

St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

December 3, 2023

The First Sunday of Advent

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.

*Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Promised One with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heaven and come.***

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Travelers

Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

PRELUDE

People, Look East

Robert A. Hobby

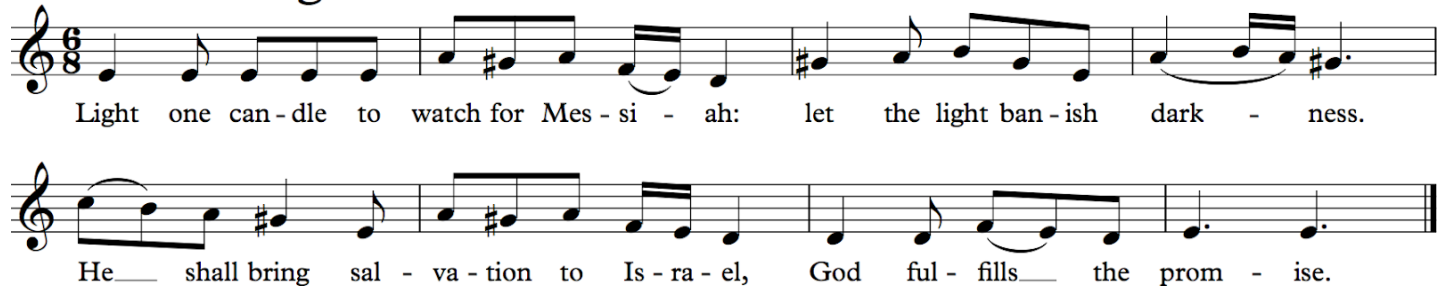
The Liturgy of Gathering

Please remain seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Wreath Hymn (9:30)*

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

The Wreath Blessing: Hope

Reader One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

Reader Two: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer – and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

Reader One: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

Reader Two: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...

The first candle in the Advent wreath is lit.

Reader One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Reader Two: May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

Reader One: Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending H-58

Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal - va - tion slain;
Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty;
Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling bo - dy bears,
Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his train:
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers;
Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine own:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE (7:45)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*

People, Look East ELW-248

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of the
year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day Love, the Guest, is on the way.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Beloved One Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through the One 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 *Isaiah 64:1-9*

*The reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah is a lament that comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance from the past.***

The reading is introduced:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would shake before you!

As fire kindles the brushwood and the fire makes water boil, make your Name known to your adversaries, and let the nations tremble before you!

When you did awesome things that we could not have expected, you came down, and the mountains quaked in your presence!

From ages past no ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen any God but you intervening for those who wait for you!

Oh, that you would find us doing right, that we would be mindful of you in our ways! You are angry because we are sinful; we sinned for so long—how can we be saved?

All of us became unclean and soiled, even our good deeds are polluted. We have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

No one calls upon your Name, there is none who clings to you, for you hid your face from us and delivered us into the hands of our sins

Yet you are our mother and father, YHWH; we are the clay and you are the potter, we are all the work of your hands.

Don't let your anger go beyond measure, O God, don't remember our sins forever, for we are all your people.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

**Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

**Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**O God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

**You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

**Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand; *
those whom you have made so strong for yourself.**

**And so will we never turn away from you, *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

**Restore us, O God of hosts *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**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 1:3-9*

*In the first letter to the Corinthians, as Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.***

The reading is introduced.

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

Unfortunately, sisters and brothers, I was unable to speak to you as spiritual people. I had to treat you as sensual people, still infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, since you weren't ready for it. Indeed, you still aren't ready for it, since you're still far too carnal—a fact that should be obvious from all the jealousy and wrangling that there is among you, from the way that you go on behaving like ordinary people! What could be more nonspiritual than your slogans, "I belong to Paul," and "I belong to Apollos"?

After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? They are ministers through whom you came to believe. Even the different ways in which they brought the Gospel were assigned to them by God. I did the planting, Apollos did the watering, but God caused the growth. Neither the planter nor the waterer matters—only God, who makes things grow. It is all one who does the planting and who does the watering; and all will be duly paid according to their share in the work. We are coworkers with God; you are God's farm, God's building.

A brief silence, then:

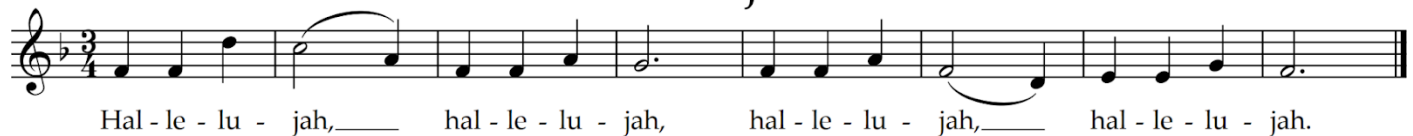
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Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (9:30)*

Hallelujah



Cantor: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24-37*

*In the Gospel reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.***

The Holy Gospel is introduced.

