



# St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

EPIPHANY SUNDAY | JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

8:00 am & 10:00 am



*Shining Hope – Lauren Wright Pittman*

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

### Welcome to Indoor 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.

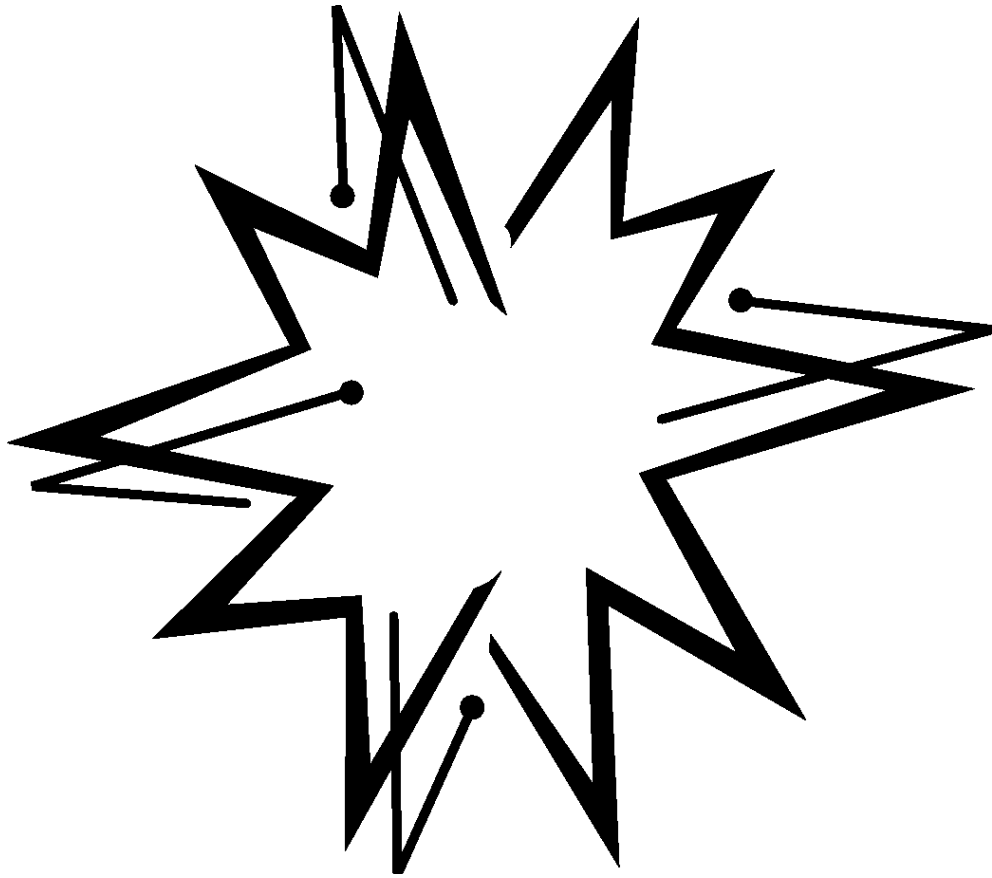
**Flowers and Candle Dedications** – Candles are lighted by Carol Wilcock to the glory of God and thanksgiving for the birthdays of her granddaughter, Cynthia Smith, and Carol's sister, Harriet Russell-Mosley.

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

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

### *Notable Events*

THURSDAY	JAN 8	Social Justice movie: <i>John Lewis: Good Trouble</i> 4:30 pm
SUNDAY	JAN 25	Parish Annual Meeting 11:15 am
SATURDAY	FEB 21	Winter Vestry Retreat 10:00 am



## VOLUNTARY

Rhosymedre (Lovely)

Vaughan Williams

## INTROIT

A New Year Carol

By Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Sung by the Corale Scholars

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Stand as you are able.*

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

## ENTRANCE HYMN

The first Nowell

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

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

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

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

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

## OPENING ANTHEM

Angels we have heard on high!

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

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a  
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -  
- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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

# THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

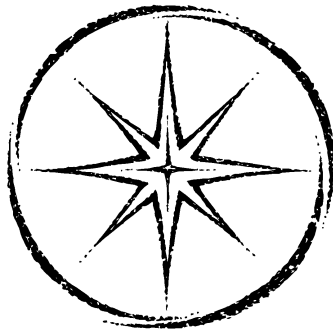
## FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Reader*  
*People*

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



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

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

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

*This is a psalm of the  
Davidic king and the  
dynasty. This royal psalm  
may have been a  
coronation ode and thus  
has allusions to the wise  
ones or kings who visited  
Jesus.*

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



## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

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

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*This passage reveals God's plan to unite the Jews and Gentiles into a single community.*

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

### What star is this (v 1-2)

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

*All stand.*

*Deacon*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

**What star is this**

**Prior page (v 3)**

**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Rob Keim**

*Followed by a moment of silent mediation.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

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

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

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

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

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our St. Barnabas' community, we pray for **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.** *Silence*

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray for **JoAnn Allen Boyce.** *Silence*

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

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

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

*People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people sit.*

### Birthday Prayer

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

### Anniversary Prayer

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

### Prayer for Travelers

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

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

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar Sung by a Choral Scholar

*Anthem words and  
music by Peter Cornelius*

Three Kings from Persian lands afar To Jordan follow the pointing star:

And this the quest of the travellers three,

Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.

