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The Holy Eucharist

February 11, 2024

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

**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.**

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*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with the three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now, Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.\*\**

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*A bell tolls.*

**THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**THE PRELUDE**

*Behold that Star*      Charles Callahan

# The Liturgy of Gathering

## THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)\*

### O Wondrous Type! H-137

O wondrous type! O Vision fair of glory  
With Moses and Elijah the incarnate  
With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to  
And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great  
O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy  
that the Church may share, which Christ upon the  
Lord holds converse high; and from the cloud, the  
manifest to day what glory shall be  
vi-sion's mys-ter-y; for which in joy-ful  
Spi-rit, ev-er One, vouch-safe to bring us  
moun-tain shows, where bright-er than the sun he glows!  
Ho-ly One bears re-cord to the on-ly Son.  
theirs a-bove who joy in God with per-fect love.  
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by thy grace to see thy glo-ry face to face.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**You are the light of the world.**

## 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

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 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...O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten One revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

## THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

### 2 Kings 2:1-12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.\*\*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When YHWH was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. YHWH is sending me to Bethel." "As YHWH lives, and you live," said Elisha, "I will not leave you." So they departed together for Bethel. The disciples of the prophets in Bethel approached Elisha, asking, "Do you know that YHWH is going to take Elijah from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "now be silent."

Then Elijah spoke, "Stay here, Elisha. YHWH is sending me to Jericho." And Elisha replied, "As YHWH lives, and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. The disciples of the prophets in Jericho approached Elisha, asking, "Do you know that YHWH is going to take Elijah from you today?" "Yes, I know," he said, "now be silent."

Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. YHWH is sending me to the Jordan." "As YHWH lives, and you live," said Elisha, "I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. Fifty disciples of prophets stood off at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry land.

Once across, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" Elisha replied, "Let me inherit two-thirds of your spirit." "You ask a difficult thing," Elijah said. "If you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not."

As they were walking along and chatting with each other, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and cavalry of Israel!" And Elisha saw nothing more. Then he took hold of his clothes and tore them apart."

A brief silence, then:

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 50:1-6

### Deus deorum

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



The God of gods ‘ has spoken.

God has called the earth from the rising of the / sun to its ‘ setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect ‘ in its beauty, \***

**God is / revealed in ‘ glory.**

**O God, you will come and will ‘ not keep silence, \***

**before you there is a consuming flame,**

**and round about you / a raging ‘ storm.**

**You call the heavens and earth ‘ from above \***

**to witness the judg -/ ment of your ‘ people,**

**“Gather before me my ‘ loyal followers, \***

**those who have made a covenant with me**

**and sealed / it with the ‘ sacrifice.”**

**Let the heavens declare the rightness ‘ of your cause, \***

**for you / alone are ‘ judge.**

**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      2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry, but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light to shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.\*\**

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians.

If our Gospel can be called veiled in any sense, it is only for those who are headed toward destruction. Their unbelieving minds have been blinded by the god of the present age, so that they do not see the splendor of the Gospel showing forth the glory of Christ, the image of God. It is not ourselves we preach, but Christ Jesus as Sovereign, and ourselves as your workers for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts, so that we in turn might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ.

*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)\***

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor:* This is the Beloved One, my Chosen, listen to him.\*\*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL      *Mark 9:2-9***

*Mark's Gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the Beloved One.\*\**

*The Holy Gospel is introduced.*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Six days after that, Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. And there Jesus was transfigured before their eyes; the clothes Jesus wore became dazzlingly white—whiter than any earthly bleach could make them.

Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses, and the two were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “how wonderful it is for us to be here! Let us make three shelters—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!” Peter did not know what he was saying, so overcome were they all with awe.

Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them; and there came a voice from out of the cloud: “This is my Beloved, my Own; listen to this One.” Then suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore—only Jesus.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Promised One had risen from the dead.

*A brief silence, then:*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**The Homily**

Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

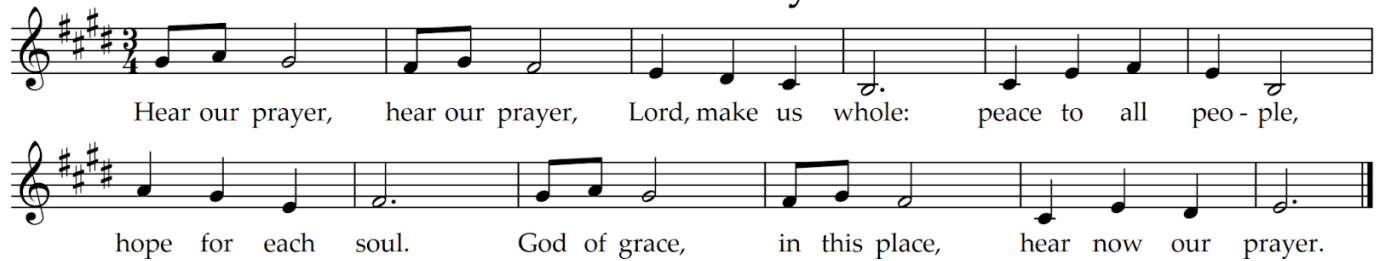
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **THE 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 two times. (9:30)\**

### Hear our Prayer



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all peo - ple,  
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

In this Season of Epiphany, we are called to show forth the Light we have received. We pray for our planet and our community and for those called to serve as leaders as we offer these petitions.

