

The Holy Eucharist

October 22, 2023 *The Twenty-first Sunday of 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.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

In today's reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of our God and for the sake of the world.

A bell tolls. THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your minds and hearts as we prepare for worship.

THE PRELUDE

"There Is a Spirit that Delights to Do No Evil" from A Quaker Reader Ned Rorem

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit. **THE GATHERING HYMN** (9:30)*

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Sing praise to God,	who reigns a - bove, The	_ God of all cre -
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sleep - eth; With	- in the king - dom	of God's might, Lo!
bless - ing; As	with a moth - er's	ten - der hand, God
rais - es. Be	joy - ful in the 1	Lord, my heart, Both
ev - ery faith - less	mur-mur stilled: To God all prai	
all is just and	all is right: To God all prai	
gent - ly leads the	cho-sen band: To God all prai	se and glo - ry!
soul and bod - y	take your part: To God all prai	
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be our God. For ever and ever. Amen.

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 KYRIE (7:45) Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 45:1–7

The reading is introduced. A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

"Thus says YHWH to the Anointed One, Cyrus, whom I have taken by the right hand, for whom I have subdued nations, stripped the loins of monarchs, and thrown open all doors so that even the town gates cannot be shut:

I will go before you and level the mountains; I will shatter the bronze doors and cut through the bars of iron.

I will give you the hidden treasures, and hoards from secret places, so that you may know that I am YHWH, Israel's God, who calls you by name.

For the sake of Leah and Rachel and Jacob, my Servant, and for the sake of Israel, my chosen one, I called you by name, conferring on you an honored title, even though you do not know me.

I am YHWH, and there is no other; there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, that nations may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides me. I am YHWH, there is no other.

I form light and create darkness. I make peace and create evil. It is I , YHWH, who do all these things.

A brief silence, then: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1–9 Cantate Domino

The psalm is prayed in unison.

- Sing to God a new song; sing to God all the whole earth.
- Sing and bless God's holy Name; * proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- Declare God's glory among the nations, * God's wonders among all peoples
- For God is great and greatly to be praised, * more to be feared than all gods.
- As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, * but it is God who made the heavens.
- Oh, the majesty and the magnificence of God's presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
- Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; * bring offerings and come into God's courts.
- Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before God.
- 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 / Thessalonians 1:1–10

The reading is introduced. A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

From Paul, Silas And Timothy, to the people of the church in Thessalonica, who belong to Abba God and our Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be yours.

We always thank God for all of you and remember you in our prayers. We call to mind before our God and Creator how you are proving your faith by your actions, laboring in love, and showing constancy of hope in our Savior Jesus Christ.

We know, beloved of God, that you have been chosen. Our preaching of the Gospel was not a mere matter of words. It was done in the power of the Holy Spirit and with complete conviction. You know very well the sort of life we led when we were with you, which was for your sake.

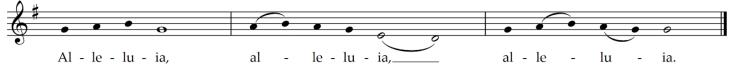
You, in turn, followed the example set by us and by Jesus—receiving the word, despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. In this way, you've become a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

The word of Christ has been resounding from you—and not only in Macedonia and Achaia: the news of your faith in God is celebrated everywhere, which makes it unnecessary for us to say anything more. They themselves report to us what kind of reception we had among you, how you turned from idols to God, to be faithful witnesses of the living and true God, and to await the appearance from heaven of Jesus, the Only Begotten, whom God raised from the dead and who will deliver us from the wrath to come.

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 (9:30)*

Alleluia



Cantor: Shine like stars in the world; holding fast to the word of life.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15–22

The Holy Gospel is announced. The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Then the Pharisees went off and began to plot how they might trap Jesus by his speech. They sent their disciples to Jesus, accompanied by sympathizers of Herod, who said, "Teacher, we know you're honest and teach God's way sincerely. You court no one's favor and don't act out of respect for important people. Give us your opinion, then, in this case. Is it lawful to pay tax to the Roman emperor, or not?"

Jesus recognized their bad faith and said to them, "Why are you trying to trick me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin which is used to pay the tax." When they handed Jesus a small Roman coin, Jesus asked them, "Whose head is this, and whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. At that, Jesus said to them, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were astonished and went away.

A brief silence, then: The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.
THE HOMILY Ms. Patti Walter

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died. The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain* is sung once.



Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the Church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Silence for reflection.

We pray for the Church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern our nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve, especially Ann, Dave, the Shable family, the Wier family, Faith, Jeanne, John and Patrice, Judy, the people of Ukraine, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Israel and Gaza, and those we name aloud or in silence. (*Pause*) Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace; especially those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Accompany us on our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, Holy God, in the Name of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The refrain is sung once more.