Full royal gifts they bear for the King;

Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

*How brightly shines the morning star! With grace and truth from heaven afar Our Jesse tree now bloweth.*

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;

The kings to Bethlehem make their way,

And there in worship they bend the knee,

As Mary's child in her lap they see; Their royal gifts they show to the King; Gold, incense,  
myrrh are their offering.

*Of Jacob's stem and David's line, For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine, My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

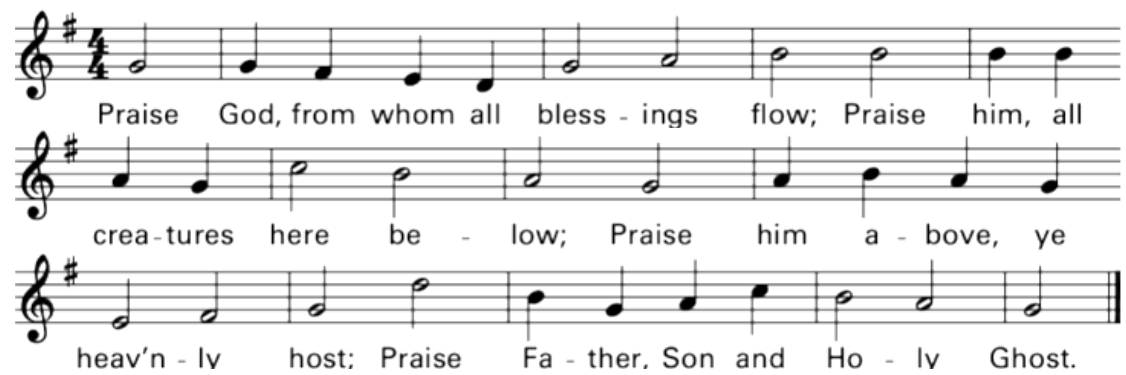
Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem

The Kings are travelling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; Offer thy  
heart to the infant King.

*Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

## DOXOLOGY

*The people stand and sing*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

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

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

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

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

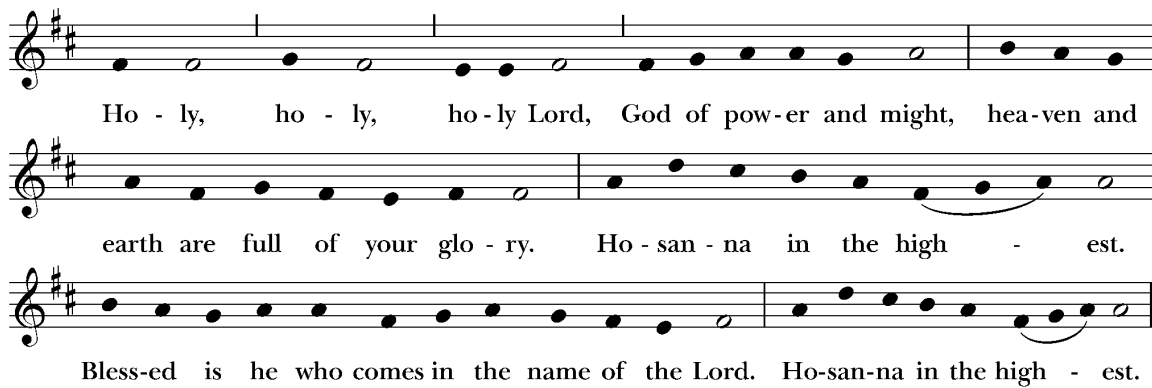
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

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

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

*At 8:00 am the Sanctus is said by the Celebrant and People*

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



*The Celebrant continues*

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

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

*The Deacon says*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant and People sing together*

