

Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church



**A SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Barnabas A Community of Encouragement

*Our mission is to seek and encourage deeper relationships with God
and our neighbors, especially through vibrant and spirit-inspired
ministries in our communities.*

Service Participants

Bob Krone, Karyn Hutson, & Bethanie VanCamp— Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Julie Colegrove, Julia Buschur, & Betsy May—Altar Guild
Anita VonBokern & Della Rucker—Lectors
Kathy Forrester —Altar Bread Baker
Mary Beth Dauner & Larry James—Ushers
Barbara Burke & Sally Eversole—Greeters
Rajasingh Ramasamy —Technology
Cathy Zalba—Vestry Person of the Day

Altar Flowers

Given by Tom and Sue Kirkpatrick in celebration of 46 years of wedded bliss.

Ordinary Time

As we gather, our worship together is marked by the seasons of the year. We are in the season after Pentecost, or as it is sometimes known "Ordinary Time." It is the longest season of the church year stretching throughout the summer and fall. It is a season for growing in our faith and giving thanks for all the ways that God is present in our lives and all of creation. Take time as we begin worship to reflect on what you are grateful for in this season.

It is our hope and prayer that your life and relationship with God will be enriched by your worship with us today. If you are visiting with us today and would like to learn more about Saint Barnabas, we encourage you to fill out a yellow card in the pew (or online at <https://www.st-barnabas.org/newcomers>) and let us know how we can stay in touch with you. We look forward to getting to know you.

Sing with Us! Everything you need for worship is included in the bulletin. Music is found in the Blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder Love and Praise (WLP).

Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For this week's announcements, updates, and upcoming events, check out our weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code below or visiting:
www.st-barnabas.org/ministry-matters*



OPENING HYMN 61 — Sleepers Wake

Wachet Auf

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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— Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors— Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

THE SECOND LESSON— 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and remain standing for the Gospel.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 68— Rejoice! Rejoice Believers

Llangloffen

THE GOSPEL — Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Jason Leo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form IV

Intercessor: 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.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: 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.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: 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.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: 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.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: 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.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers 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— Joyful Rhythm

Handbell Choir

Kevin McChesney

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 400 v. 7

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

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 – PRAYER 1

Enriching Our Worship

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

SANCTUS S129

Powell

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

Then the Celebrant continues,

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life, You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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, 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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S155

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Near

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

COMMUNION HYMN 324 —Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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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.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Janet Beckmeyer

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