



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 22, 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 and Candle Dedications – Candles are lighted by Jerri Pence in celebration of her grandson Matthew Pence.

Poinsettias have been placed on the altar by Kim Valois in loving memory of Adah Kirkpatrick.

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

Notable Events

TUESDAY	Dec 24	Christmas Eve 4:45 pm and 10:45 pm
WEDNESDAY	Dec 25	Christmas Day 10:00 am service
DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 1 OFFICE CLOSED		
SUNDAY	Dec 29	Christmas Lessons & Carols 10:00 am (No 8:00 am worship)
SUNDAY	Jan 5	Eucharist and Celebration of Epiphany 8:00 am and 10:00 am
THURSDAY	JAN 15	Begin three-week Book Study Series 7:00 pm

Voluntary

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, 1685-1750

Introit

Ave Maria

Sung by the Choral Scholars

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.*

*Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.*

TRANSLATION

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

MUSIC: CHRIS BEARER

This is our fourth and last 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 "sarum blue" (Sarum being the ancient Latin name for Salisbury.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Sleepers wake!

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of gracc, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

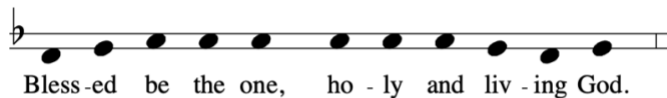
sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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

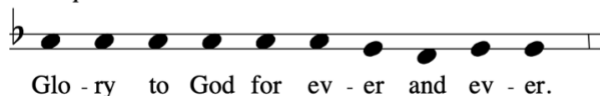
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant



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

People



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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

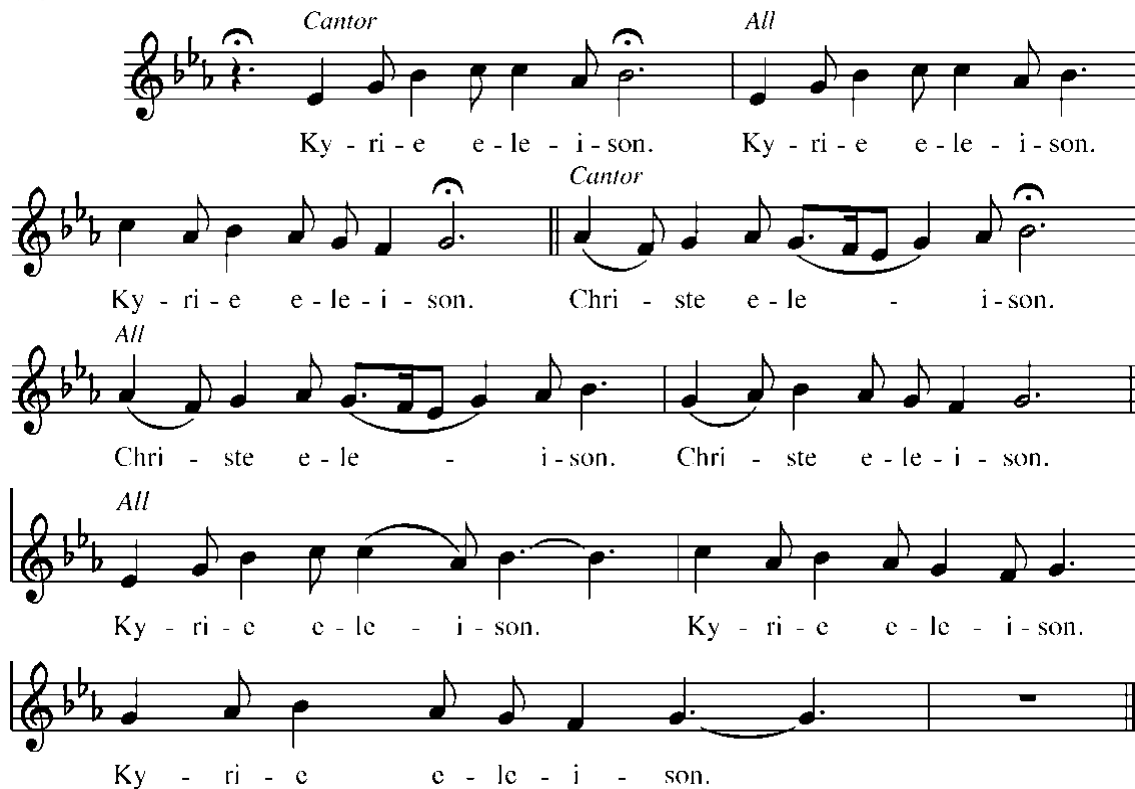
Dios omnipotente, para quien todos los corazones están manifiestos, todos los deseos conocidos y ningún secreto encubierto: Purifica los pensamientos de nuestros corazones con la inspiración de tu Santo Espíritu, para que perfectamente te amemos y dignamente celebremos tu Santo Nombre; por Cristo nuestro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

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

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.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from the Prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

CANTICLE 16 Luke 1:46-55 (The Song of Mary)

Said by All

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

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.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

King of glory, King of peace (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 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

All stand.

