



# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 4:45 PM & 10:45 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025 | 10:00 AM



*The Birth of Jesus the Messiah  
by the Royal Girlz Ministry*

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/](https://facebook.com/StBarnabasAG/)

A recording of the live-stream will be posted on the St. Barnabas YouTube Channel ([bit.ly/StBYouTube](https://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](mailto: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*

# CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG

On Christmas Eve we will begin each service with fifteen minutes of your favorite Christmas Carols. These hymns may be found in the Blue Hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. Christmas hymns are #77 through # 115. **Which hymns would you like to sing?** During the worship service we are already singing **83, 87, 101, 105, 110, 111, 115.**

## VOLUNTARY

### INTROIT

#### On Christmas Night (*Sussex Carol*)

4:45 pm Sung by  
Chancel Choir

10:45 pm Sung by  
Choral Scholars

On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
to hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
to hear the news the angels bring:  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before Thy grace,  
then life and health come in its place;  
When sin departs before Thy grace,  
then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light  
which made the angels sing this night;  
All out of darkness we have light  
which made the angels sing this night:  
“Glory to God and peace to men,  
now and forevermore. Amen.”

**Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams**

*Christmas Eve* begins the short season of Christmas, a twelve day period in which we remember how Christ came into the universe as a baby boy, the first perfect union of human and divine. We know this perfect union as Jesus and his birth changed the entire universe forever, changes that we can scarcely imagine.

The color for this season is **white** and you will see that in the hangings on the pulpit and lectern and on the stoles around the necks of the clergy.

# THE WORD OF GOD

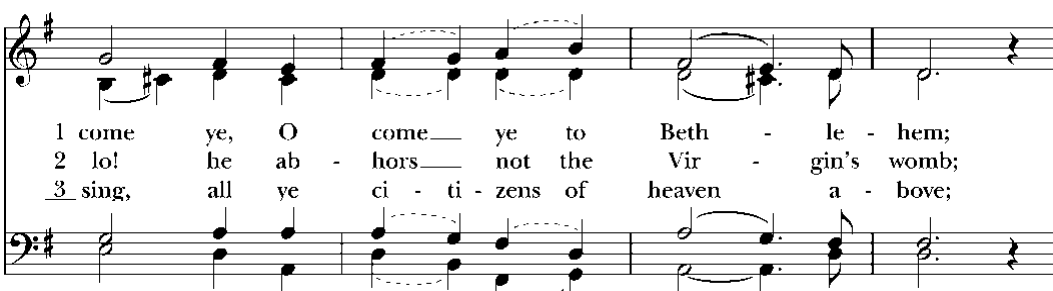
*Stand as you are able.*

## OPENING HYMN

*O come, all ye faithful*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from — God, — Light from Light c - ter - nal, —  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —

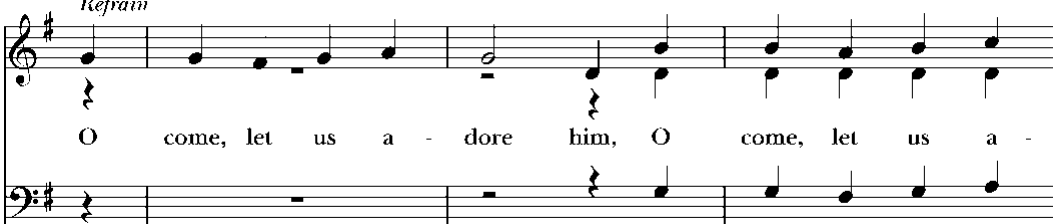


1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



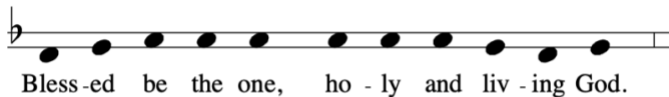
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

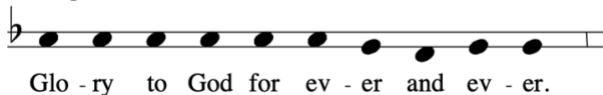
*Refrain*

*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 celebremos tu Santo Nombre; por Cristo nuestro Señor. **Amén.**

