

The Holy Eucharist

November 12, 2023

The Twenty-fourth 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.

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

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the Word of life and the Feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf" Johann Sebastian Bach

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 TRISAGION (7:45)

The Trisagion is prayed three times.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One.

Have mercy on us.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O God, whose Beloved One came into the world to 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 Christ is pure; that, when Christ comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like Christ in the eternal and glorious realm; 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 Amos 5:18-24

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

You who wish for the Day of YHWH to come—why do you want it?
What will the Day of YHWH mean to you?
It will be a day of darkness, not light!

It will be like running from a lion only to meet a bear, or like getting home safe at last, only to get bitten by a snake hiding in the corner!

Rest assured:

the Day of YHWH will be darkness, not light. It will all be gloom, without a single ray of light.

I despise and reject your feasts!
I am not appeased by your solemn assemblies!

When you offer me burnt offerings, I reject your oblations, and refuse to look at your sacrifices of fattened cattle!

Spare me the racket of your chanting! Relieve me of the strumming of your harps!

Instead, let justice flow like a river, and righteousness flow like an unfailing stream.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70 Deus, in adjutorium

The psalm is sung responsively between choir and congregation.



Be pleased, O God, to 'deliver me; * O God, make / haste to 'help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dis-' mayed; *

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune, draw back and / be dis-'graced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn 'back, * because they / are a-'shamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be 'glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great / is the 'Holy One!"

But as for me, I am poor and 'needy; * come to me speedi-/ly, O'God.

You are my helper and my de-'liverer; * O God, / do not 'tarry.

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 SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

The reading is introduced.

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

My dear friends, we want you to be clear about those who sleep in death; otherwise you might yield to grief and lose all hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way God will bring with Jesus all who have fallen asleep believing in Jesus. We are speaking to you now just as if Jesus were speaking to you: we who live, who survive until Jesus returns, will have no advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, Jesus will personally come down from heaven with a shout, at the sound of the archangel's voice and the trumpet of God, and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet Jesus in the air—and thenceforth we will be with Jesus unceasingly. Therefore console one another with these words.

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)*



Cantor: Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1–13

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said,] "Then again, the realm of heaven could be likened to ten attendants who took their lamps and went to meet the bridal party. Five of them were wise; five were foolish. When the foolish ones took their lamps, they didn't take any oil with them, but the wise ones took enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The bridal party was delayed, so they all fell asleep.

"At midnight there was a cry: 'Here comes the bridal party! Let's go out to meet them!' Then all the attendants rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there won't be enough for us; run to the dealers and get some more for yourselves.'

"While the foolish ones went to buy more oil, the bridal party arrived; and those who were ready went to the marriage feast with them, and the door was shut. When the foolish attendants returned, they pleaded to be let in. The doorkeeper replied, 'The truth is, I don't know you.'

"So stay awake, for you don't know the day or the hour."

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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Lonnie, Janet, Eva, Todd and family, Jessica, the Mattison family, Steve, Ryan and family, the Mehn family, 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, especially Judy Trujillo and William (Bill) Hubbard, 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.

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.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem

Alleluia Randall Thompson

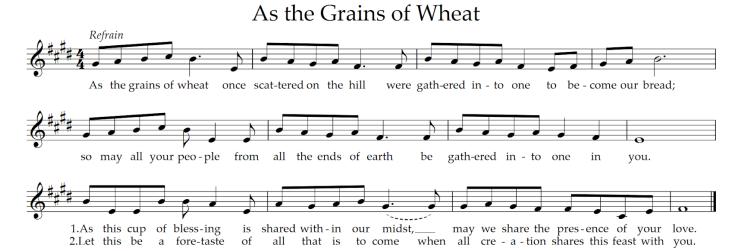
Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

