



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 21, 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 Ann Mathias in celebration of the birthday of her grandson, Conner Castleman, and her son, Brent Mathias.

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

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

Notable Events

WEDNESDAY DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SINGING AND EUCHARIST 4:45 PM

WEDNESDAY DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SINGING AND EUCHARIST 10:45 PM

THURSDAY DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM

SUNDAY DEC 28 (NO 8:00 AM EUCHARIST) CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS 10:00 AM

Office closed Thursday, December 25 through Sunday, January 4

Office reopens on Monday, January 5

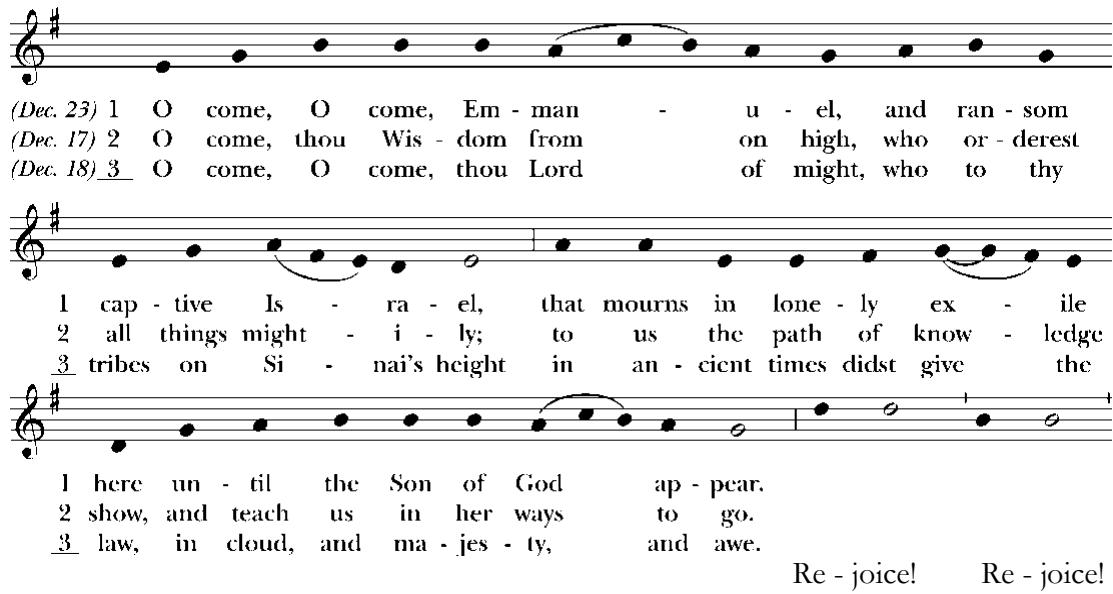
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THE WORD OF GOD

Stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
Re - joice! Re - joice!

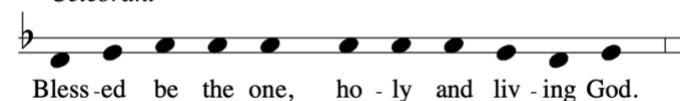


Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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

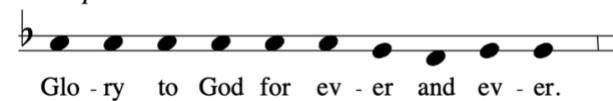
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant



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

People



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

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.

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).

SONG OF PRAISE

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.

ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Re - store us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your count - e - nance,
and we shall be saved.

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. *Refrain*

³ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴ O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. *Refrain*

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. *Refrain*

¹⁸ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the

8 am: Spoken

10 am: Cantor sings
Refrain,
all repeat.
Choir sings verses.

This psalm is a prayer of deliverance from national enemies. It is a communal lament on the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BCE.

This passage from Paul's letter to the early followers of Jesus in Rome is an extended greet which includes Paul's credentials in Christ.

obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People 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

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came (v. 1-2)

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

8:00 AM GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

All stand.

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

8:00 AM THE SERMON

The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold

Followed by a moment of silent meditation.

10:00 AM THE CHILDREN'S PAGENT Led by Pam Pano and Natalia Berryman

SEQUENCE HYMN **The angel Gabriel from Heaven came (v. 3-4)**
Prior Page

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

With this Gospel reading we are just about ready for the birth of Christ into the world as a baby boy. Stay tuned...

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

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.

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.

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 **Jesus & Gloria Gonzalez, Maria, Art, Miguel, Jenny, Ann Rust, Chantelle Powell, and David & Craig Martin**, and for those who have died, especially **Eileen Walker, Eduardo Alvarez, and Lt. Colonel Robert Hubbard**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

A Litany for Advent Sung by the Chancel Choir

Lord Jesus come to us, we pray. Bring us your truth show us your way.

As once the prophets did foretell, O come to us, Immanuel.

The universe is in our care, help us protect, help us to share,
Send us your peace, your glad Noel, O come to us, Immanuel.

Our world is torn in war and sin, our people hurt, without, within,
Your healing love will make us well, O come to us, Immanuel.