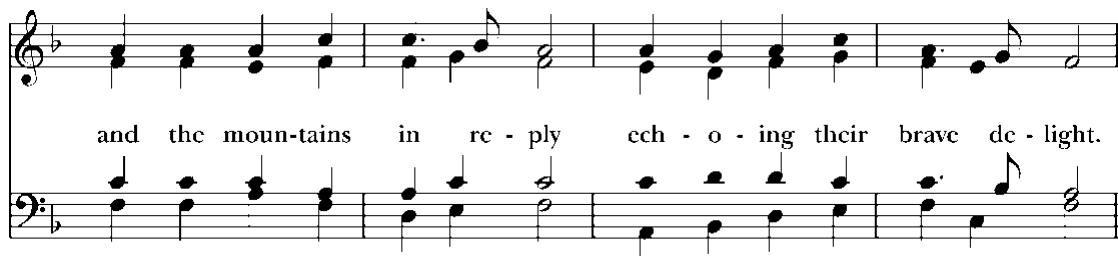
*Translation:*

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

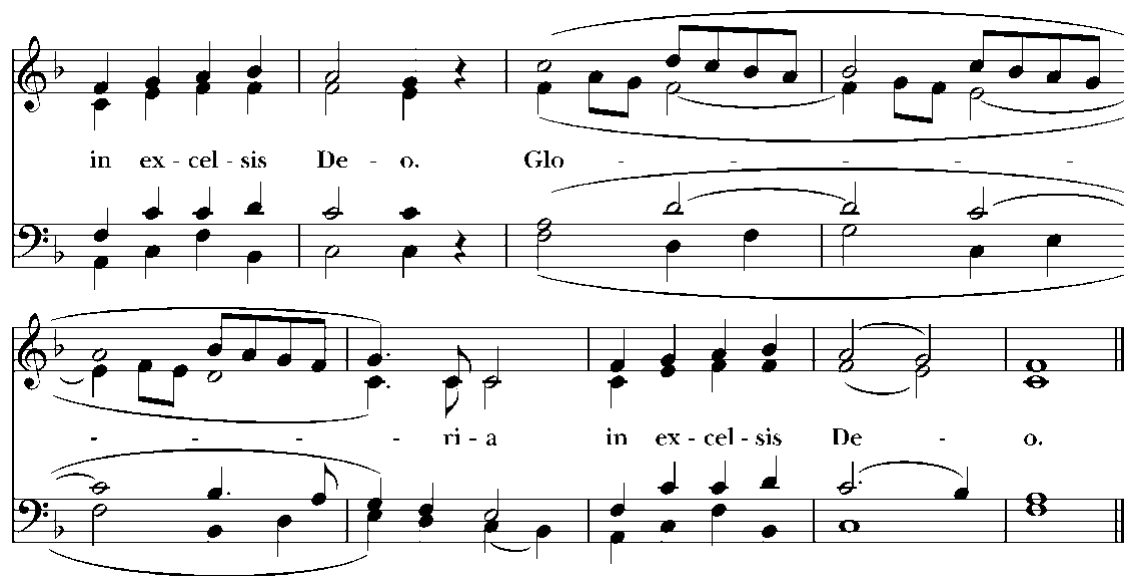
## CHRISTMAS GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high!**



*Refrain*





## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

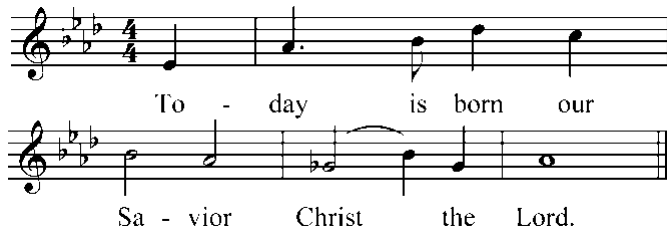
### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

## PSALM 96



- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
**sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. *Refrain***
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations \*  
**and his wonders among all peoples.**
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
**he is more to be feared than all gods. *Refrain***
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
**but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- <sup>6</sup> Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! *Refrain***
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
**ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
**bring offerings and come into his courts. *Refrain***
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
**let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity." *Refrain***
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
**let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
**when he comes to judge the earth. *Refrain***
- <sup>13</sup> He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
**and the peoples with his truth. *Refrain***

*Cantor sings Refrain,  
all repeat.  
Choir sings verses.*

*This is an  
enthronement psalm in  
which all nations are  
called upon to  
enthroned God as the  
sole, universal God. By  
extension we include  
Jesus in this  
enthronement.*

## SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### SEQUENCE HYMN

*The snow lay on the ground (v. 1-2)*



1 The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
2 'Twas Ma - ry, daugh - ter pure of ho - ly Anne,  
3 Saint Jo - seph, too, was by to tend the child;  
4 And thus that man - ger poor be - came a throne;

when Christ our Lord was born On Christ - mas night. Ve -  
that brought in - to this world the God made man. She  
to guard him, and pro - tect his mo - ther mild; the  
for he whom Ma - ry bore was God the Son. O

ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. Ve -  
laid him in a stall at Beth - le - hem; the  
an - gels hov - ered round, and sang this song, Ve -  
come, then, let us join the heaven - ly host, to

*Refrain*  
ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
ass and ox - en shared the roof with them. Ve -  
ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. Ve -  
ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

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: Luke 2:1-20

*All stand.*

*Deacon*

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

**People**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

The snow lay on the ground (v. 3-4)  
Prior Page

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Rob Keim

*Followed by a moment of silent meditation.*

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

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In our own community we pray for:  
**Brian & Shea, Melissa & Gary Slavin, Linda, Michael, Rhiannon, Robert, Leslie, Lynne Campbell, Marsha & Bill, Clint Archer, Phyllis Porter, David & Craig Martin, Karen Floyd, Jim Dunkley, Chantelle Powell, Bob Stranger, Marco, and Angelo.** And for those who have died, especially **JoAnn Allen Boyce.**  
*(The Intercessor then reads the petitions from the bidding book and from the comment section of FB Live.)*  
*And after a moment of silence the Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

*People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
And also with you.