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

Glorify to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said] "But in those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will fall from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Promised One coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then the angels will be sent to gather the chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Promised One is near, right at the door. The truth is, before this generation has passed away, all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it—neither the angels of heaven, nor the Only Begotten—no

one but Abba God. Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come.

“It is like people traveling abroad. They leave their home and put the workers in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay on the alert. So stay alert! You do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows or at early dawn. Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: stay alert!”

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 three times.*

Wait for the Lord ELW-262

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord' (ELW-262). It is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns. There are repeat signs at the end of the piece.

In Advent, we wait—for a coming that has already come, is with us now, and will come again. Loving God, in the quiet of Advent, we hold up these prayers to you.

We hold in hope all who pray to you, especially those who lead the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, The Episcopal Church in Colorado, and St. Barnabas Parish, that they may hear and do your will. In the quiet of Advent, we hold this hope.

Silence for reflection.

We hold in hope all those who have been entrusted with leadership throughout the world, especially our President, our leaders in Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they may serve with integrity, mindful of whom they serve. In the quiet of Advent, we hold this hope.

Silence for reflection.

We hold in hope the people of St. Barnabas, that we may see who we are and hear what we are called to be. Lead us as we follow this call. In the quiet of Advent, we hold this hope.

Silence for reflection.

We hold in hope those who show us how to care for this earth and all of creation, that we may do our part to repair the damage that has been done and restore the creation to health and wholeness. In the quiet of Advent, we hold this hope.

Silence for reflection.

We hold in hope all those who enter this Advent season with heavy care or illness or sorrow, that we may discover how we can be and do for them. We pray especially for Tim, Tracy, Don, Andrea, Gia and Dara, Jordan, Dave, Nicolle, Selah Kay, Janet, 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*). In the quiet of Advent, we hold this hope.

Silence for reflection.

We hold in hope all those who have entered into larger life and those who grieve them, especially those we name in silence or aloud (*pause*). In the quiet of Advent, we hold this hope.

Silence for reflection.

Into your hands, Holy One, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through the Promised One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.*

Wait for the Lord ELW-262

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Everlasting God,

you love justice and hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world.

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.

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

Behold, A Branch is Growing Joseph Herl

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)*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of_ bless - ing.

Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.

Grace our_ ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface (7:45)

God be with you.

And also with you

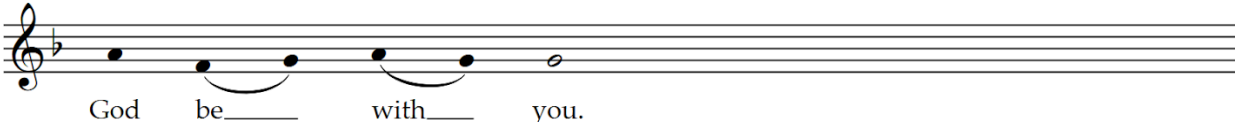
Lift up your hearts.

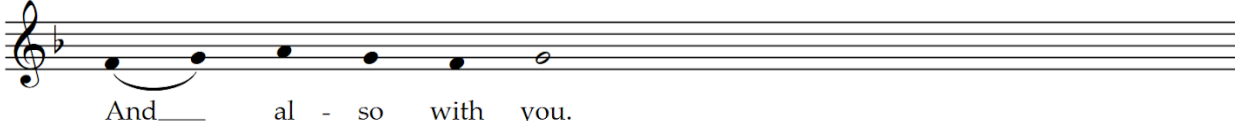
We lift them to God.

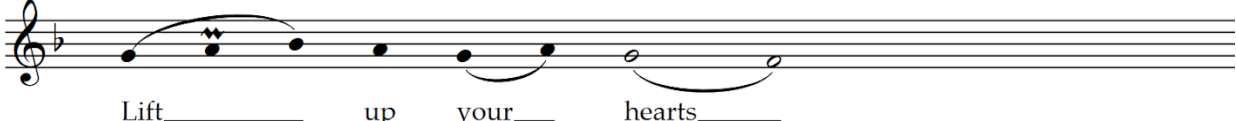
Let us give thanks to our God.