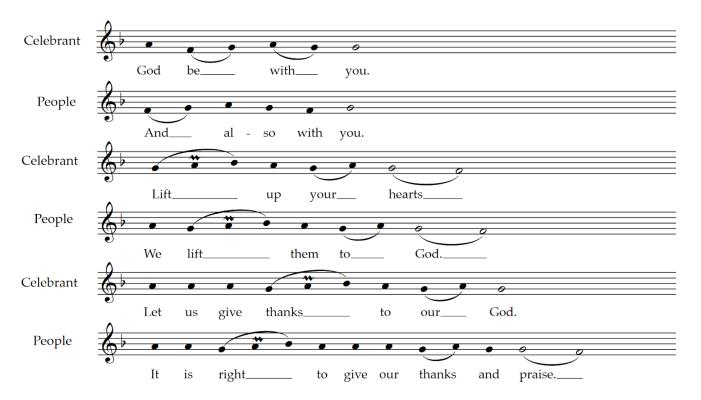
Lift up your hearts.

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

The Sanctus (7:45)

Holy, Holy, God of power and might,

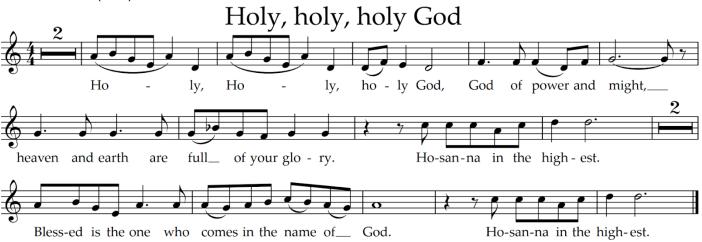
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.





The 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 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, 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, blessed Judy, blessed Bill, 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)

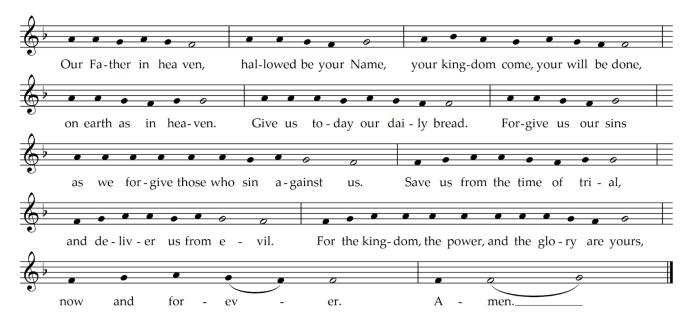
It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer. As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

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.

The Lord's Prayer (9:30)*

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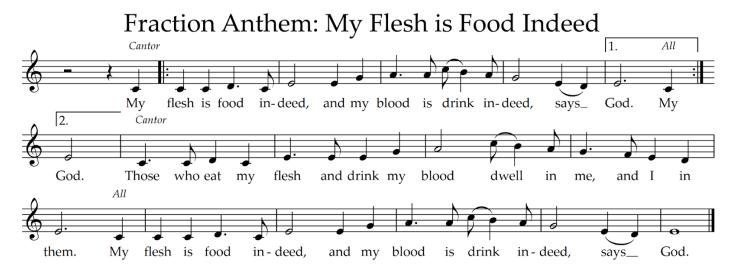


The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (7:45)

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says God.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

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



The Invitation to Communion**

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' Table.

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 that you have fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior 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 nor crying, but the joy of true homecoming, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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.

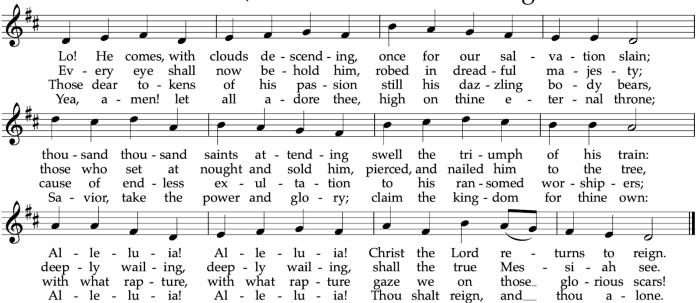
We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

May God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **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

Gloria (from the Magnificat) Marcel Dupré

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