



The Holy Eucharist

November 26, 2023

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
The Reign of Christ

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.

On this final Sunday of the Church year, our Gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

David N. Johnson

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

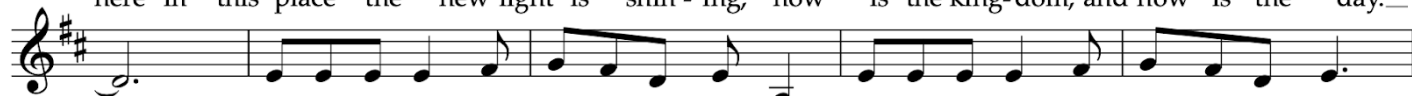
Gather Us In ELW-532



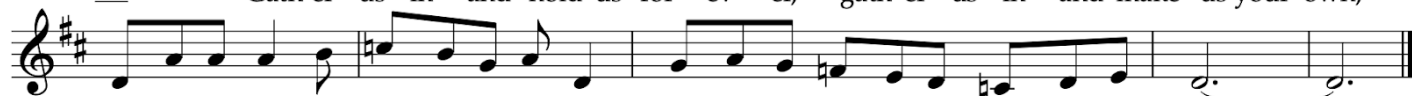
Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness van-ished a - way;
We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en, light years a - way



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings brought here to you in the light of this day...
we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu-man race...
here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
here in this place the new light is shin - ing, now is the king-dom, and now is the day...



— Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the blind and the lame;
— Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;
— Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
— Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and make us your own;



call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
gath-er us in, all peo-ples to geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

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)*

Glory to God

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
3
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your Beloved One, the Sovereign of sovereigns and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

For thus says Sovereign YHWH: I myself will search for my sheep; I will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when their flocks are scattered in every direction, so I will search for my sheep and rescue them, no matter where they scattered on that day of full clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the countries and bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by its streams and wherever there is a settlement. I will feed them on good pasture land, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing ground. I myself will tend my flock and have it lie down, thus says Sovereign YHWH. I will seek out the lost, I will return the strayed, I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and I will watch over the fat and the sleek. I will be a true shepherd to them.

Therefore, thus says YHWH to you: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep, for you shove aside the weak with flank and shoulder; you butt them with your horns until they are scattered in every direction.

I will save my flock and they will be ravaged no longer. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will set up over them one shepherd to care for them: my servant David. He will care for them and be their shepherd. And I, YHWH, will be their God, and my servant David will be their leader. I, YHWH, have spoken.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7a *Venite, exultemus*

The psalm is sung responsively between choir and congregation.



Come, let us sing to the ' Holy One; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of / our sal- ' vation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanks- ' giving *
and raise a loud / shout with ' psalms.

For you, O God, are a ' great God; *

you are great a- / bove all ' gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the ' earth; *
and the heights of the hills are / yours al- ' so.

The sea is yours, for you ' made it. *

and your hands have molded / the dry ' land.

**Come, let us bow down and bend the ‘knee, *
and kneel before / God, our ‘Maker.**

For you are our ‘God, *
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep
/ of your ‘hand.

**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 *Ephesians 1:15–23*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

From the time I first heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of the holy ones, I have never stopped thanking God for you and remembering you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Savior Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation, to bring you to a rich knowledge of the Creator.

I pray that God will enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope this call holds for you—the promised glories that God’s holy ones will inherit, and the infinitely great power that is exercised for us who believe. You can tell this from the strength of God’s power at work in Jesus, the power used to raise Christ from the dead and to seat Christ in heaven at God’s right hand, far above every sovereignty, authority, power, or dominion, and above any other name that can be named—not only in this age, but also in the age to come. God has put all things under Christ’s feet and made Christ, as the ruler of everything, the head of the church, and the church is Christ’s body; it’s the fullness of the One who fills all of creation.

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)*

Halle, Halle, Halleujah

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu -
jah. Hal - le - ha - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Cantor: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor David.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31–46*

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said] “At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left.

“The ruler will say to those on the right, ‘Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then these just will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’ The ruler will answer them, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.’

“Then the ruler will say to those on the left, ‘Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.’ Then they in turn will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?’ The answer will come, ‘The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’ They will go off to eternal punishment, and the just will go off to eternal life.”

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.*

Celtic Alleluia



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 Dennis, Bill, Marty and Diana, Larry, Madie, Iris, Tom, Larry, Joe 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 Judy, Bill, Ali, Susan, Dave, and 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.*

Celtic Alleluia



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 the risen 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

Peace Be Unto You Robert Pearsall

Please stand in body or spirit.

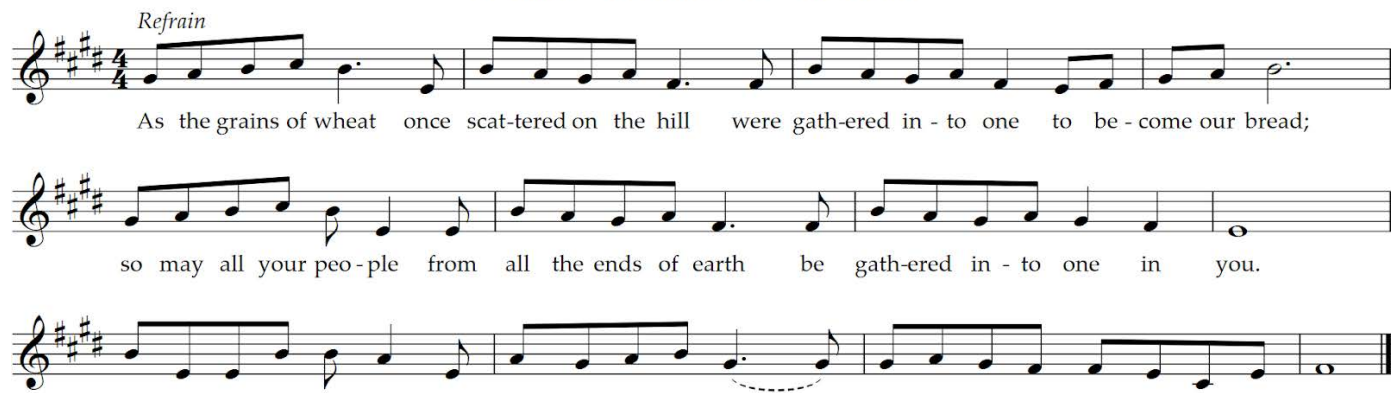
The Presentation of the Gifts (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Offertory Hymn (9:30)*

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1.As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, may we share the pres-ence of your love.
2.Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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)*

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.

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)*

Holy, holy, holy God

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

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, blessed Ali, blessed Susan, blessed Dave, 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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Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed 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-gainst 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 (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)*

Fraction Anthem: My Flesh is Food Indeed

Cantor 1. *All*
My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says_ God. My
2. *Cantor*
God. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in
All
them. My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says_ God.

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

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
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will
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.

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)*

Sing, My Tongue ELW-346

Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; tell the tri - umph
Bend your boughs, O tree of glo - ry, your re - lax - ing
Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the
far and wide; tell a - loud the won - drous sto - ry
sin - ews bend; for a while the an - cient rig - or
no - blest tree; none in fol - iage, none in blos - som,
of the cross, the Cru - ci - fied; tell how Christ, the
that your birth be - stowed sus - pend; and the Lord of
none in fruit your e - qual be; sym - bol of the
world's re - deem - er, van - quished death the day he died.
heav'n - ly beau - ty gent - ly on your arms ex - tend.
world's re - dem - tion for your bur - den makes us free.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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