Prepare our hearts, tell all the earth, that we may celebrate your birth.
O enter in our lives to dwell, O come to us, Immanuel.

Words: Shirley W. McRae

Music: *O Waly Waly*, English folk melody

DOXOLOGY

The people stand and sing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

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

The Celebrant continues

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*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;**

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 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.**

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

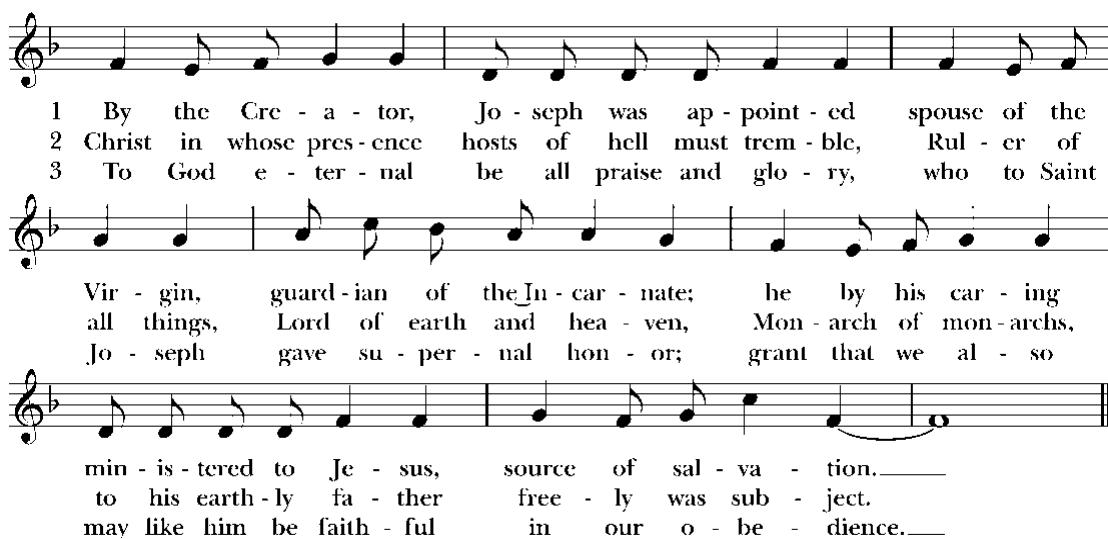


There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

By the Creator



1 By the Cre - a - tor, Jo - seph was ap - point - ed spouse of the
2 Christ in whose pres - ence hosts of hell must trem - ble, Rul - er of
3 To God e - ter - nal be all praise and glo - ry, who to Saint

Vir - gin, guard - ian of the In - car - nate; he by his car - ing
all things, Lord of earth and hea - ven, Mon - arch of mon - archs,
Jo - seph gave su - per - nal hon - or; grant that we al - so

min - is - tered to Je - sus, source of sal - va - tion._____
to his earth - ly fa - ther free - ly was sub - ject.
may like him be faith - ful in our o - be - dience.____

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

Some 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

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

Introduction/Interlude

Descant

4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
3 There-fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my

an - i - ma - me - a

won - ders that were done when the love of God the
whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Do - mi - num. Mag

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has

ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat."

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the

6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions

6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice!

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

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

VOLUNTARY

LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

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 TREE BOXES – Thank you for your generosity! Please turn in all gifts by the today, December 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 – 4:45 pm 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 8:00 am and 10:00 am

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/StBYouTub) 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 grrgarner@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, January 9, 2026**.

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:

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

Sunday School Teachers:

Robert Merritt, Paula Smith

Youth Ministry Director:

Natalia Berryman

Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:

8 am: Robert Merritt, Carlos Ortiz

10 am: Paul & Tracy Schiro

CALENDAR
December 21 – December 29

TODAY	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.....	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
Wednesday	Christmas Eve Carol Singing and Eucharist	4:45 pm
	Christmas Eve Carol Singing and Eucharist	10:45 pm
Thursday	Christmas Day Eucharist.....	10:00 am
Friday	Centering Prayer (on Zoom)	4:00 pm
Sunday	No In-Person Holy Communion	8:00 am
	Christmas Lessons & Carols	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School.....	10:00 am

**In-person and via Facebook Live*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Rev. Cn. Doug Edwards
DEACON/PREACHER	Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
8 AM MUSIC	Sharon Williams
10 AM MUSIC	Janis Johnson

8 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Carlos Ortiz
LECTOR	Georgianna Gleason
CHALICE/COFFEE	Karen Reinecke
USHERS	Lorrie Erno, Steve Harris
VESTRY ON CALL	Candace Kincade
COFFEE HOUR	Rev. Ken Kaisch

10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Adrienne Kielan
LECTOR/CHALICE	Gerti Garner
CHALICES	David Murray, Kevin Pence
USHERS	Jim & Linda Kilponen
VESTRY ON CALL	Sheila Miller
COFFEE HOUR	The Pano & Kielan families
LIVESTREAM	Jeff Diehl



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