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

*In the Season of Christmas, we do not recite the **Confession** and Absolution, that would normally be in this part of our worship. Instead, we move directly to the sharing of the **Peace**.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

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

4:45 pm Sung by  
Chancel Choir

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**Before the marvel of this night (*Marvel*)**

9:45 pm Sung by  
Choral Scholars

Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow,  
Then tear the sky apart with light, and with your news the world endow.  
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:

*Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!*

*Sing peace, sing gift of peace!*

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made.

Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.

Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:

*Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!*

*Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!*

The love, that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light,

Now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.

Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above:

*Sing love, sing love, sing God is love!*

*Sing love, sing God is love!*

**Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda**

**Music: Carl Schalk**

## 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

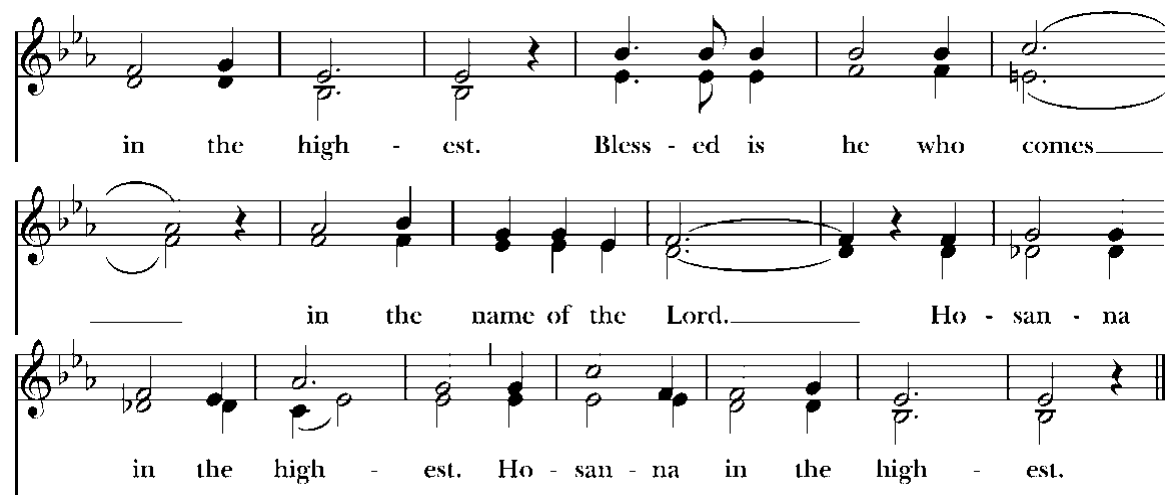
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

In 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 Christmas. 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.**

*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.**

*Celebrant and People sing together*

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*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.*

*On Christmas Eve, after receiving your bread and wine please take a candle, light it, and return to your seat with the **lit candle**.*

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Away in a manger*

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
\*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

With Christmas Eve we  
FINALLY begin singing  
Christmas hymns and  
carols. Today, they are  
all from 1982 Hymnal  
the standard Episcopal  
hymnal.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*God rest you merry*

1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heav - en - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same;  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;