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

King of glory, King of peace (v 3)
Prior Page

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cn. Doug Edwards

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.**

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 **Patty & Shawn MacRoberts, Mary Kilponen, David Martin, Donna Grenek, Jan, Patricia Bartolini, Joan, Marsha Bolyanatz, Jefferson Mendoza Sephanie & Bodie, 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

What Sweeter Music

Sung by The Chancel Choir

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing
the birth of this our heavenly King?
We see him come, and know him ours,
Who with his sunshine and his showers
turns all the patient ground to flowers.

So we will see him, and bequeath this holly and this ivy wreath,
to do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
and give the honour to this day
that sees December turn to May.

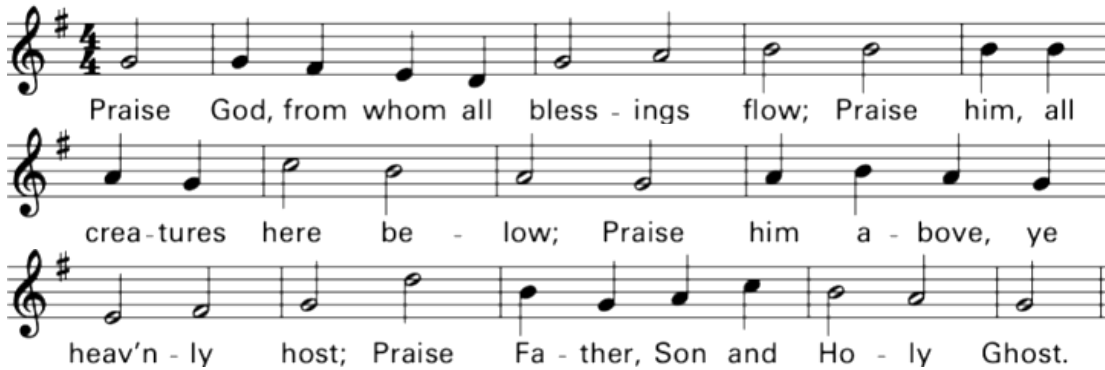
The darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here is the heart.
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
What sweeter music can we bring to sing the birth
of this our heavenly King?

TEXT: ROBERT HERRICK

MUSIC: *LINDEN LEA*, RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

DOXOLOGY

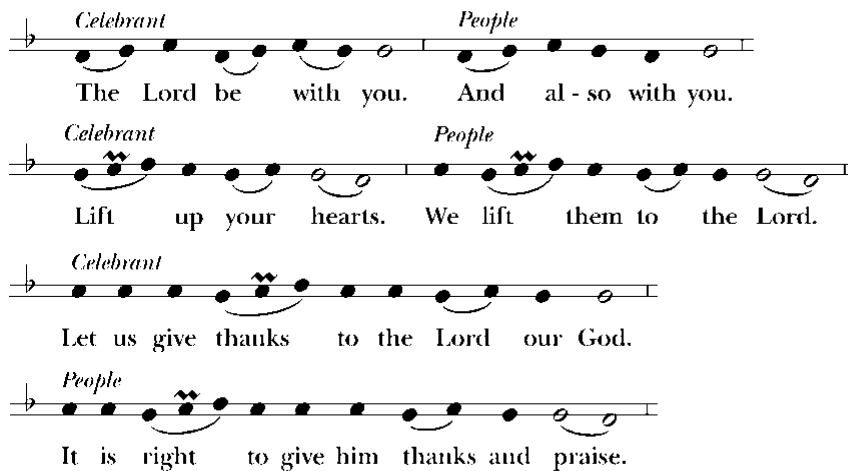
The people stand and sing



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.



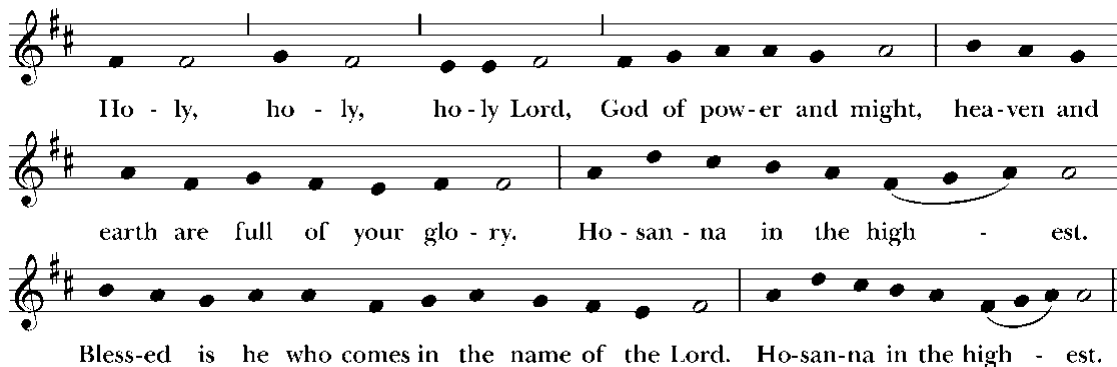
Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.**

