



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 14, 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 front of the main floor and then the balcony, 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 David Murray in memory of his father, William Murray, and Carol Wilcock in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Karen Louise Wilcock-Floyd.

Poinsettias have been placed on the altar by Phyllis Porter in memory of Claude A. Porter, b. 12/13/1885 and Mary C. Porter, b. 12/13/1907, and Jim & Darlene McKinney in loving memory of their son, Tim McKinney.

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

Notable Events

SUNDAY	DEC 14	ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS AND RECEPTION 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	DEC 14	ADVENT ADVENTURES – GAME NIGHT 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	DEC 21	YOUTH PAGEANT DURING THE 10:00 AM EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	DEC 21	ADVENT ADVENTURES – GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING 5:00 PM

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

Advent Responsory

Sung by the Choral Scholars

THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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

Introit Lyrics:

*I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of
God coming,
and a cloud covering the
whole earth.*

*Go ye out to meet him and
say:*

*Tell us, art thou he that
should come to reign over
thy people Israel?*

*High and low, rich and
poor, one with another,
go ye out to meet him and
say:*

*Hear, O thou shepherd of
Israel,*

*thou that ledest Joseph
like a sheep. Tell us art
thou he that should come?*

*Stir up thy strength, O
Lord,*

*and come to reign over
thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost.*

*First Responsory of Advent
Sunday in the Office of
Matins, Early Medieval
Roman Rite G.P. Da
Palestrina (c. 1525-94)*

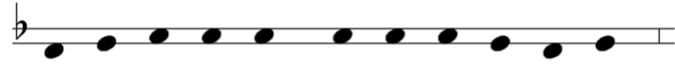
This is our third Sunday in the **Season of Advent**.
 Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby. The word "Advent" is Latin for "to come."

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

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.

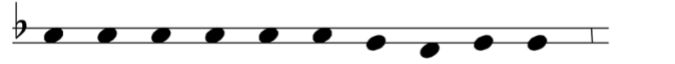
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant



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

People



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


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.**


SONG OF PRAISE

Cantor *All*




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



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



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.

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

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

*This pray asks God to "speedily help and delivery us" though we know from our own lived experience that sometimes we are called to be **patient**.*

*The prophet **Isaiah** combines words of warning with words of hope. The words we have for today have been used as a foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus. Our role is two-fold: wait **patiently** and when appropriate be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world.*

8 am: Spoken

10 am: Anglican chant,
Henry Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

The Song of Mary, also known as "The Magnificat" is spoken by Mary, the mother of Jesus, upon the occasion of her visit with her cousin Elizabeth. Tradition interprets this song as a hearty "yes" from Mary as she accepts being the mother of Jesus.

Wikipedia defines "**patience**" (or forbearing) as the state of endurance under difficult circumstances. It can mean persevering in the face of delay or provocation without acting in annoyance or anger. Patience is also used to refer to the character trait of being steadfast. Antonyms or opposites include hastiness and impetuosity.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed 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.

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

A Reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

People, look East (v. 1-3)

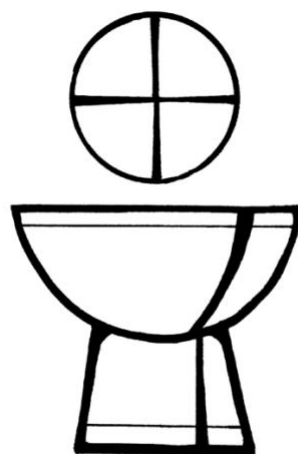
1 Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown-ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

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.



GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

All stand.

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN

**People, look East (v. 4-5)
Prior Page**

THE SERMON

Followed by a moment of silent meditation.

The Rev. Rob Keim



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 Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, 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.

*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 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 **Rhiannon, Robert, Jesus Salgado, Gloria Gonzalez & family, Maria, Bob Lund, Bill, Mike, Minnie, Brian, Jan, Joey, Jennifer, Jordan, Scott Hendricks, Milly, Valentino, and the Rev. Cn. Doug Edwards, and for those who have died, especially Mrs. Lund and Master Seargent Charles Shay.**

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.

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 online, then type
"Peace" or another
appropriate phrase
into the comment
section of Facebook
Live.*

*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 ANTHEM

Joys Seven

Sung by the Chancel Choir

The first good joy that Mary had it was the joy of one,
To see the blessed Jesus Christ, when he was first her son
When he was first her son, good man, and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good Joy that Mary had it was the joy of two,
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go,
To make the lame to go, good man, and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of three,
To see her own son Jesus Christ to make the blind to see.
To make the blind to see, good man, and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of four,
To see her own son Jesus Christ to read the bible o'er.
To read the bible o'er, good man, and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of five,
To see her own son Jesus Christ to bring the dead alive.
To bring the dead alive, good man, and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

