



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 7, 2025

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.

Flower and Candle Dedications – Candles are lighted by Carol Wilcock to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, George; Pam & David Pano in memory of Rebecca Dominador and in celebration of Alysenne & Andre Magno's anniversary; and Bill Cockshott in celebration of Matthew Manos' birthday.

Greens have been placed on the altar by Lynne Schultz in memory of her mother, Ruth Ross.

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

Notable Events

SUNDAY	DEC 7	ADVENT ADVENTURES – MOVIE NIGHT 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	DEC 14	ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS AND RECEPTION 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	DEC 14	ADVENT ADVENTURES – GAME NIGHT 5:00 PM

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

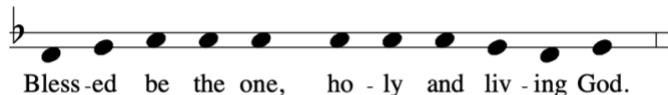
During this Season of Advent, we observe a moment of silence at this point of our worship.

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

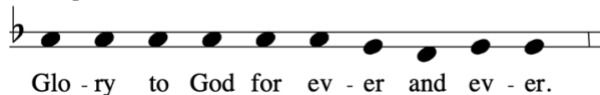
The color for the Season of Advent is purple or blue. As a way to mark this season of expectation and hope, we wear blue vestments at St. Barnabas. This is a recovery of an ancient English tradition stemming from Salisbury Cathedral, so the particular blue that is worn is referred to as "saram blue"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

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant



People



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
celebrems 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

Cantor

All



Cantor



All



*In this season of
Advent our
Song of Praise is a Kyrie
which is Greek for
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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.

Our Old Testament readings from the prophet Isaiah is a message of hope for those that have been feeling hopeless. Prophets seem to alternate between using vividly violent language to shake people out of there comfort zone and using beautiful comfort language to give people hope.

8 am: Spoken

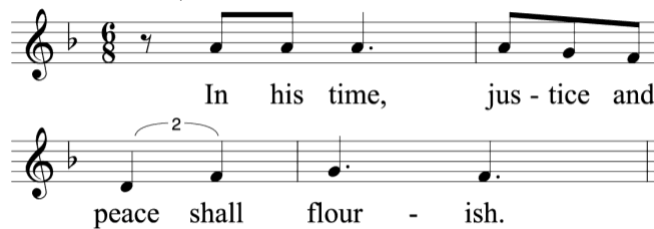
10 am: Choral Scholar
sings Refrain,
all repeat.
Choir sings verses.

This psalm is a royal psalm. It is the leader's responsibility to uphold and administer justice with divine assistance, and personify the moral order.

*A righteous leader can lend a sense of **hope** to those who are in need.*

It is not a typo. The psalm actually says "Amen. Amen."

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19



- 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*
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
**and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen. *Refrain***

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

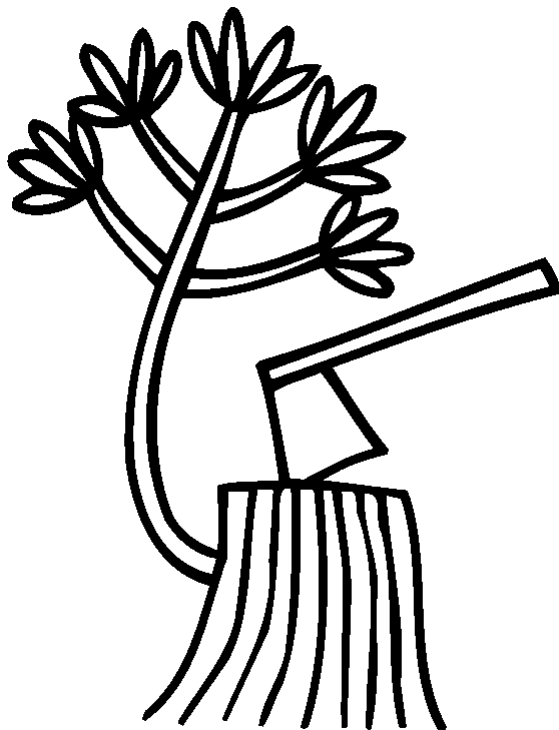
Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christ sets an example for the rest of us of which we are to imitate. Christ is humble, sustains the powerless, and glorifies God.

