



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

EPIPHANY SUNDAY | JANUARY 5TH, 2025

8:00 am & 10:00 am



*Cynthia C. – Joyful Nativity
from Etsy painting: [tiny.cc/epiphany25](https://www.etsy.com/listing/1234567890)*

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

Welcome to Indoor Worship at St. Barnabas'!

Welcome to our in-person indoor worship service. In order to worship safely we will:

- Have doors and windows open to provide fresh airflow,
- Be limited to those who have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not recently tested positive for COVID.
- Recommend that a mask be worn at all times, however, masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated and are healthy,
- Please note that we do not require COVID vaccination to attend worship at St. Barnabas.

Distribution of bread and wine:

- Starting from the balcony and then the back of the room, Ushers will invite you forward to receive the bread and wine.
- Then you may take a small bowl of wine from the tray and consume the wine before returning to your seat. Empty bowls may be placed in the baskets along the side of the room.
- If you prefer, instead of an individual bowl, you may drink wine from the common chalice.
- If you are unable to come forward, let the ushers know so the bread can be brought to you.

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

Welcome to Online St. Barnabas!

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

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

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

Flowers and Candle Dedications – Candles are lighted by Carol Wilcock to the glory of God and thanksgiving for the birthdays of her granddaughter, Cynthia Smith, and Carol’s sister, Harriet Russell-Mosley.

Poinsettias placed by Jerri Pence in celebration of the birthdays of her son, Kevin Pence, and granddaughter, Kate Pence.

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

Notable Events

THURSDAY	JAN 15	Begin a three-week Book Study Series 7:00 pm
SUNDAY	JAN 26	Parish Annual Meeting 11:15 am

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

Cold the Winter

Sung by The Choral Scholars

Cold, the winter, Bright, the star, Leading shepherds from afar,
Here the hopes of nations are: *Glory in excelsis.*

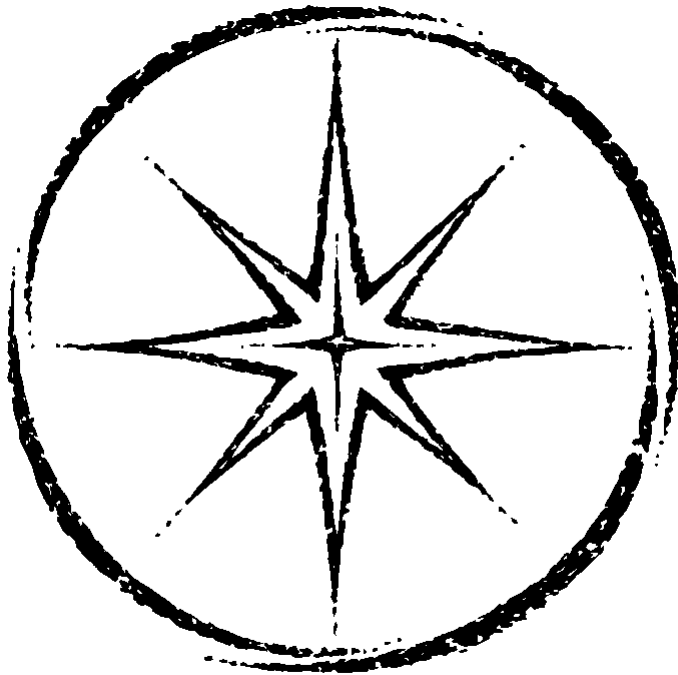
Dark, the stable, Soft, the hay, where the baby Jesu lay,
On the world's dividing day: *Glory in excelsis.*

Love: the Mother, Love: the child, every soul that saw them smiled.
Hope and heaven, reconciled: *Glory in excelsis.*

Sing, all angels! Send the sound ringing through the world around.
By God's grace, salvation found: *Glory in excelsis.*

WORDS: Beverly Easterling

MUSIC: Mark Schweizer



THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

Today, a day early, we are celebrating the major feast day of Epiphany. It is normally celebrated on January 6th. Epiphany is a celebration of the light of the world that has come into the world as Jesus. The color for this feast day is white.

ENTRANCE HYMN

The first Nowell

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.' The second system continues the melody and accompaniment for the same lyrics.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff with a bass clef. The notes are all quarter notes, and the lyrics are 'Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.'

People

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

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff with a bass clef. The notes are all quarter notes, and the lyrics are 'Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.'

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

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 Collect for Purity is a prayer of preparation. We bring many things with us into worship, and we ask the Holy Spirit to help us set those distractions aside, even briefly, so that we may focus on our worship of God.

OPENING ANTHEM

Angels we have heard on high!