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

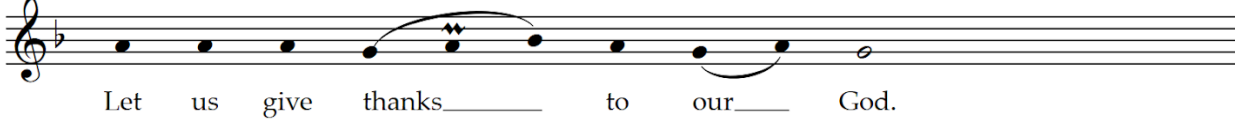
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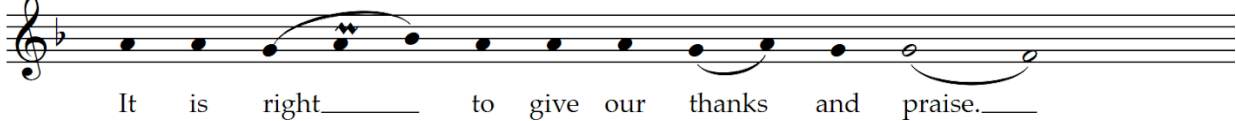
Celebrant  God be with you.

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 truly right and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because you sent your Beloved One to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

The Sanctus (7:45)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

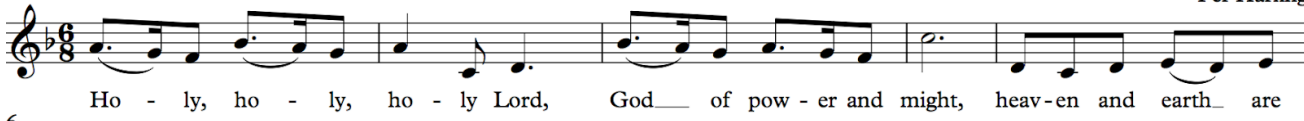
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

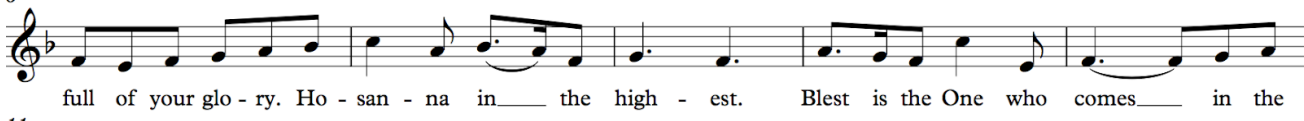
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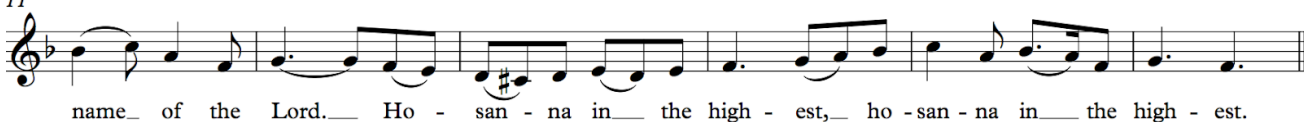
The Sanctus (9:30)*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Per Harling

 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are

6  full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the

11  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, 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 (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,

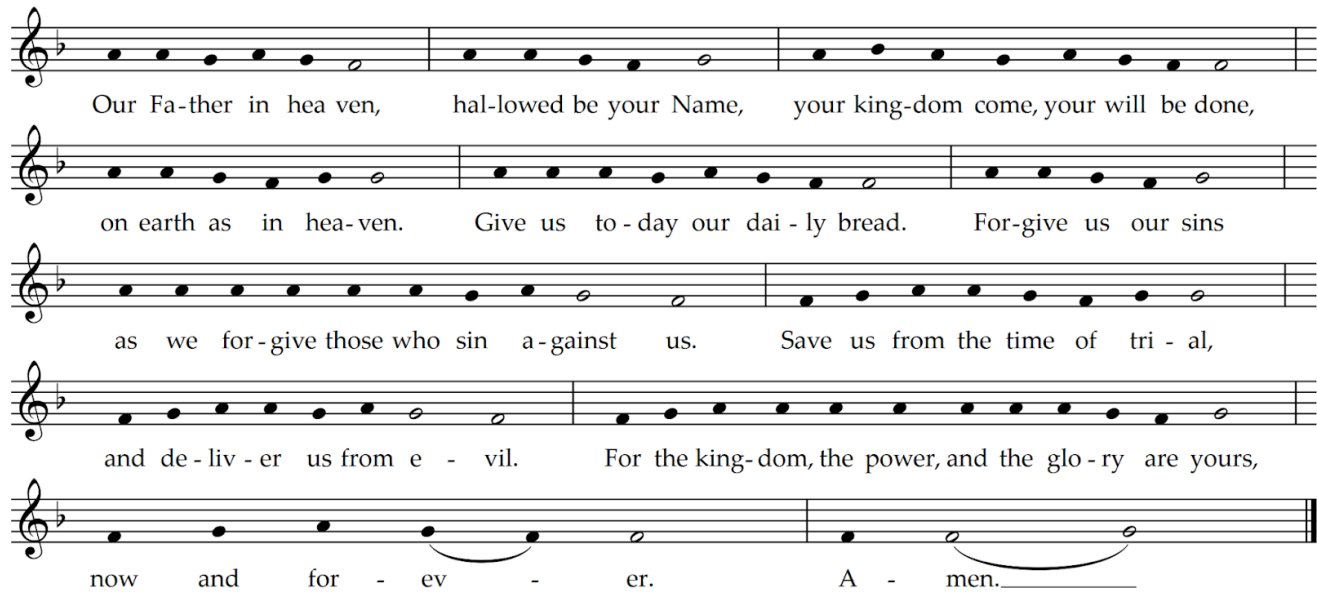
and the glory are yours,

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.

