

The Holy Eucharist

August 20, 2023

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people, and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our Church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around Word and Meal, we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.

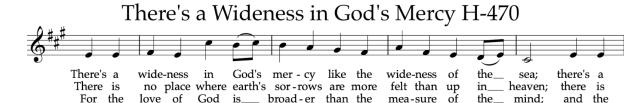
THE PRELUDE

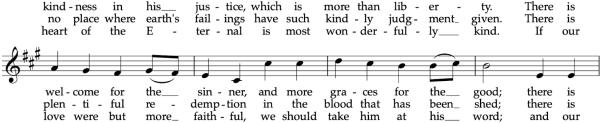
Come to My Heart Tom Fettke

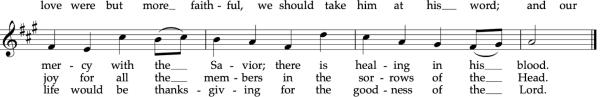
The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN*







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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

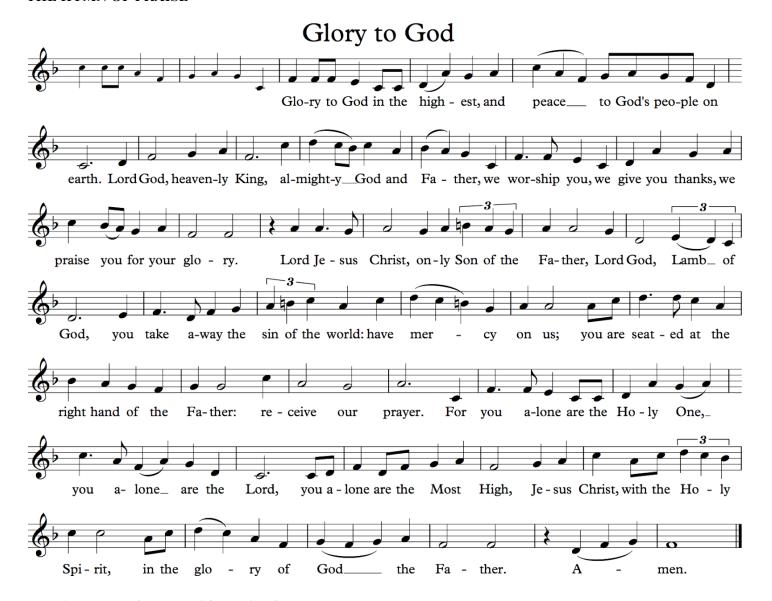
+Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:

Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 HYMN OF PRAISE*



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten One to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Beloved One our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says YHWH:

"Do what is right! Work for justice! For my liberation is about to come, and my justice is about to be revealed."

And the foreigners who join themselves to me, ministering to me, loving the name of YHWH and worshiping me— all who observe the Sabbath and do not profane it, and cling to my Covenant— These I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples!"

Thus says the Sovereign YHWH, who gathers the diaspora of Israel: "There are others I will gather besides those already gathered."

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 Deus misereatur

The psalm is prayed responsively whole verse on whole verse.

Be merciful to us, O God, and bless us; * show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; * may you, our own God, give us your blessing.

May you give us your blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word and Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES Romans 11:1-2a, 29–32

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, descended from Sarah and Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. No, God has not rejected the chosen people, who were foreknown long ago.

For God's gift and call are irrevocable.

Just as you were once disobedient to God and now have received mercy through Israel's disobedience, now they have become disobedient—since God wished to show you mercy—that they too may receive mercy. God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience in order to have mercy on everyone.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*



Cantor: Jesus preached the Good News of the realm of God and cured every sickness among people. **

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus called the crowd together and said to them, "Hear this and understand: It's not what enters your mouth that defiles you—it's what comes out of your mouth that defiles you."

Then the disciples approached him and said, "Do you realize that the Pharisees were offended by what you said?"

Jesus replied, "Every plant that my Abba God in heaven has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Ignore them—they are blind people leading other blind people. And when the blind lead the blind, they all will fall into a ditch."

Then Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

Jesus replied, "Do you still not understand? Don't you realize that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and eventually finds its way into the sewer and is gone? But what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart. This is what makes a person 'unclean.' For from the heart come all sorts of evil intentions—murder, sexual infidelity, promiscuity, stealing, lying, even foul language. These things make a person unclean—not eating with unwashed hands!"

Jesus left there and departed for the district of Tyre and Sidon. It happened that a Canaanite woman living in that area came and cried out to Jesus, "Heir to the House of David, have pity on me! My daughter is horribly demonpossessed."

Jesus gave her no word of response. The disciples came up and repeatedly said to him, "Please get rid of her! She keeps calling after us."

Finally Jesus turned to the woman and said, "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

She then prostrated herself before him with the plea, "Help me, Rabbi!"

He answered, "But it isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

"True, Rabbi," she replied, "but even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table."

Jesus then said in reply, "Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass." At that very moment her daughter was healed.

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY Ms. Patti Walter

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The children and youth of the congregation are invited to come forward bearing their school backpacks.

It is the beginning of a new school year and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations.

We give thanks for a new year and for new beginnings.

In the year ahead, we might have days when we get overwhelmed by tests, homework, and activities.

Grant us confidence and calm and help us to ask for help when we need it.