*This passage is also a message of **hope**, hope that come from the Holy Spirit.*

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

There's a voice in the wilderness crying (v. 1-2)

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —
 2 O — Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God — en - du - reth, the —

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they — per - ish, like
 feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!
 na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;
 lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

All stand.

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN

**There’s a voice in the wilderness crying (v. 3)
Prior Page**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Rob Keim

Followed by a moment of silent meditation.

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.

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 ancestral homeland we worship today, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For **Phyllis, Eddie Stoberl, the Bennett family, Shelley, Alicia Salguero & family, Betty, the Sanchez family, Ricardo Coleada & family, the Mitchell family, the Sanford family, the Rev. Tony & Connie Willens, Pricehila, Eloisa Angelo, Isaac, Renee, Erika Nickeson, Brenda & Rob, Rhiannon, Juliana, Moon, Lyn & Leslie Campbell, Melissa & Gary Slavin, and the Madina-Prado family, and for those who have died, especially Paul Honeycutt, Viola Ford Fletcher, Jim Bennett, Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, and Chuck LoGuidace.**

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.)

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.

*Some of the names in bold have been written in the prayer book at the **St. Barnabas Thrift Shop**. In this way we are extending our prayers to those in our broader community.*

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.

If online, then type
“Peace” or another
appropriate phrase
into the comment
section of Facebook
Live.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The people sit.

Those with a birthday, anniversary, or other celebration come forward for a blessing.

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.

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

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

Gabriel of high degree

Sung by Choral Scholars

*Nova, nova. Ave fit ex Eva.
("Tidings! Tidings! Promise of salvation!")*

Gabriel of high degree,
he was sent from the Trinity,
to Nazareth in Galilee.

Nova, nova.

He met a maiden in that place;
there he knelt down before her face
and said, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace.'

Nova, nova.

When the maiden heard his song,
she was filled with confusion strong
and feared that she had done a wrong.

Nova, nova.

Said the angel, 'Have no fear;
by conception without compare
the Savior Jesus shall you bear.'

Nova, nova.

'There are yet but six months gone
since Elizabeth conceived John,
to be the herald of God's Son.'

Nova, nova.

Said the maiden, 'Verily,
I am your servant right truly,
the handmaid of the Lord now see.'

Nova, nova. Nova, nova.

*Nova, nova. Ave fit ex Eva.
("Tidings! Tidings! Promise of salvation!")*

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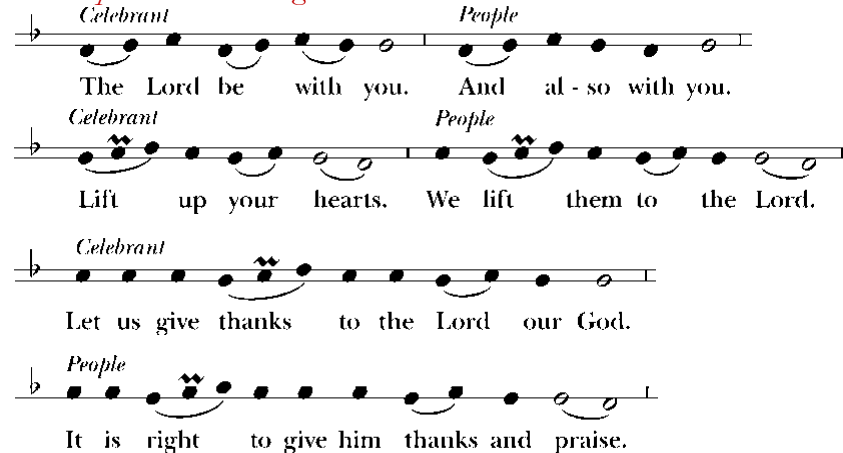
DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.



