

St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2023

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve

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 winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ Child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world. ***

THE GREETING

THE PRELUDE

"God Rest Ye Merry"

Robert Elmore

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please remain seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (5:00 pm)

In a dimly-lit church. A bell tolls and the Advent Wreath is lit.

Reader One: Because injustice and despair threaten to overwhelm us, we pray for hope...

One candle is lit in the Advent wreath.

Reader Two: Because so many swords have not yet been remade into plowshares, we pray for peace...

Two candles are lit in the Advent wreath.

Reader One: Because grief and loss weigh so heavily, we pray for joy...

Three candles are lit in the Advent wreath.

Reader Two: Because hatred is still so strong, and because people all over the world are suffering, we pray for love.

Five candles are lit in the Advent wreath.

Reader One: God has come to us as a child, to dwell with us, and to walk with us.

The Christ Candle is lit in the Advent wreath.

Reader Two: May the light and the fire from these candles burn away whatever would prevent the God of hope and peace and joy and love from being born among us.

Reader One: Friends, be not afraid, even now—even now—the light of Christ is illuminating the world, on earth as it is in heaven!

THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION (8:00 pm)

In a dimly-lit church. A bell tolls and the Christmas Proclamation is read.

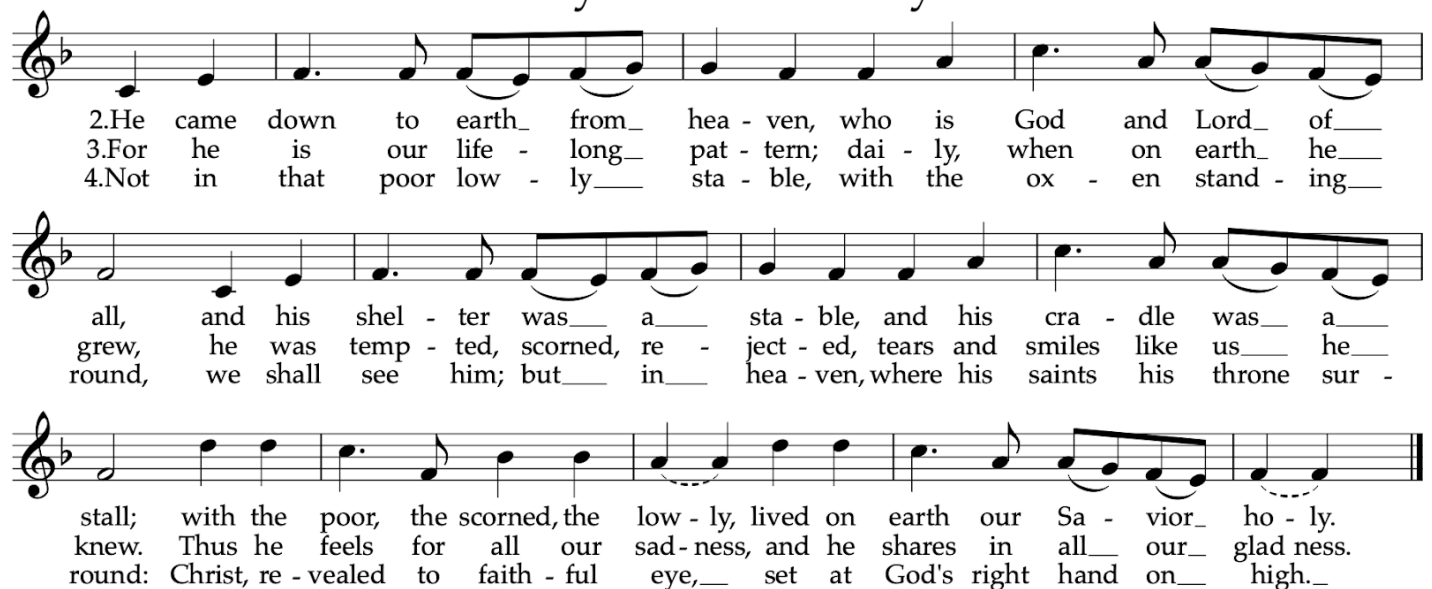
Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth, when man and woman were formed in God's own image; long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant; twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom, eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges; a thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophesy takes note; in the one hundred ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred fifty-second year from the founding of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; in the sixth age of the world, all the earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, Son of the eternal Father, willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy, was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN*

A cantor sings the first stanza. The congregation sings stanzas 2–4.