THE CONFESSION OF SIN

In a moment of silence, let us reflect on our separation from God, ourselves, our neighbors, and the creation.

Silence for reflection.

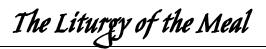
Almighty God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God +forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. Through Christ, God has put away your sin. Approach your God in peace. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

All share a greeting of peace.



THE OFFERTORY The Offertory Sentence

Please sit. The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Yury Arbatsky

Please stand in body or spirit.The Presentation of the Gifts (7:45)All things come of thee, O Lord,and of thine own have we given thee.

The Offertory Hymn (9:30)*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface (7:45)

God be with you.

And also with you.

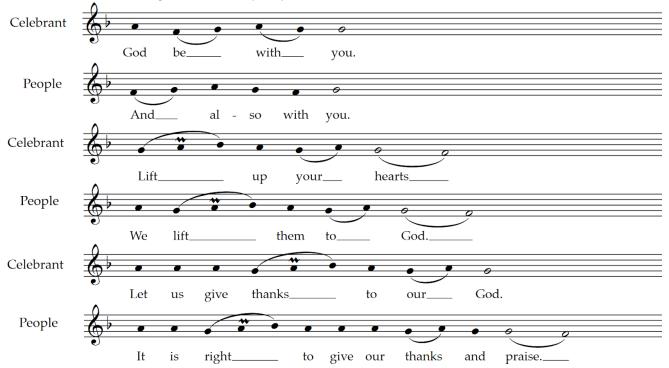
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface and Proper Preface (9:30)*



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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 (7:45)

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,

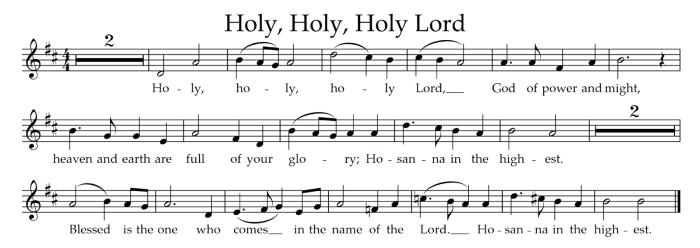
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus (9:30)*



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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 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, according to his command, O God,

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Maker 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we

are acceptable to you, 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 (7:45)

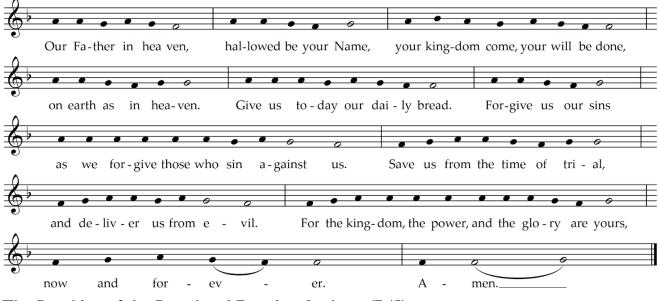
It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer. As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those 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.

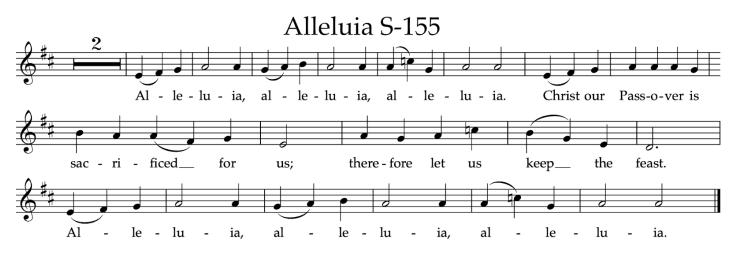
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The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (7:45) Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (9:30)*

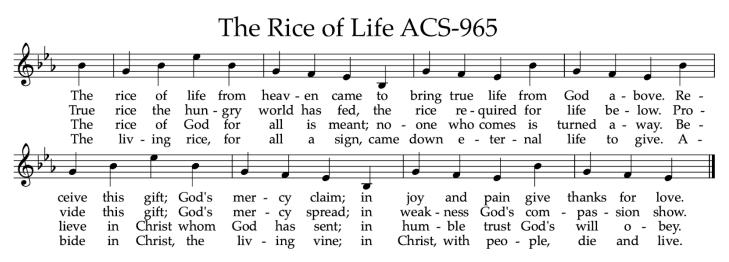


The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus invites you to this Table. Come, eat and live.

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.

The Hymn During Communion



Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Beloved One 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, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 you this day and remain with you always. **Amen**.

THE SENDING HYMN (9:30)*



THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

"The Blessing Before the Throne of God" from Blessings

Daniel Pinkham

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