The Celebrant continues

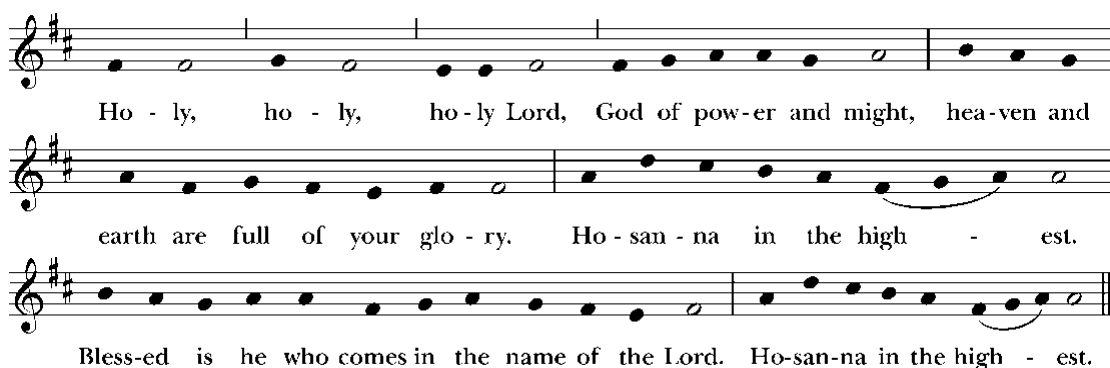
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

In this season of Advent we are using **Eucharistic Prayer B** from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

This paragraph is specific language that is used in the Season of Advent. It is called the **proper preface**.



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.**

*This **three-fold saying** is our hope in the past, our hope in the present, and our hope in the future.*

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

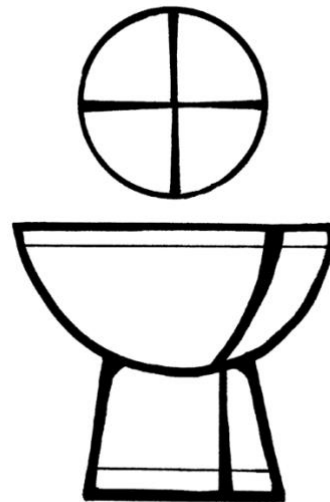
The Celebrant says

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

The People respond

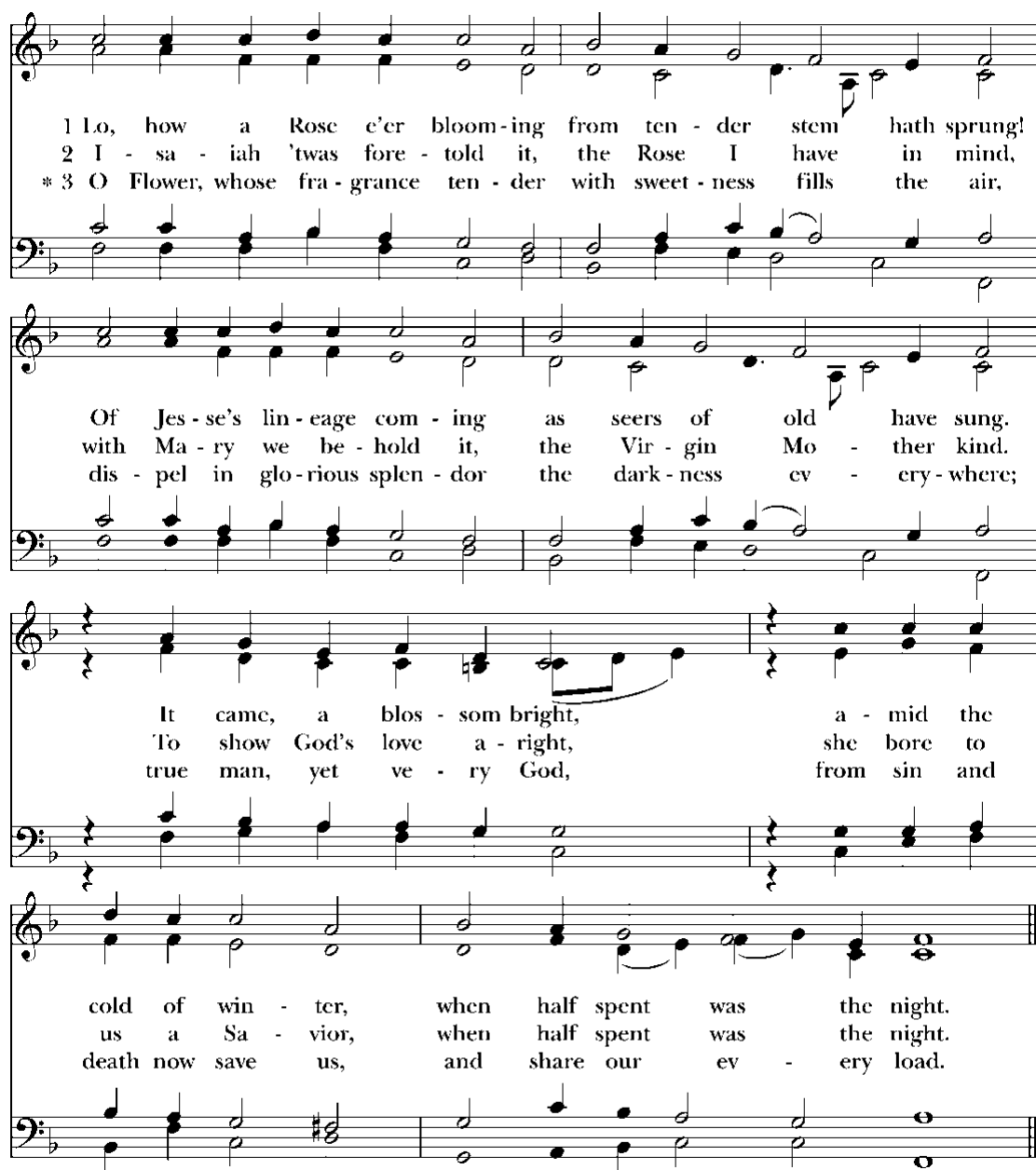
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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