Once in Royal David's City H-102



2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of
3. For he is our life-long pattern; daily, when on earth he
4. Not in that poor low-ly stable, with the ox-en stand-ing
all, and his shel-ter was a sta-ble, and his cra-dle was a
grew, he was temp-ted, scorned, re-ject-ed, tears and smiles like us he
round, we shall see him; but in hea-ven, where his saints his throne sur-
stall; with the poor, the scorned, the low-ly, lived on earth our Sa-voir ho-ly.
knew. Thus he feels for all our sad-ness, and he shares in all our glad-ness.
round: Christ, re-vealed to faith-ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed are you, holy and living One.

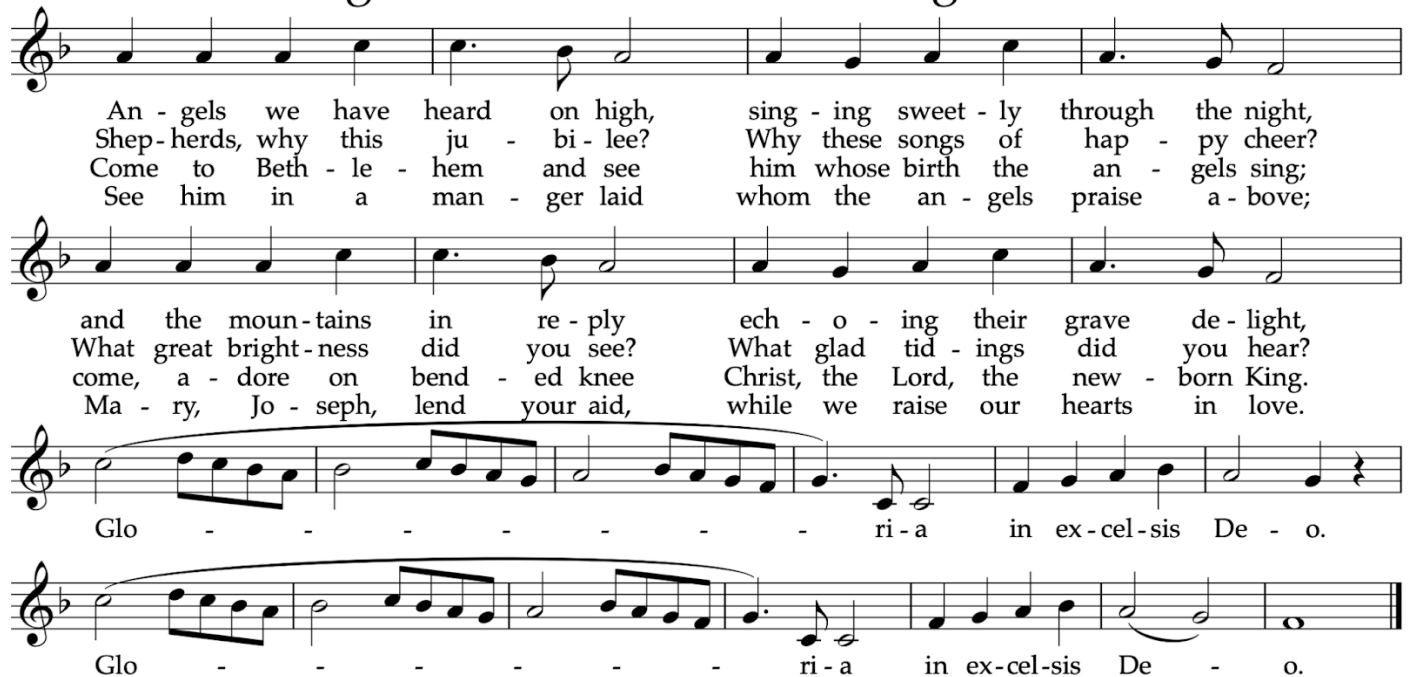
You are our light and our salvation.

