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon His beau - ty we'll be-hold;

1. In the man - sion bright and bless - ed, He'll pre - pare for us a place.  
 2. But when trav - 'ling days are o - ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.  
 3. Just one glimpse of Him in glo - ry Will the toils of life re - pay;  
 4. Soon the pearl - y gates will o - pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all \_\_\_\_\_ get to heav - en, What a day of re-

When we all get to heav - en, What a

joic - ing that will be! \_\_\_\_\_ When we all \_\_\_\_\_ see

day of re - joic - ing that will be! When we all see

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry. \_\_\_\_\_

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry.

*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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805-801-4526

Thank you for your support of St. Barnabas.

Janette Sofranko, Financial Secretary

**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.

### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**TONIGHT! 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 5 – 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/](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.

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](https://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](mailto: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, January 10<sup>th</sup>** (and every 2nd Friday) at St Barnabas. On all other Fridays we meet via Zoom: [bit.ly/stbarnabascenteringprayer](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

**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:**

Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

**Sunday School Teacher:**

Robert Merritt, Paula Smith

**Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:**

8:00 am: Carlos Ortiz

10:00 am: Steve Jerrick, Harry Johnson

**This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:**

8:00 am: Ken Kaisch, Karen Reinecke

10:00 am:

ADVENT

*Festival*

OF

LESSONS & CAROLS

with the St. Barnabas' Choral Scholars & Chancel Choir

**TONIGHT**

Sunday, December 15 | 5:00 pm

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**RECEPTION FOLLOWING, CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

**CALENDAR**  
**December 15 - 22**

<b>TODAY</b>	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion <b>with Children’s Pageant</b> .....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	<b>Winter Festival of Advent Lessons &amp; Carols</b> .....	<b>5:00 pm</b>
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 ( <b>via-Zoom</b> ) .....	4:00 pm
Saturday	Gary Richmond Memorial .....	2:00 pm
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  
 8AM MUSIC Sharon Williams  
 MUSIC MINISTER Janis Johnson  
 CHORAL SCHOLARS Leah Coffey, Catryna Benander  
 Zach Allen, Alexander Miller

**8 am**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Carlos Ortiz  
 LECTOR Melissa Biel  
 CHALICE/COFFEE HOST Karen Reinecke  
 USHERS Lorrie Erno, Ann Mathias  
 VESTRY ON CALL Robert Merritt  
 COFFEE MINISTRY HOST Ken Kaisch

**10 am**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Debbie Miller  
 LECTOR Cassidy Rowland  
 CHALICES Bob & Nancy Taylor, Tom Bormes  
 USHERS David & Susan Murray, Carolyn Flynn  
 VESTRY ON CALL Sheila Miller  
 LIVESTREAM Adam Loveridge  
 COFFEE MINISTRY HOST



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