

# **Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church**



**A SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 7, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

# Welcome to St. Barnabas

## A Community of Encouragement

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are happy to have you worship with us today. If you are new to Saint Barnabas and would like to learn more, please consider completing a yellow welcome card in the pew or visit our website. We look forward to getting to know you.



### Our Worship

Worship is at the heart of our community life. We find our lives shaped by its rhythms and the practice of gathering each week to hear the word of God and gather around God's table to share in communion together.

The church year is marked by seasons. During the Easter season we celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead and we are all witnesses to new life. We believe that resurrection is possible for all people and that God's power can renew our world and our lives. Easter is more than one day, but is a whole season of fifty days to celebrate the power of love to overcome death. We hope you will experience God's transformative power in your life this season.

**Sing with us** - we love music and invite you to join us in singing the hymns and service music. Music is found in the blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal (WLP).

### Announcements and Upcoming Events

For this week's announcements, updates, and upcoming events, check out our weekly newsletter by visiting: [www.st-barnabas.org/ministry-matters](http://www.st-barnabas.org/ministry-matters)



*Questions? Please ask. Ushers can answer your questions or concerns, or provide help in finding restrooms, downloading our hearing assistance app, or showing you the way to the Sunday School classrooms.*

OPENING HYMN 400 — All Creatures of Our God and King vs. 1-4; 7 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE S278: Glory to God

*Mathias*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people are seated for the lessons and psalm.*

## THE FIRST LESSON— Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## THE SECOND LESSON— 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are

walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 508 — Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Nova Vita*

*vs. 1 before vs. 2 after reading*

THE GOSPEL—John 20:19-31

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Sr. Diana Doncaster

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and truth, so that we may walk in newness of life. Let us pray for the church and the world.

*Intercessor:* We pray for the church, that we may be witnesses to your love and glorify your name.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the world; guide us in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for our community, that we may grow together, and share our hopes and struggles with one another.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who are suffering. We pray especially for the poor, all who are lonely, sick, or in pain. We pray for those we name now...

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who have died in the hope of new life.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon 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.**

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

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.*

## The Welcome and Offertory Sentence

Birthdays and Anniversaries

OFFERTORY ANTHEM— Thy Name is Love

*James Hopkins  
Bonnie Farr, Oboe*

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 400 v. 7

*The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,**

**O praise him, Alleluia!**

**Praise God the Father, praise the Son,**

**And praise the Spirit, Three in One:**

**O praise him, O praise him,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to one of the communion stations to receive the bread, wine, or a blessing. You may receive wine by drinking from the chalice or by intinction (dipping) the bread in the chalice. The gold chalices are for intinction, and the silver chalice in the center is for those who wish to drink from the chalice. You may also receive just the bread. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.

Enriching our Worship: Prayer 2

*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 God thanks and praise.**



We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS S125

*Proulx*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues,*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 for ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S158

*Willan*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.*

### COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS —Leaning on the Everlasting Arm

*Hoffman/Showalter*

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People:*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the congregation.*

**All respond: Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN LEVAS— He Lives!

Ackley

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

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

## POSTLUDE

Michael Chertock

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**Altar Flowers**

Given by Kathy Kennedy in loving memory of Judy Carroll.

**Service Participants**

Bob Krone, Lisa & Piet Elmendorf—Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Beth Dauner—Altar Guild

Peter Clayton & Julia Leary—Lectors

Kathy Forrester—Altar Bread Baker

Frank Hutson & Brian Blunt—Ushers

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