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*

Angels We have Heard on High H-96



An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their grave de - light,
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Isaiah 9:2-7*

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!***

The reading is introduced:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people walking in darkness
are seeing a brilliant light—
upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows

light is shining!

God, you have made the nation greater—
you have brought them abundant joy!
They celebrate in your presence
as with the harvest celebrations,
or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them,
the weight on their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressors—
you have shattered it,
as you did at the defeat of Midian.

For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak that was dragged through blood,
is now used as fuel for the fire.

For a child is born to us,
an heir is given us,
upon whose shoulders
dominion will rest.
This One shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, the Strength of God,
Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace.

This dominion, and this peace,
will grow without end,
with David's throne and realm
sustained with justice and fairness,
now and forever.
The zeal of YHWH Omnipotent
will accomplish it!"

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96 *Cantate Domino*

The cantor sings the first verse of the psalm and the congregation joins in on verse two.



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 a- ' mong 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 magnificence ' of God's presence* *
Oh, the power and the splen- / dor of God's ' sanctuary! ***

**Ascribe to God, you families ' of the peoples, *
ascribe to God / honor and ' power.**

**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 trem- / ble before ' God.**

**Tell it out among the nations ' that God reigns *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved,
and will judge the / peoples with ' equity.**

**Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that ' is in it; *
let the field be joyful and / all that is ' therein.**

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before God, ' who will come, *
who will come / to judge the ' earth.**

**God will judge the world with ' righteousness *
and the / peoples with ' truth.**

**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 *Titus 2:11-14*

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.***

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the letter of Titus.

The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all. It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly

desires, and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age as we await our blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. It was Christ who was sacrificed for us, to redeem us from all unrighteousness and to cleanse a people to be Christ’s own, eager to do what is right.

A brief silence, then:

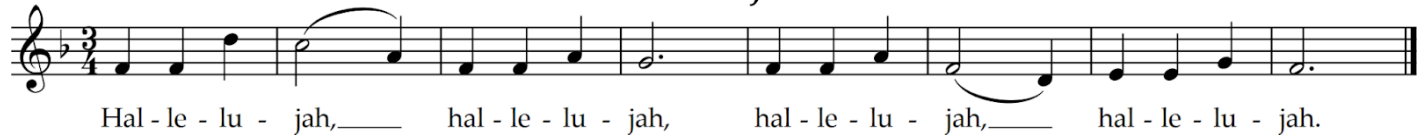
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

Hallelujah



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

Cantor: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1–20

*God’s greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the “good news of great joy” and proclaim God’s blessing of peace.***

The Holy Gospel is introduced.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Christ.

In those days, Caesar Augustus published a decree ordering a census of the whole Roman world. This first census took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All the people were instructed to go back to the towns of their birth to register. And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to “the city of David”—Bethlehem, in Judea, because Joseph was of the house and lineage of David; he went to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her delivery. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son; she put him in a simple cloth wrapped like a receiving blanket, and laid him in a feeding trough for cattle, because there was no room for them at the inn.

There were shepherds in the area living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flock. The angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God shone around them; they were very much afraid.

The angel said to them, “You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you—news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in David’s city, a savior—the Messiah—has been born to you. Let this be a sign to you: you’ll find an infant wrapped in a simple cloth, lying in a manger.”

Suddenly, there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in high heaven! And on earth, peace to those on whom God’s favor rests.”

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see this event that God has made known to us.” They hurried and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw this, they reported what they had been told concerning the child. All who heard about it were astonished at the report given by the shepherds.

Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. The shepherds went away glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told.

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORY (5:00 pm)

At various intervals, the congregation will be invited to sing the following carols.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silence for reflection.

THE HOMILY (8:00 pm) Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

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 three times.*

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria EOMv2-100

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry be to God on high!

And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

Glory to you, God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your Church a joyful song to sing, that we bring good news of peace and salvation to all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Provoke awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of the night and in the first glimmers of dawn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the child born to us who establishes a realm of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, especially Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people tonight who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness, especially Jim, Claire, Barbie, Kathy, Sarah and family, Dominique and family, the Holbrook family, Katherine and David, Carol, the people of Ukraine, the Israeli and Palestinian people, those who struggle with conflict, natural and human disaster, and those we name aloud or in silence (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. We especially remember XX and those we name aloud or in silence (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace. **Amen.**

The refrain* is sung once more.

