

St. Barnabas

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The Mass of Christian Burial

Roger A. Mattison

October 10, 2023
10:00 am

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.

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit and face the Baptismal Font.

THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the remains of our brother, Roger, for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that Roger will be raised to his place in the company of the saints.

Silence is kept.

Deliver your servant, Roger, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond, that he may feast with all your saints in light; where with your Abba and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

In Baptism, we are already God's children, but what we shall be has not yet been revealed. Yet we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Holy water is then sprinkled on the urn, and a pall placed upon it.

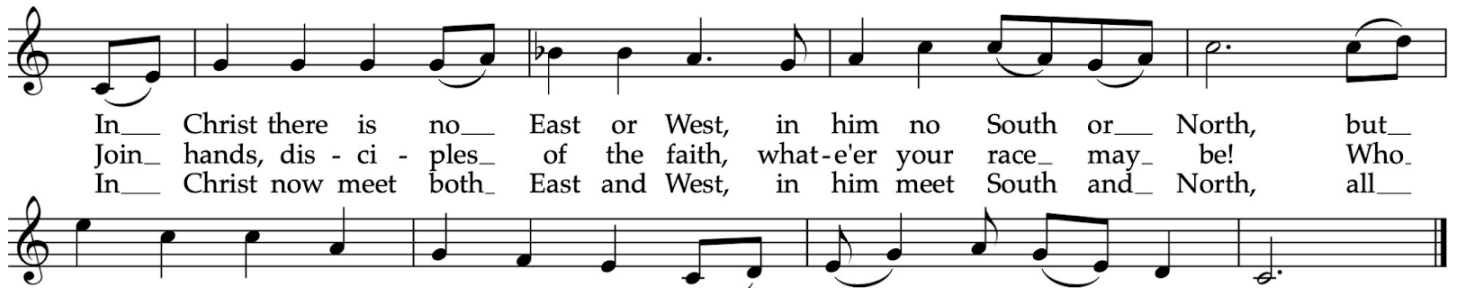
Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on our loving God, know the faithfulness of their Redeemer, and find solace in the divine compassion.

Silence is kept.

Holy One, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them in mercy; comfort them with your loving kindness; lift up your countenance upon them, and give them your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GATHERING HYMN *

In Christ There is No East or West H-529



In__ Christ there is no__ East or West, in him no South or__ North, but__
Join__ hands, dis - ci - ples__ of the faith, what-e'er your race__ may__ be! Who__
In__ Christ now meet both__ East and West, in him meet South and__ North, all__

one great fel - low - ship of love through - out__ the whole wide earth.
serves my Fa - ther as his child is__ sure - ly kin__ to me.
Christ - ly souls are one in him, through - out__ the whole wide earth.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Roger. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

The Lord's favor is not exhausted,
nor has God's compassion failed.
They rise up new each morning,
so great is God's faithfulness.
"The Lord is all I have," I cry.
"So I will wait in patience."

The Most High is good to those who hope in God,
to all who seek God's presence.
It is good to wait patiently
for the Lord to set us free.

For the Lord will not reject them for ever.
God may punish now,
but will show compassion and the fullness of love.
God does not willingly torment
or punish any human being.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

O God, you are my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures *

and lead me beside still waters.

You revive my soul *

and guide me along right pathways

for the sake of your Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil, *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those

who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

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 *1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Set your hearts on the greater gifts. But now I will show you the way which surpasses all the others.

Even if I can speak in all the tongues of the earth—and those of angels, too—but do not have love, I am just a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy such that I can comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, or if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own to feed those poorer than I, then hand over my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, and it is not snobbish; it is never rude or self-seeking; it is not prone to anger, nor does it brood over injuries. Love doesn't rejoice in what is

wrong, but rejoices in the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure. Love never fails.

There are, in the end, three things that last: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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 HYMN *

What Wondrous Love is This H-439



What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing

soul! What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while
on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joy-ful be, and

lay a-side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.
mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.
through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:11-16*

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said] "I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd would die for the sheep.
The hired hand, who is neither shepherd
nor owner of the sheep,
catches sight of the wolf coming,
and turns away,
leaving sheep to be scattered
or snatched away by the wolf.
That's because the hired hand works only for pay
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd.
I know my sheep
and my sheep know me,
in the same way Abba God knows me
and I know God—

and for these sheep
I will lay down my life.
I have other sheep
that don't belong to this fold—
I must lead them too,
and they will hear my voice.
And there will be one flock,
one shepherd.

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith.

Silence for reflection.

God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things. This we believe.

Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with all creatures. This we believe.

God became incarnate, a part of Earth, like Adam, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation. This we believe.

The risen Jesus is the Christ at the center of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos. This we believe.

The Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of all creation. This we believe.

We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our custom during the Prayers of the People to light a candle in prayer if one chooses. Candles are provided on both sides of the Altar for this purpose.

For our brother Roger, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Silence is kept.

Loving God, your will for us is abundant life: receive Roger into the fullness of life in your presence.

Hear our prayer.

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith: shed the brightness of your light on Roger, who also sought understanding.

Hear our prayer.

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you: draw Roger into the mystery of your being.

Hear our prayer.

We know you as perfect mercy and love: welcome Roger in the face of that love and mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We praise you as the giver of life: gather all who mourn into the hope of eternal life.

Hear our prayer.

The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit: and so we commend Roger to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life.

Hear our prayer.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sibling; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence is kept.

Holy One, we pray to you for Roger, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **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 Choir Anthem

O Love Elaine Hagenberg

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface *

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by horizontal lines. The lyrics are: Celebrant: God be with you. People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to God. Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God. People: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O God, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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 *

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.

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 Roger, 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 (9:30)*

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 Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-losed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem *

Alleluia S-155

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 Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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 Music During Communion

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Traditional; Michael Jordan, soloist

The Hymn During Communion

A Mighty Fortress H-688

A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our
 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing; were
 And though the world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us; we
 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the
 help - er he amid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for
 not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing: dost
 will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us; the
 Spi - rit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth: let
 still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his
 prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -
 goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may
 great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 Name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Loving God,

we thank you that you have fed us with the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We pray that this Sacrament may be for us a comfort in affliction, and a sign of our inheritance in that place where there is no death, neither sorrow or crying, but the joy of true homecoming, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE COMMENDATION

The Commendation Anthem

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to the earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Commendation Prayer

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Roger. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SENDING HYMN *

As the Sending Hymn is being sung, the congregation processes to the columbarium on the West Terrace for the Committal.

Lift Every Voice and Sing ELW-841



Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo -
Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod, felt in the days when
God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast brought us



nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies, let it re -
hope un - born had died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet come to the
thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light, keep us for



sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
place for which our par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee; shad - owed be - neath thy



sun of our new day be - gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

The Committal

THE CANTICLE

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE COMMITTAL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Roger, and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord's face shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord's countenance be lifted upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**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.**

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, furnish you with all that is good, so that you may do all that is pleasing to God; and the blessing of +most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Those gathered are invited to a time of remembrance and a luncheon in honor of Roger Mattison in Grant Hall.
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Nelson
Assisting Minister	Ms. Patti Walter
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Lectors	Ms. Irene Shepard Ms. Patti Walter
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Choir Director	Ms. Misty Dupuis
Organist/Accompanist	Mr. Mark Kelly
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