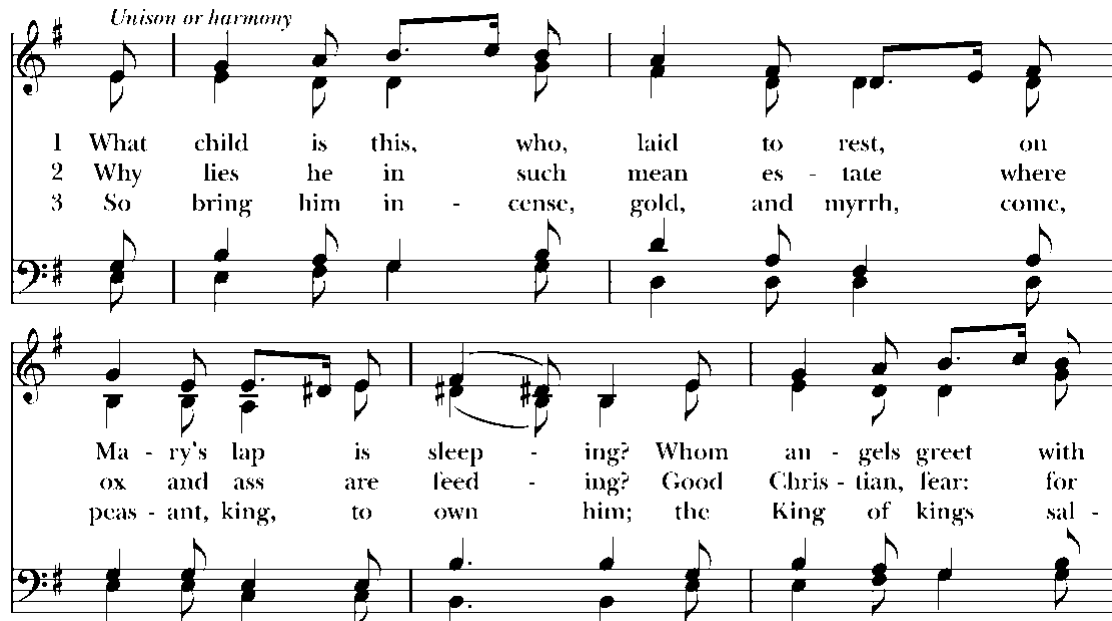
to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

*Refrain*  
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and  
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

# COMMUNION HYMN

*What child is this*

*Unison or harmony*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - late where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - them's sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

# DECEMBER 24 - AFTER COMMUNION

## Silent night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 birth. Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

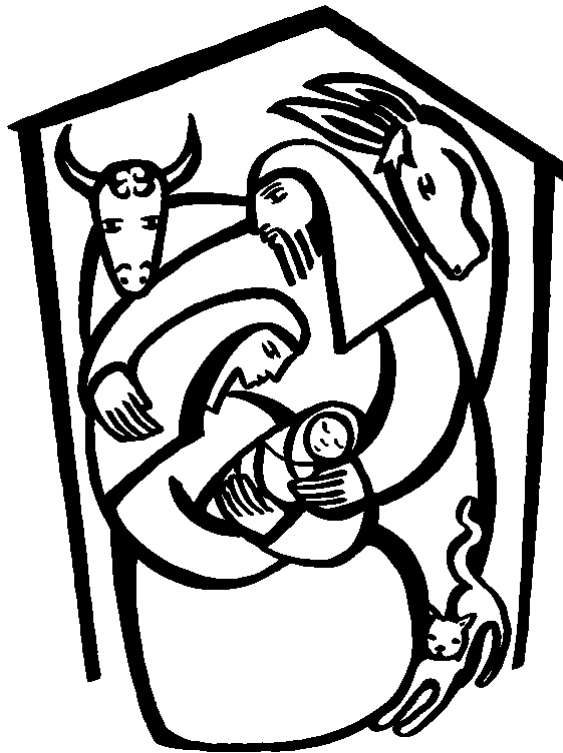
*Celebrant and People say together*

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.**



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.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*  
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## 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.  
stbarnabas.financial@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of St. Barnabas.

Cassidy Rowland, Financial Secretary

**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](mailto:melissabiel@yahoo.com)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVIE SCREENING** – On Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm we will be screening the documentary film *John Lewis: Good Trouble*. The film is 1h 36m long and explores Georgia representative's, 60-plus years of social activism and legislative action on civil rights, voting rights, gun control, health care reform, and immigration. The screen will be followed by a discussion about what we just saw. Just us and bring a friend.

## 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/](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

Marigay Ross, Barbara Conry, Paula Mason

#### **Youth Ministry Director:**

Natalia Berryman

#### **Last Week's Coffee Hour Ministry Hosts:**

8 am: Rev. Ken Kaisch

10 am: The Pano & Kielan families

## CALENDAR

December 25 – December 28

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

*\*In-person and via Facebook Live*

## SERVING TODAY

PREACHER/PRESIDER	Rev. Rob Keim
DEACON	Rev. Susan Arnold
MUSIC	Janis Johnson
CHORAL SCHOLARS	Ava Portz, Regan Rowins, Will Dison, Kade Dyerly, Matthew VanderKelen, Taylor Hatch

### 4:45 pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Karen Reinecke
LECTOR	Lynne Schulz
CHALICE	Debbie Miller, David Murray
USHERS	Carlos Ortiz, Robert Merritt
LIVESTREAM	Corey Kielan

### 10:45 pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Adrienne Kielan
LECTOR	Paula Smith
CHALICE	Kevin Pence
CHALICE/USHER	Gerti Garner
LIVESTREAM	Jeff Diehl

### Christmas Day – 10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Gerti Garner
LECTOR	Tricia Ottesen
CHALICE/USHER	David Murray
USHER	Susan Murray



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