

St. Barnabas

EPISCOPAL PARISH

The Mass of Christian Burial
for Heidi Valencia

January 12, 2024

10:30 am

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

The Liturgy of Gathering

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

THE RECEPTION OF THE BODY

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

Silence is kept.

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

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

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

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


Silence is kept.

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


THE GATHERING HYMN *

Be Not Afraid G-608


Verse 1



You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall




wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in



for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2



If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you




walk a-mid the burn-ing flames. you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the




pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

D.S.


Verse 3



Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for



one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-sult and hate you



all be-cause of me, bless-ed, bless-ed are you!

D.S.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Isaiah 61:1-3*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

“The Spirit of Exalted YHWH is upon me, for YHWH has anointed me:
God has sent me to bring good news to those who are poor;
to heal broken hearts;
to proclaim release to those held captive
and liberation to those in prison;
to announce a year of favor from YHWH,
and the day of God’s vindication;
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to give them a wreath of flowers instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of tears,
a cloak of praise instead of despair.
They will be known as trees of integrity,
planted by YHWH to display God’s glory.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

O God, you are my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures *

and lead me beside still waters.

You revive my soul *

and guide me along right pathways

for the sake of your Name.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil, *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.**

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate
Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.**

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES *Revelation 21:2-7*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day.

And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, “Look! God’s Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God’s people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Look! I’m making everything new!” and added, “Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true.”

And that One continued, “It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life. This is the rightful inheritance of the overcomers. I will be their God and they will be my daughters and sons.

A brief silence, then:

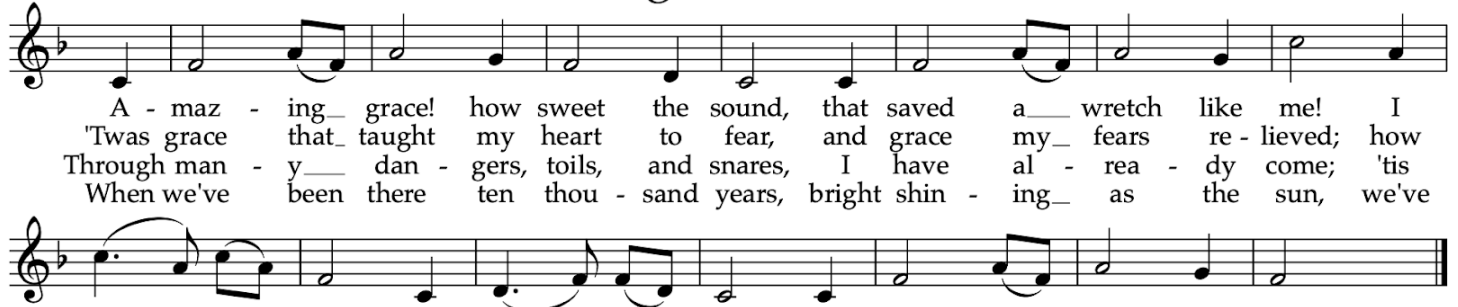
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL HYMN *

Amazing Grace H-671



A - maz - ing_ grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a_ wretch like me! I
'Twas grace that_ taught my heart to fear, and grace my_ fears re - lieved; how
Through man - y_ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come; 'tis
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing_ as the sun, we've
once_ was_ lost but now_ am_ found, was blind but_ now I see.
pre - cious did that grace_ ap - pear the hour I_ first be - lieved!
grace_ that_ brought me safe_ thus far, and grace will_ lead me home.
no_ less_ days to sing_ God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-6*

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said,] Don't let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well. In God's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back to take you with me, that where I am there you may be as well. You know the way that leads to where I am going."

Thomas replied, "But we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus told him, "I myself am the Way—I am Truth, and I am Life. No one comes to Abba God but through me.

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith.

Silence for reflection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

Silence is kept.

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

Hear our prayer.

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

Hear our prayer.

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

Hear our prayer.

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

Hear our prayer.

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

Hear our prayer.

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

Hear our prayer.

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

Silence is kept.

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

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

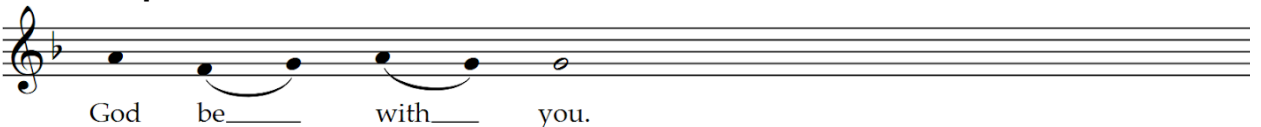
The Offertory Music

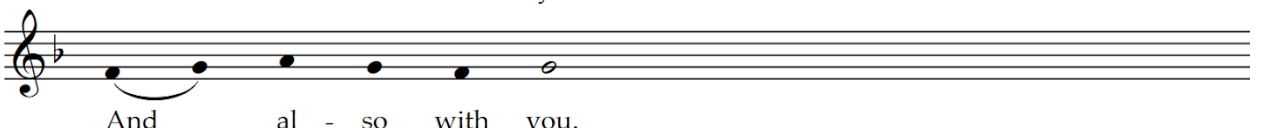
On Eagles' Wings Michael Joncas; Michael Jordan, soloist


Please stand in body or spirit.