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria EOMv2-100



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, — glo - ry be to God on high!
And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ Child 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

Ding Dong! Merrily on High Carolyn Jennings

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

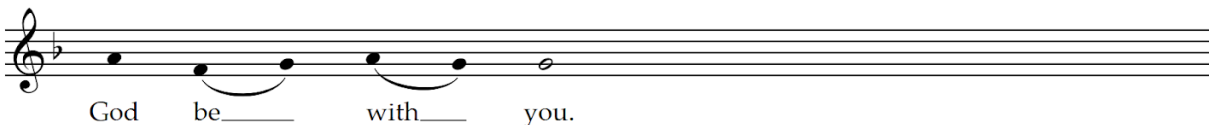
The Offertory Hymn*

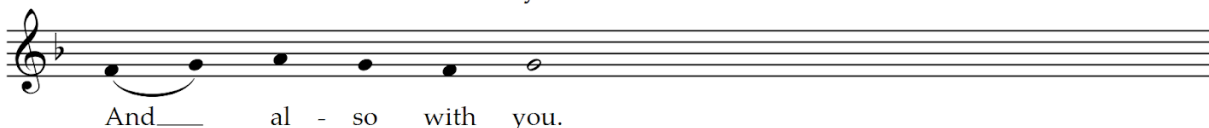
What child is this

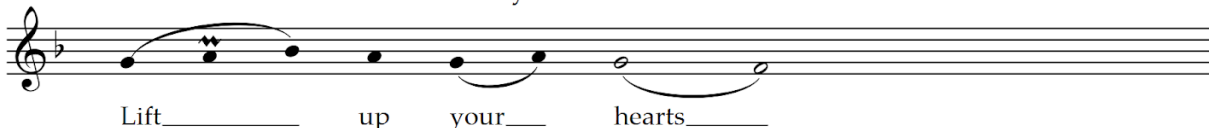



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, — to own — him; the
King of kings — sal - va - tion brings, — let lov - ing hearts — en - throne him.
This, this — is Christ the King, — whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing;
haste, haste — to bring him laud, — the baby, — the son — of Ma - ry.

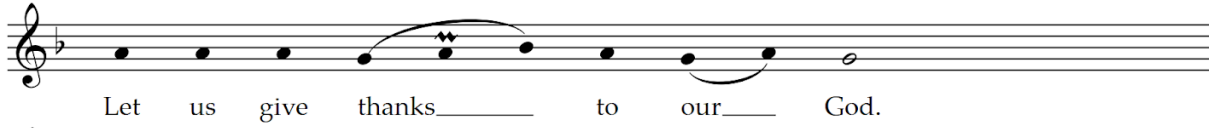
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Preface and Proper Preface


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.

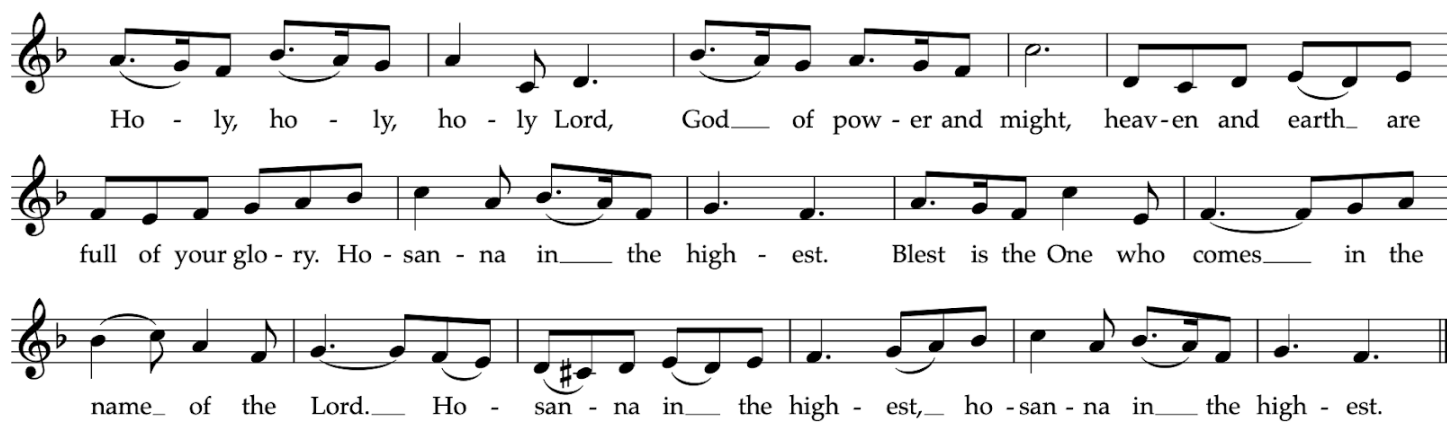
People 
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; because you gave Jesus Christ to be born for us; who by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be deliver'd from the bondage of sin, and receive pow'r to become your children.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW-193