COMMUNION HYMN

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

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

All of our hymns today
are traditional
Advent hymns from
our 1982 Hymnal.
Across the five
Episcopal hymnals
there are 56 Advent
hymns.

We wait until
Christmas Eve to sing
Christmas carols.

COMMUNION HYMN

The desert shall rejoice

The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose: 1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

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.

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

Come, thou long expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

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.

You may notice that as the cross comes in at the beginning of worship and out at the end of worship, some **reverence or bow to the Cross** as it comes to their row. We don't bow to the people in the procession, we bow to the Cross and by extension what Jesus did for us on the Cross.

LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

ADVENT FESTIVAL – As we prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, join us for this popular seasonal service. Readings from Holy Scripture, carols, and seasonal choral music proclaim the coming of the Promised One. Livestream available. Join us on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 pm for this special celebration, featuring the Choral Scholars, alumni Choral Scholars, and the Chancel Choir.

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 25th. If you have someone that you think should be considered by the Nominating Committee then please let them know. The committee includes Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, and Tracy Schiro.

2026 PLEDGE CARDS – Pledge cards were gathered on November 2nd during both services. We also received numerous cards in the collection plate and mail. If you have not yet returned your 2026 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.

2025 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.

Cassidy Rowland, Financial Secretary

ANGEL GIFT CARDS – Thank you to everyone who bought gifts for ICE families. If you haven't purchased gifts and would still like to participate, we accept gifts until December 21st. Any and all gifts are great and much appreciated. Thanks everyone! See Laura McMaster at Coffee Hour for gift needs.

SUPPORT AT-RISK FAMILIES – Do you want to support immigrants and their families affected by recent ICE raids? For the next few months we are raising money to buy groceries and take them down to Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista in Santa Maria. This is the same Latino church we support in December with our Giving Tree donations. This church has had more than ten families in which the primary bread winner has been taken away by ICE. These families are afraid and need basic groceries. So we have stepped into to buy those groceries. Please donate by using the special envelope in the narthex or by making a check out to St. Barnabas and writing Immigrant/Migrant ministries in the memo line of your check.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

In addition to our Sunday morning Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am please join us for the following:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH – Advent Adventures – Wreath making – 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH – Advent Adventures – Movie Night – 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH – Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols – 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH – Advent Adventures – Sugar Cookies and Game Night – 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST – Youth Pageant: The Nativity Story – 10:00 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST – Advent Adventures – Gingerbread House Contest – 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – Christmas Eve Eucharist – 4:45pm and 10:45 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH – Christmas Morning Eucharist – 10:00 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH – Christmas Lessons & Carols – 10:00 am (No 8:00 am Eucharist)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH – Epiphany Sunday