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

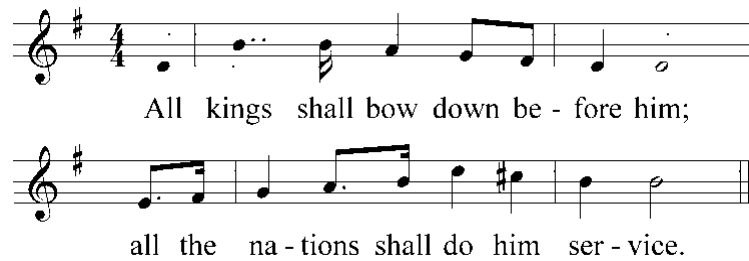
People **Thanks be to God.**

Each Sunday, our worship includes a reading from (a) the Old Testament, (b) the Psalms, (c) the New Testament, and (d) the Gospels.

Our readings are on a pre-set three-year cycle called "The Revised Common Lectionary" or RCL. We are currently in Year C of that three-year cycle.

We respond to the reading of Scripture by thanking God for the gift it is to us.

PSALM 72:1-7,10-14



All kings shall bow down before him;
all the nations shall do him service.

8 am Said by All
10 am Cantor sings Refrain
All repeat
Choral Scholars sing verses
All sing Refrain

- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. *Refrain*
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. *Refrain*
- ¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. *Refrain*
- ¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- ¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known

to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Look up! Look up! Look up!

Look up! Look up! Look up! See the light of the
sta - r Look up! Look up! Look up! See the
light of the sta - r *Refrain* For the word of the Lord is a
light, shin - ing in the dark - ness un - til the
day dawns, and the Morn - ing Star a - ris - es in your hearts.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

All stand.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then,

opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Look up! Look up! Look up!

Prior page

THE SERMON

The Rev. Rob Keim

Followed by a moment of silent mediation.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Episcopal Church does not have a separate statement of faith or list of things we believe. Instead we hold the ancient Creeds, such as the Apostles' and Nicene, to be our statements of faith. They contain the core of our belief as Christians, but do not limit our faith.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

We pray for the diverse and vibrant native communities who make their home here and across these lands. For all Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we are worshipping this morning. *Silence*

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

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

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our St. Barnabas' community, we pray for **Mavis Trelstedt, Bill Shirefly, Chantelle Powell, Bill G., Marilyn, Karen R., Debbie Estes-Kielan, Brenja, Paul, Katie Kragenbrink, Kathy Logan, Shirly Holgate, Richard Racho, Rex, and Angela.** *Silence*

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray for **Danielle Blanchard, Brig. Gen. Thomas Eugene White Jr., John Kuspa, and John Harry Jorgenson II.** *Silence*

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

*(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)
And after a moment of silence the Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant

People

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Birthdays: Kris Vardas (12/31), Ann Coker (1/1), Dcn. Susan Arnold (1/8)
Keven Pence, Kate Pence

Anniversaries:

Birthday Prayer

Gracious God, who made us in your own image, we thank you for life, love, and joy. Send your blessing upon these your children, who have completed another year. Surround them with your grace, fill them with your love, and strengthen them to be your servants in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

We thank you, Gracious God, for the love you have implanted in the hearts of your servants and for your continued blessings upon them. Give them kind and loving hearts, always ready to ask forgiveness as well as to forgive. Support them through times of trial, strengthen their love for one another, and may that love empower them to be instruments of God's love in the world. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**Three Kings from Persian Lands
Sung by the Choral Scholars**

In Bethlehem, that noble place, of Virgin Mary, full of grace,
within a stable all forlorn, the Saviour of the World is born.

*Be we merry in this feast,
In quo Salvator natus est [in which the Savior Christ is born].*

Three Kings from Persian lands afar following the distant star:
And this the quest of travellers three, where the new-born king may be.

Refrain

The star shines out with steadfast ray, the kings to Bethlehem make their way;
And there in worship they bend the knee, unto the child they'd come to see.

Refrain

The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting-place:
Gold, incense, myrrh thou cannot bring so give thy heart unto the King.

Refrain

MUSIC: *Salvator mundi natus est*, arr. By Gustav von Holst

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

DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing

Praise God, from whom all 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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

At 8:00 am the Sanctus is said by the Celebrant and People
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Deacon says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

The original version of this Eucharistic Prayer only listed the Patriarchs (men) from some of the early Old Testament stories. We know that God also honored the women of these stories, so we add them. You may note there are three men and four women. Remember that Leah and Rachel both had Jacob as a husband.

*We alternate, by season, between the traditional version of the **Lord's Prayer** and the contemporary version of the **Lord's Prayer**. In this season of Epiphany we are using the latter versions which was developed at a cross-denominational conference in in the 1970s.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant and People sing together

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God, all are welcomed at God's table.