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One 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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

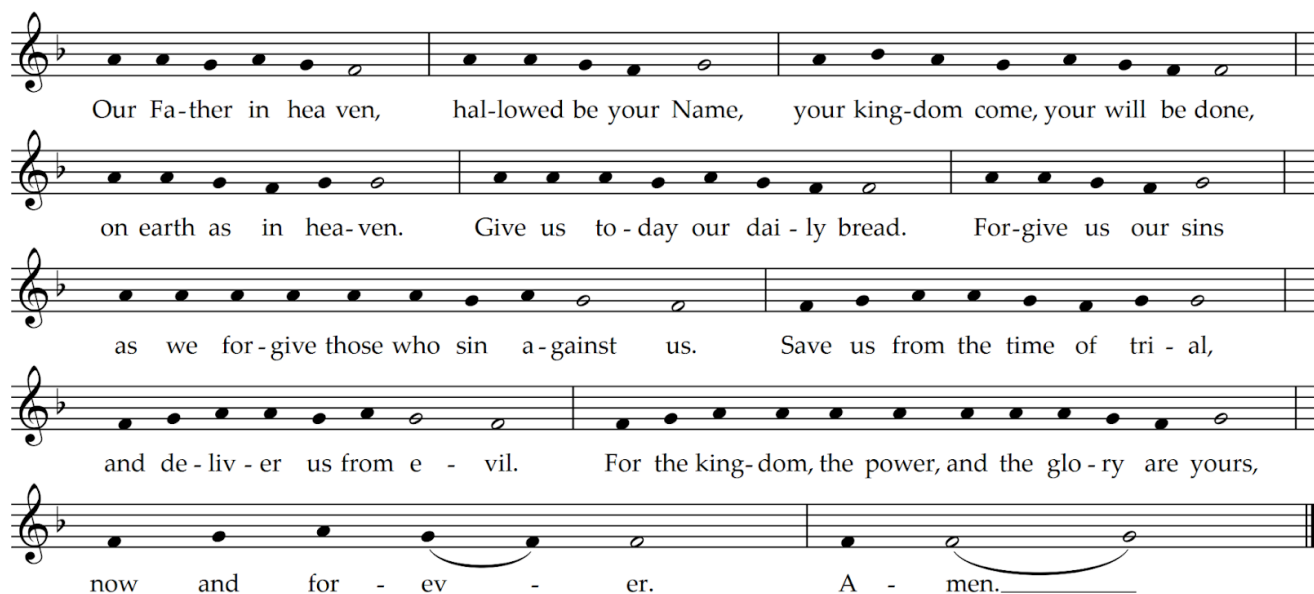
In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, [blessed N.], and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and 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:



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*

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

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**

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the Table of peace.

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 Hymns During Communion*

In the Bleak Midwinter H-112

1. In the bleak mid-winter, frost-y wind made moan, earth stood hard as i-ron,
3. An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there, cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim
4. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a she-herd,
wa-ter like a stone; snow had fall-en, snow on snow, snow on
thron-ged the air; but his mo-ther on-ly, in her maid-en
I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my
snow, in the bleak mid-winter long a-go.
bliss, wor-shipped the be-loved with a kiss.
part; yet what I can I give him give my heart.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing H-87



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing_ glo - ry to the new-born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
Christ, by high - est hea - vena - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; late in time be - hold him come,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies;
off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty. —
born to give us sec - ond birth. Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the — heaven - born Prince of Peace!