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

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

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

*The Celebrant says*

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

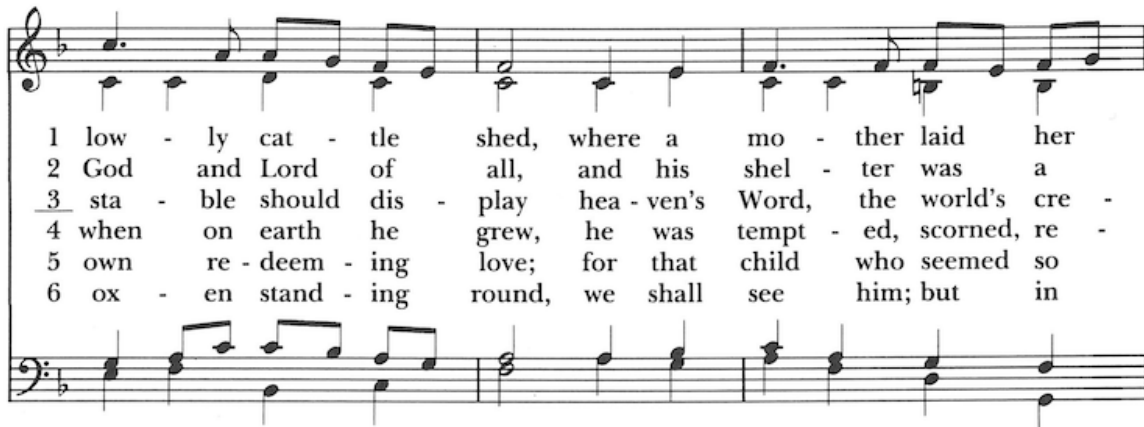


# COMMUNION HYMN

## Once in royal David's city



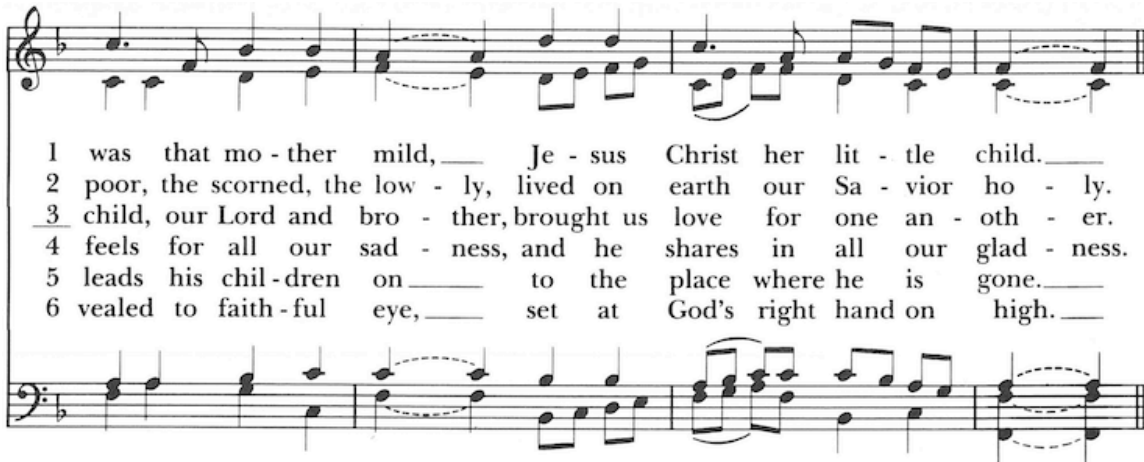
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
 \*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
 \*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with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



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



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



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

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

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## COMMUNION HYMN

Break forth

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

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

*The people stand and the Priest blesses the people, saying*

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

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



# CONCLUDING HYMN

## We three kings

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.

*Refrain*  
 O star of won - der, star of night,

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

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

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

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Psalm 119

Marcello

## LIFE AT ST. BARNABAS

**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.

**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)

## 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, 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](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:**

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

January 4 - 11

<b>TODAY</b>	In-Person Holy Communion .....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion .....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School .....	10:00 am
Tuesday	Morning Prayer (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library) .....	9:30 am
	Biblical Roundtable (Hybrid Zoom & Church Library) .....	10:00 am
	12-Step Meeting (outdoors) .....	12:00 noon
Wednesday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid .....	12:15 pm
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal .....	6:00 pm
	Youth Group .....	6:00 pm
	Choral Scholars Rehearsal .....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Morning Yoga with Sigrid .....	9:30 am
Friday	Senior Fitness & Stretching with Sigrid .....	12:15 pm
	Centering Prayer (on Zoom) .....	4:00 pm
Sunday	In-Person Holy Communion .....	8:00 am
	In-Person Holy Communion .....	10:00 am
	Children's Sunday School .....	10:00 am

*\*In-person and via Facebook Live*

### SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER/PREACHER	The Rev. Rob Keim
DEACON	The Rev. Dcn. Susan Arnold
8AM MUSIC	Sharon Williams
10AM MUSIC	David Ottesen
CHORAL SCHOLARS	Leah Coffey, Catryna Benander Zach Allen, Alexander Miller

#### 8 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Carlos Ortiz
LECTOR	Robert Merritt
USHERS	Dave Rodgers, David Williams
VESTRY ON CALL	Tom DeNatale
COFFEE MINISTRY HOST	Lorrie Erno, Ann Mathias

#### 10 am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Gerti Garner
LECTOR	Tricia Ottesen
CHALICES	Debbie Miller, Tom Bormes, Kevin Pence
USHERS	David & Susan Murray, Carolyn Flynn
VESTRY ON CALL	Tracy Schiro
LIVESTREAM	Corey Kielan
COFFEE MINISTRY HOST	Steve Jerrick & Harry Johnson and Jim & Linda Kilponen



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