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER VIRTUALLY

Sunday morning WORSHIP at 10:00 am – We live-stream our Sunday 10:00 am worship services on the St. Barnabas' Facebook page: facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/

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

If you would like to participate more fully in the service, the order of service booklet is available for download on the St. Barnabas website by clicking the big blue "Weekly Bulletin" button on our website. Sunday morning worship bulletin is available starting at 1:00 pm on Thursday.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER at 9:30 am – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. If you have a Book of Common Prayer at home that will be useful to have on hand.

Click this link to attend via your computer or device:

bit.ly/stbarnabasmorningprayer

To dial in call 1-669-900-6833. When prompted put in the Meeting ID of **878 6513 4138#** and when prompted for a password put in **365072#**, and then hit **#** a second time.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 10:00 am – Now Hybrid on Zoom and the church library in person. Bible Study will start at 10:00 am immediately following Morning Prayer. The Zoom login is the same as Morning Prayer (above). We are working through scripture passages on the theme of social justice. Feel free to contact Gerti Garner at ggrgarner@gmail.com for more information.

Friday 4:00 pm CENTERING PRAYER – Every Friday afternoon at 4 pm we hold a Centering Prayer group. After gathering, we practice 20 minutes of silent Centering Prayer. Following the practice, we read and discuss a passage from Brother Lawrence's "Living in the Presence of God." The reading will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

We meet on Fridays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm over Zoom

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86777561670?pwd=OEV0ajx1WXhuSGJINTIwbu1LUWR6Zz09>).

We meet in person on the second Friday of the month at St. Barnabas. We meet next **in person** on **Friday, December 12, 2025**.

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, enter the email address saintbarnabas.treasurer@gmail.com. The name of our bank account will show up as "RECTOR, WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS OF". There are no fees with this type of transaction. Should you have any questions, please call Cassidy Rowland at 805-536-1598.

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 Cassidy Rowland, Financial Secretary, at 805-536-1598. 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 2026 – Robert Merritt, Sheila Miller, Tracy Schiro (Sr. Warden)

Class of 2027 – Leslie Campbell, Tom DeNatale, Corey Kielan

Class of 2028 – Deb Habr, Candace Kincade, Paula Mason

Altar Guild Team:

Janette Sofranko, Ann Mathias, Susan DeNatale

Sunday School Teachers:

Pam Pano & Ally Magno

Youth Ministry Director:

Natalia Berryman

Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:

8 am: Julie Shires

CALENDAR

December 7 – December 14

TODAY	In-Person Holy Communion	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion.....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Advent Adventures – Movie Night.....	5:00 pm
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
	Finance Committee	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid	12:15 pm
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
	Choral Scholars Rehearsal.....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Morning Yoga with Sigrid.....	9:30 am
Friday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid	12:15 pm
	Centering Prayer (on Zoom)	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
	Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols.....	5:00 pm
	Advent Adventures – Sugar Cookies & Games.....	5:00 pm

**In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER/PREACHER	Rev. Rob Keim
DEACON	Rev. Susan Arnold
8 AM MUSIC	Sharon Williams
10 AM MUSIC	Janis Johnson
CHORAL SCHOLARS	Catryna Benander, Helena Fuller, Wyatt Traski

8 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Robert Merritt
LECTOR/CHALICE	Carlos Ortiz
USHERS	Dave Rodgers, Ann Mathias
VESTRY ON CALL	Candace Kincade
COFFEE HOUR	Ann Mathias, Lorrie Erno

10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Pamela Jones
LECTOR	Tricia Ottesen
CHALICES	David Murray, Adrienne Kielan, Nancy Taylor
USHERS	Pat & Penny Chambers, Diane Wilcock
VESTRY ON CALL	Sheila Miller
COFFEE HOUR	Steve Jerrick & Harry Johnson, Jim & Linda Kilponen
LIVESTREAM	Cole Martinez



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