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry — to the new - born King!

O Little Town of Bethlehem H-79

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -
 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove, while
 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! So
 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child, where
 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - ham, de - scend to us, we pray; cast
 bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love. O
 God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven. No
 mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild; where
 out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We
 in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the
 morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! and
 ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
 char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door, the
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O
 hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...God our Redeemer,

you have fed us at this Table with the gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the Good News of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

Please sit or kneel.

THE STATION AT THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

The Hymn*

Away in a Manger H-101

A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the
The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but
Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close
lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The
lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I
by me for - ev - er, and love me I pray. Bless
stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the
love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, and
all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, and
lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

The Versicle

The glory of God has been revealed:

And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

The Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the coming of your Beloved One, Jesus Christ, to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Hymn*

Silent Night H-111



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child, Ho - ly in - fant, so
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re -

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ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

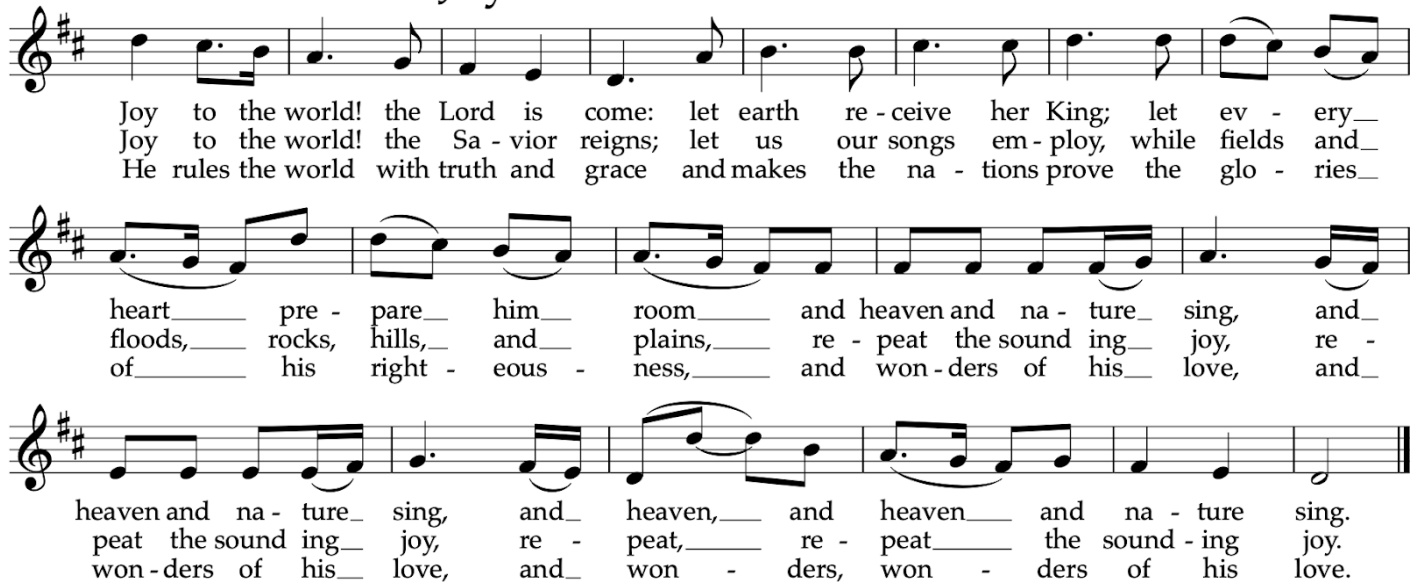
THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE SENDING HYMN*

Joy to the World H-100



Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let ev - ery
Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy, while fields and
He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room and heaven and na - ture sing, and
floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the sound ing joy, re -
of his right - eous - ness, and won - ders of his love, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
peat the sound ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

THE DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

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