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. All are welcome at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN

I wonder as I wander

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

Unison

1. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, How
 2. When Ma - ry birthed Je - sus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With
 3. If Je - sus had want - ed for an - y wee thing, A
 4. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, How

Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die For
 wise men and farm - ers and shep - herds and all. But
 star in the sky or a bird on the wing, Or
 Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die For

poor, orn - 'ry peo - ple like you and like I; I
 high from God's heav - en a star's light did fall, The
 all of God's an - gels in heav'n for to sing, He
 poor, orn - 'ry peo - ple like you and like I; I

Optional Coda

won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.
 prom - ise of a - ges it then did re - call.
 sure - ly could have it, 'cause He was the King.
 'won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky. Out un - der the sky.

COMMUNION HYMN

For the bread which you have broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tic un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Birthdays: Matthew Pence, John Totten (12/24)

Anniversaries: Brian Stoltey & Shea Scheuer (12/20),
Mary Ann & John Hjalmarson (12/23), Gary & Ann Coker (12/26)

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 **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.

THE BLESSING

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel (v. 1, 5-8)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 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
 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.
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 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 - el!

Deacon Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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J.S. BACH

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

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.

BOOK STUDY SERIES – On Thursday, January 15th at 7:00pm we will start a three-week series on Walter Wink's book "The Powers That Be."

All of us deal with the Powers That Be. They staff our hospitals, run City Hall, sit around tables in corporate boardrooms, collect our taxes, and head our families. But the Powers That Be are more than just the people who run things. They are the systems themselves, the institutions and structures that weave society into an intricate fabric of power and relationships. These Powers surround us on every side. They are necessary. They are useful. We could do nothing without them. Who wants to do without timely mail delivery or well-maintained roads? But the Powers are also the source of unmitigated evils. Corporations and governments are "creatures" whose sole purpose is to serve the general welfare. And when they refuse to do so, their spirituality becomes diseased. They become "demonic." Furthermore, unjust systems perpetuate themselves by means of institutionalized violence. However, even these rebellious Powers can be transformed in the crucible of God's love.

Jesus' gospel is God's answer to that system of domination. It offers an alternative more radical and thoroughgoing than any other in human history. Jesus himself, in his own life, broke the endless spiral of violence by absorbing its impact in his own flesh, and in his teachings about nonviolence he showed us a new way of living. Nonviolence leads not just to a new politics and a new society, however; it also involves the very personal task of forgiving our enemies. And it requires a deep spirituality centered in prayer that can liberate us from the illusions spun over us by the Powers and that can free us to create a society more friendly to life. In a world sinking into ever-deeper injustice and violence, Jesus offers an alternative

Purchase the book from your favorite bookseller and read the Introduction and Chapter 1 before the first class. Each of the one hour classes will review several chapters from the book and segue into a discuss about how we be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world to reclaim our society for God.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

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/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

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, January 10th** (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:

Jane Delgadillo, Pam Pano, Jerri Pence, Charmaine Petersen, Gerti Garner

Sunday School Teacher:

Pam & Aly Pano

Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:

8:00 am: Ken Kaisch, Karen Reinecke

10:00 am: Gerti Garner, Chris Williams

This Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:

8:00 am: David & Sharon Williams

10:00 am: Julie Shires

CALENDAR
December 22 - 29

TODAY	In-Person Holy Communion.....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library)	9:30 am
	Biblical Roundtable (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library).....	10:00 am
	12-Step Meeting (outdoors)	12:00 noon
	Christmas Eve Eucharist (childcare provided).....	4:45 pm
	Christmas Eve Eucharist	10:45 pm
Wednesday	Christmas Day Holy Communion.....	10:00 am
Friday	Centering Prayer (via Zoom).....	4:00 pm
Sunday	Christmas Lessons & Carols	10:00 am no 8:00 am service
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am

**In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER/PREACHER	The Cn. Rev. Doug Edwards
DEACON	The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
8AM MUSIC	Sharon Williams
MUSIC MINISTER	Janis Johnson
CHORAL SCHOLARS	Ava Portz, Rachel Mann, Taylor Hatch

8 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Karen Reinecke
LECTOR	Georgianna Gleason
CHALICE	Carlos Ortiz
USHERS	Ann Mathias, Michele Davenport
VESTRY ON CALL	Corey Kielan
COFFEE MINISTRY HOST	David & Sharon Williams

10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	David Murray
LECTOR	Tricia Ottesen
CHALICES	Kevin Pence, Tom Bormes, Pamela Jones
USHERS	Pat & Penny Chambers, Tom Bormes
VESTRY ON CALL	Tracy Schiro
LIVESTREAM	Corey Kielan
COFFEE MINISTRY HOST	Julie Shires



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