Our teachers, parents, and friends will sometimes frustrate us and things will feel unfair.

Give us peace amid the storms raging around us and inside us.

We will be measured and tested in our schoolwork.

Remind us that you have already made us worthy and called us by name.

We will see darkness in injustice, mean-spiritedness, and bullying, and will be tempted to join in.

Give us courage to resist and to be your beloved people.

We will want to fit in and might wish to be different from who you created us to be.

Remind us of our identity given in baptism.

We will learn and grow and find new passions.

Thank you for the gift of wonder. Thank you for growing us in love and knowledge.

This year, we will make new friends and strengthen old friendships.

Give us patience and kindness to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thank you for the people who love us and show us how.

We will accomplish new things and face challenges.

Thank you for the delight of achieving our goals.

These are our prayers, our fears and our frustrations, our hopes and our dreams for the year.

We will hold them with each other.

God, we ask your +blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the schoolwork of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day. **Amen**.

Live without fear! Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen**.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we experience the Season of Pentecost, we offer our prayers that all people may make themselves available to receive the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus intends for all.

Silence for reflection.

For all who seek Love, wherever they are in their quest, that they may realize the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

We offer this prayer.

For the Anglican Communion, its members, and those who guide us, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our own Bishop, and Jeffrey, our Rector, that they may be sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit in all they do.

We offer this prayer.

For all who have heard the cry of the planet, that they may be empowered to continue in their quest to bring healing and wholeness to the earth.

We offer this prayer.

For all in leadership at the national, state, and local levels that they may govern with wisdom and justice in the interest of all.

We offer this prayer.

For those with the luxury to enjoy this season, and for those for whom summer brings additional stress, unmitigated heat, and the task of finding childcare—or even enough for their children to eat—that we may discover better ways to share what we have.

We offer this prayer.

For those who endure any unwellness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Bob, Faith, Jeanne, John and Patrice, Mark, Melinda, Tim, Tracy, Selah, Lonnie, the Baylosis family, the Ompoy family, the people of Maui, and those we name aloud or in silence (*pause*) that they may be healed by your loving Spirit.

We offer this prayer.

For those we love but see no more, especially Kathy, Kate, Bob, and those we name aloud or in silence (pause) for they now belong completely to you, O God.

We offer this prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is kept.

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 Beloved One 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem

Steal Away arr. by Mosie Lister; Roger Mattison, Tom Potter, Walter Flor, and Michael Jordan, vocalists.

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Offertory Hymn*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

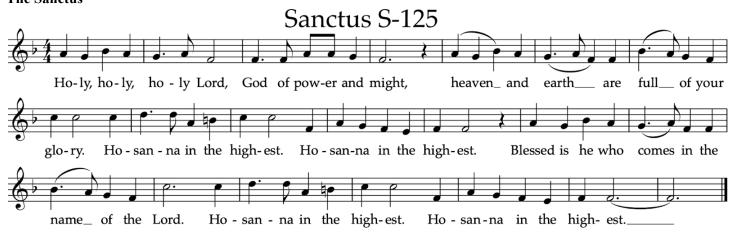
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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

The Sanctus*



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only-begotten One, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many 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.

The Celebrant continues

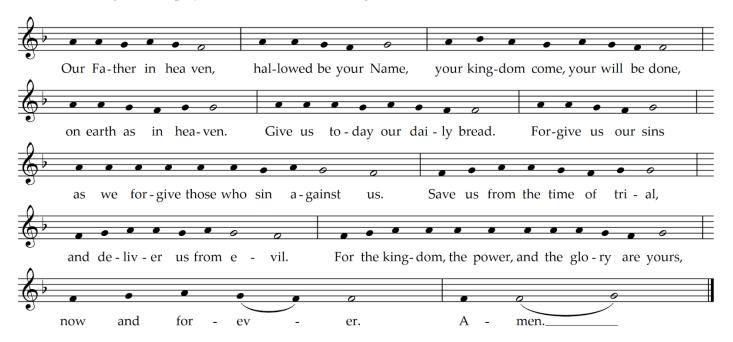
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Beloved One, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. +Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Kathy, blessed Kate, blessed Bob, the blessed dead of Maui, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

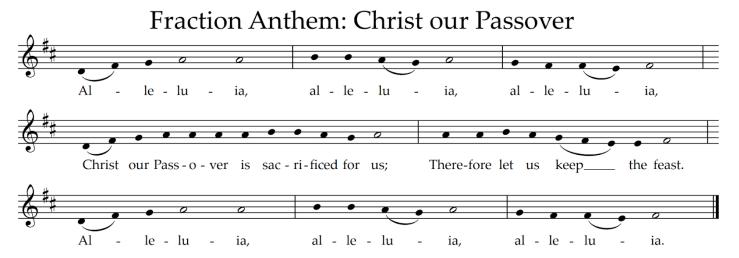
All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer*

*It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.*As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem*



The Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

For the summer no hymn will be sung during communion, though occasionally there will be special music. We invite you into the silence to bask in and reflect on Christ's presence with us in the Sacrament.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Eternal God, heavenly Abba,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's 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 Liturgy of Sending

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind; and +the blessing of the One who made us, who loves us, and who walks the way with us still be with us this day and remain with us always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN*





THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune Jeremiah Clarke

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