COMMUNION HYMN

Once in royal David's city

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

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
 *3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
 *5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

COMMUNION HYMN

Break forth

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

1. Break forth, O beau-teous heav'n-ly light, And ush-er in the
 2. He comes, a Child, from realms on high, He comes the heav'ns a -

morn - ing; Ye shep-herds, shrink not with af - fright, But
 dor - ing; He comes to earth to live and die, A

hear the an-gel's warn-ing. This Child, now weak in in-fan-cy,
 bro-ken race re-stor-ing. Al-though the King of kings is He,

Our con-fi-dence and joy shall be. The pow'r of Sa-tan
 He comes in deep hu-mil-i-ty; His peo-ple to de-

break-ing, Our peace e-ter-nal mak-ing.
 liv-er, And reign in us for-ev-er.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

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

The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying

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

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



CONCLUDING HYMN

We three kings



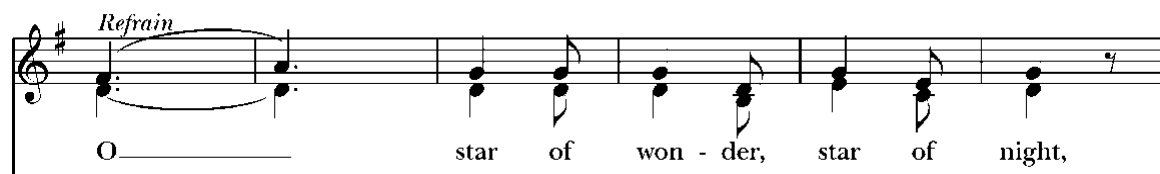
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



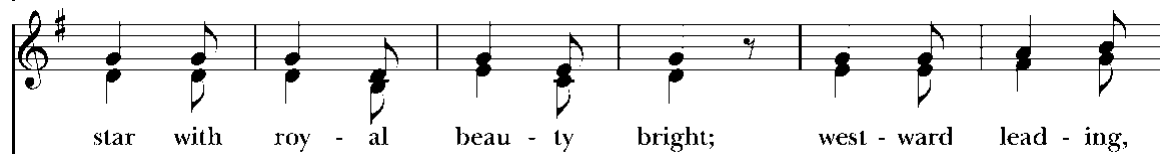
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



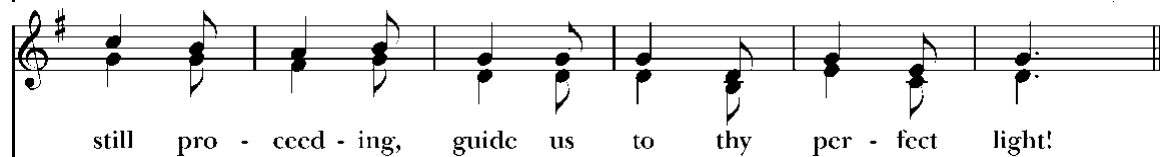
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

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

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.

SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOU – When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. A person in pain needs that kind help. That's one of the ways **Stephen Ministers** care for others. They share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving. People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That's why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it. Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring his love to those who are hurting. ***Do you need someone with these gifts to listen to you?*** Deacon Susan can find a Stephen Minister for you. Call the church or email her at dcnsusan.stbarnabas@gmail.com.

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.

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 Hildegard of Bingen, a mystic from the 11th and 12th centuries. She was a mystic (perhaps Germany's first) and a visionary, but she was also a prophet, a reformer, a scientist, an encyclopedist, a composer, and a dramatist – a Renaissance personality well before the Renaissance.

We are using *Let There Be Light* an edited collection of prayers and writings introducing some of her visions and spiritual insights.

We meet every Friday from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. We next meet **in person** this **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.

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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 Teachers:

Pam & Aly Pano

Thank you to all who helped with in the Coffee Hour Ministry in 2024!

CALENDAR
January 5 - 12

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
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
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion.....	10:00 am
	Children’s Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Buildings and Grounds Meeting.....	11:15 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 Lorrie Erno
 CHALICE Robert Merritt
 USHERS Lorrie Erno, Dave Rodgers
 VESTRY ON CALL Tom DeNatale
 COFFEE MINISTRY HOST Lorrie Erno, Ann Mathias

10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER Kevin Pence
 LECTOR Tricia Ottesen
 CHALICES Debbie Miller, Tom Bormes
 USHERS Jim & Linda Kilponen, Tom Bormes
 VESTRY ON CALL Tracy Schiro
 LIVESTREAM Corey Kielan
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