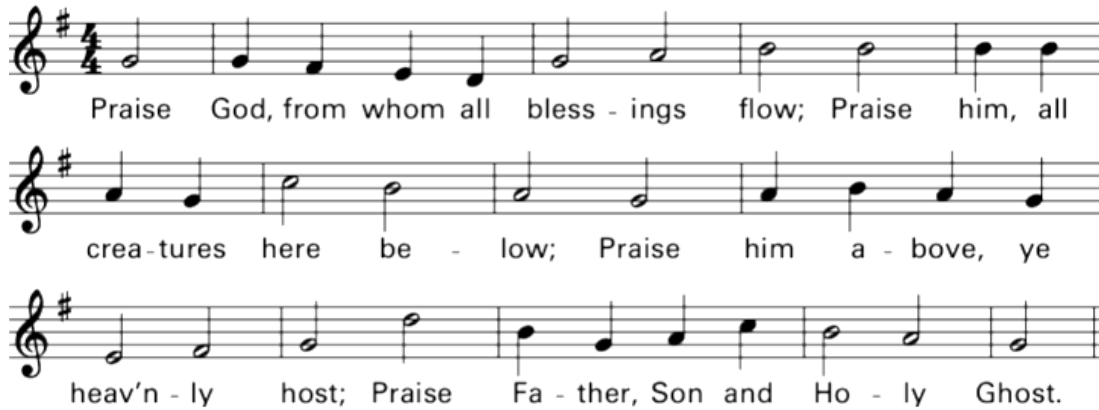
The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of six,
To see her own son Jesus Christ upon the crucifix,
Upon the crucifix, good man, and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of seven,
To see her own son Jesus Christ to wear the Crown of Heaven.
To wear the Crown of Heaven, good man, and blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, through all eternity.

English traditional carol arranged by Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

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 *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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

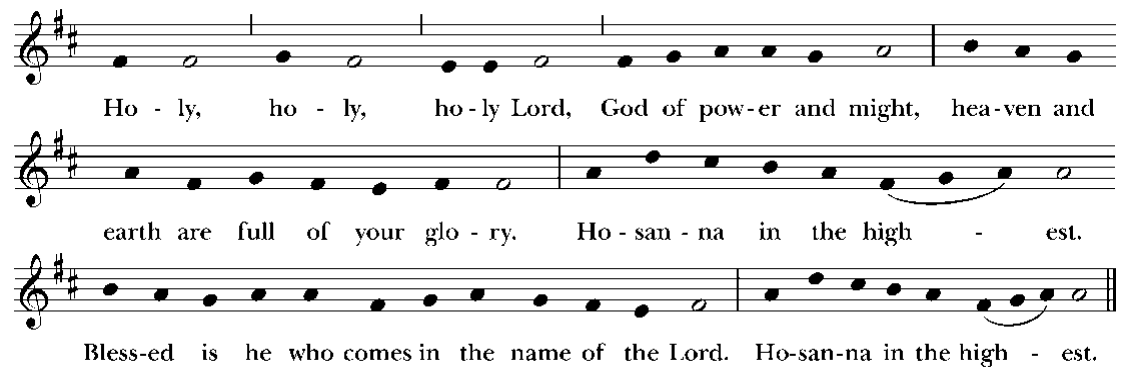
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

*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.**

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.



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

Most 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 great forerunner of the morn

Unison or harmony


1 The great fore - run - ner of the morn, the
2 With heaven - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, that
*3 John, still un - born, yet gave a - right his
4 His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame to
*5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and

1 her - ald of the Word, is born; and faith - ful hearts shall
2 John should be that her - ald's name, and with pro - phet - ic
3 wit - ness to the com - ing light; and Christ, the Sun of
4 great - er than a pro - phet's name; of wo - man born shall
5 God the Spi - rit, Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and

1 nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
2 ut - terance told his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
3 all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
4 nev - er be a great - er pro - phet than was he.
5 glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

COMMUNION HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prepare the way, O Zion

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

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

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

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

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY



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 today, 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.

stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of St. Barnabas.

Cassidy Rowland, Financial Secretary

ANGEL TREE BOXES – Thank you for your generosity! Please turn in all gifts by the 21st (earlier if possible!). We will be taking them down to Iglesia in Santa Maria on the 20th and 21st. Please make sure you use A LOT OF TAPE to secure the card to the box.

OPEN SEW – Join fellow quilters for five open sew dates in the Parish Hall at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

Tuesdays, 9 am – 2 pm

- December 23, 2025
- December 30, 2025
- January 6, 2026
- January 13, 2026
- January 20, 2026

Join other quilters and crafters as we spend the day sewing together. Open to all! Bring your sewing supplies, sewing machine, table light, and cutting board. Refrigerator and microwave available – bring your lunch. For more information contact: Melissa Biel – 562-400-4704 – melissabiel@yahoo.com

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=OEV0ajk1WXhuSGJINTIwbU1LUWR6Zz09>).

We meet in person on the second Friday of the month at St. Barnabas. We meet next **in person** on **Friday, January 9, 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:

Tricia Ottesen, Marsha Fasse, Paula Smith

Sunday School Teachers:

Adrienne & Corey Kielan

Youth Ministry Director:

Natalia Berryman

Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:

8 am: Ann Mathias, Lorrie Erno

10 am: Steve Jerrick & Harry Johnson, Jim & Linda Kilponen

CALENDAR

December 14 – December 21

TODAY	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
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
	Vestry.....	6:00 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 (and Youth Pageant)	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 am
	Advent Adventures – Gingerbread House Contest with Family	5:00 pm

**In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

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

8 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Karen Reinecke
LECTOR	Melissa Biel
CHALICE/COFFEE	Carlos Ortiz
USHER	Ann Mathias
USHER/COFFEE/VESTRY ON CALL	Robert Merritt

10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Pamela Jones
LECTOR	Lynn Schultz
CHALICES	Kevin Pence, Bob & Nancy Taylor
USHERS	Pat & Penny Chambers, Carolyn Flynn
VESTRY ON CALL	Tracy Schiro
COFFEE HOUR	Paul & Tracy Schiro
LIVESTREAM	Jeff Diehl



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