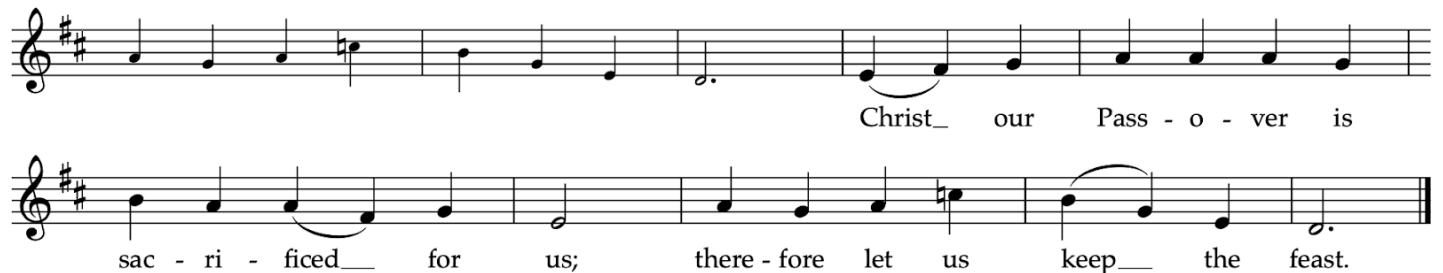
The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (7:45)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

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

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover S-156



Christ_ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed_ for us; there - fore let us keep_ the feast.

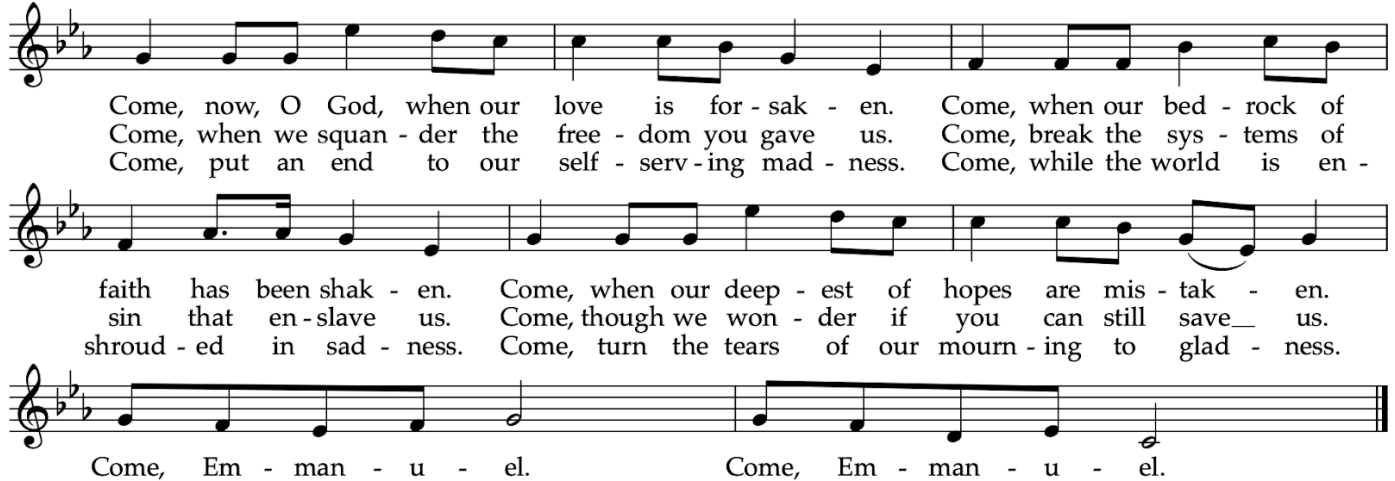
The Invitation to Communion**

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at this 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 (9:30)*

Come Now, O God ACS-902



Come, now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en. Come, when our bed - rock of
Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us. Come, break the sys - tems of
Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness. Come, while the world is en -

faith has been shak - en. Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
sin that en - slave us. Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
shroud - ed in sad - ness. Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.

Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...Generous God,

in Bread and Cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth by Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity, one God, be among you, and remain with you always.


Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN (9:30)*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus H-66



Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

Stuttgart Malcolm Archer

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