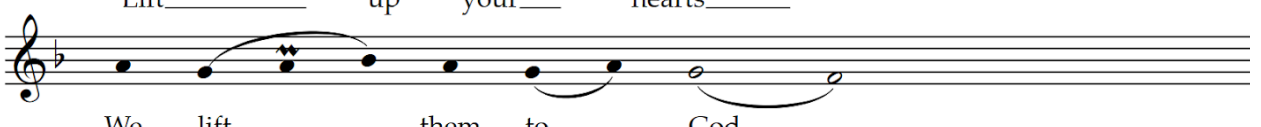
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

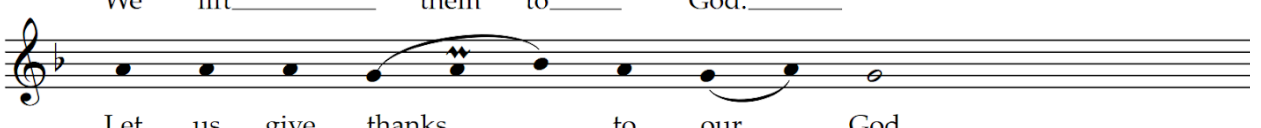
The Preface and Proper Preface *

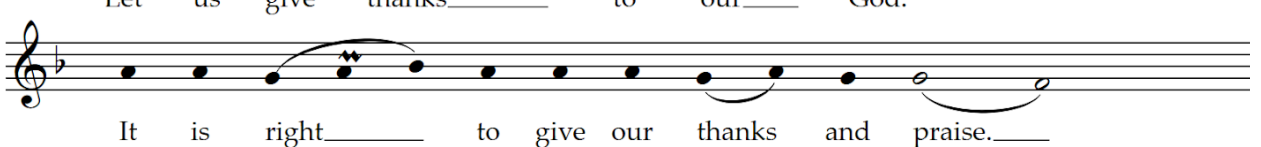
Celebrant 
God be with you.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O God, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus *

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only-begotten One, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Beloved One, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Heidi, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer*

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-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem *

Alleluia S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion

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

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Hymn During Communion

How Great Thou Art ELW-856



O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



Refrain

thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played; Then sings my
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Loving God,

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

The Liturgy of Sending

THE COMMENDATION

The Commendation Anthem

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

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

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

The Commendation Prayer

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SENDING HYMN *

Here I Am, Lord ELW-574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will tend the poor and lame.
All who dwell in
I have wept for
I will set a
dark and sin my hand will save.
love of them. They turn a - way.
feast for them. My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will break their hearts of stone,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide
I will make their
give them hearts for
till their hearts be
dark-ness bright.
love a - lone.
sat - is - fied.
Who will bear my light to them?
I will speak my word to them.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"
Whom shall I send?"
Whom shall I send?"
Here I am, Lord. ___ Is it I, Lord? ___ I have heard you call-ing in the night. ___
___ I will go, Lord, ___ if you lead me. ___ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart. ___

++++
*Those gathered are invited to a luncheon and a time of remembrance in honor of
Heidi Valencia in Grant Hall.*
++++

WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey Nelson
Assisting Minister	Ms. Patti Walter
Altar Server	Mr. David Ford
Lectors	Mr. Patrick Train-Gutierrez Mr. Glenn Villarreal
Intercessor	Ms. Dani Morello Long
Organist/Accompanist	Mr. Mark Kelly
Soloist	Mr. Michael Jordan
Ushers	Ms. Diana Whitley Mr. Ray O'Loughlin
Altar Guild	Ms. Jana Everett
Audio/Visual	Ms. Enid Carlson

St. Barnabas Episcopal Parish

1280 Vine St., Denver, CO 80206

303.388.6469

**www.stbdenver.org/
office@stbdenver.org**

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to Noon.

Rector	<i>Fr. Jeffrey Nelson (he/him)</i>
Pastoral Associate	<i>Ms. Patti Walter (she/her)</i>
Parish Administrator	<i>Ms. Julia Wade (she/her)</i>
Music Director	<i>Ms. Misty Dupuis (she/her)</i>
Bookkeeper	<i>Ms. Lexi Jones (she/her)</i>