*A brief silence.*

For the Anglican Communion and Archbishop Justin Welby, for the Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, for the Episcopal Church in Colorado and Bishop Kym Lucas. We pray that they faithfully proclaim the message given to us by Jesus. God of Wisdom,  
**guide us by your Light.**

For the leaders of the nations of the world, and especially for the leaders of our nation, that they may see the Light and tenaciously govern with justice for all people. God of Wisdom,  
**guide us by your Light.**

For Jeffrey, Patti, and all leaders and members of St. Barnabas Parish that we may show forth the Light we have received. God of Wisdom,  
**guide us by your Light.**

For the community outside our walls, may we walk alongside our neighbors and help them meet their needs. God of Wisdom,  
**guide us by your Light.**

For all who seek ways to repair the damage done to our planet and chart new courses to care for this Earth, our home. God of Wisdom,  
**guide us by your Light.**

For all those for whom we have been called to pray as they deal with distress in mind or body or spirit, especially Marty and Diana, Larry, Madie, Ann, the Wier family, Faith, Jeanne, Carolyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Holly Graves, 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)* God of Wisdom,  
**guide us by your Light.**

For those we love but see no more, especially Jeanne and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* God of Wisdom,  
**guide us by your Light.**

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

*The refrain\* is sung once more.*

## Hear our Prayer

Musical notation for the hymn 'Hear our Prayer'. It consists of two staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: 'Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.'

### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS\*\***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

God, our rock and our refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your Good News to all. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, the light of the world, 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**

### **Offertory Music**

*Alleluia* Misty L. Dupuis

*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)\***

# What Child Is This H-115

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom  
an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give you thanks, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Beloved One Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and Giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, Jesus revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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."

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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering Christ’s death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be +filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Jeanne, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

**The Lord’s Prayer (7:45)**

*It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord’s Prayer.*

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

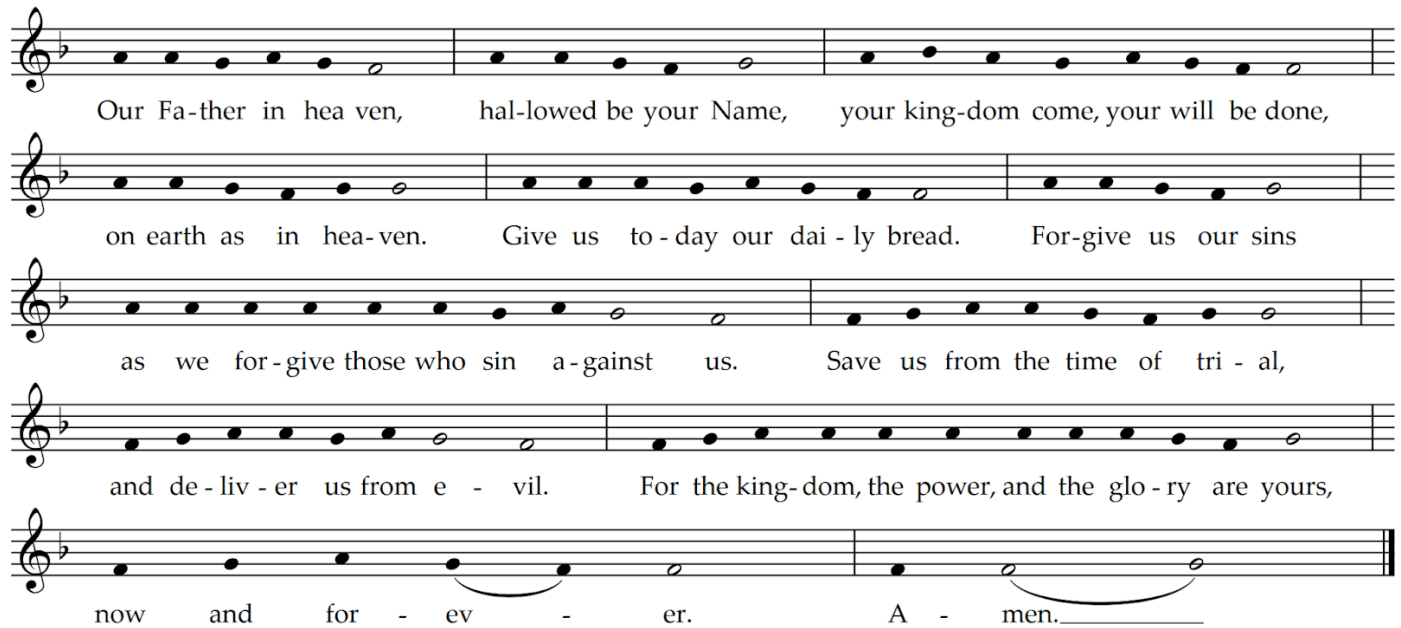
**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (9:30)\*

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As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-losed 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.

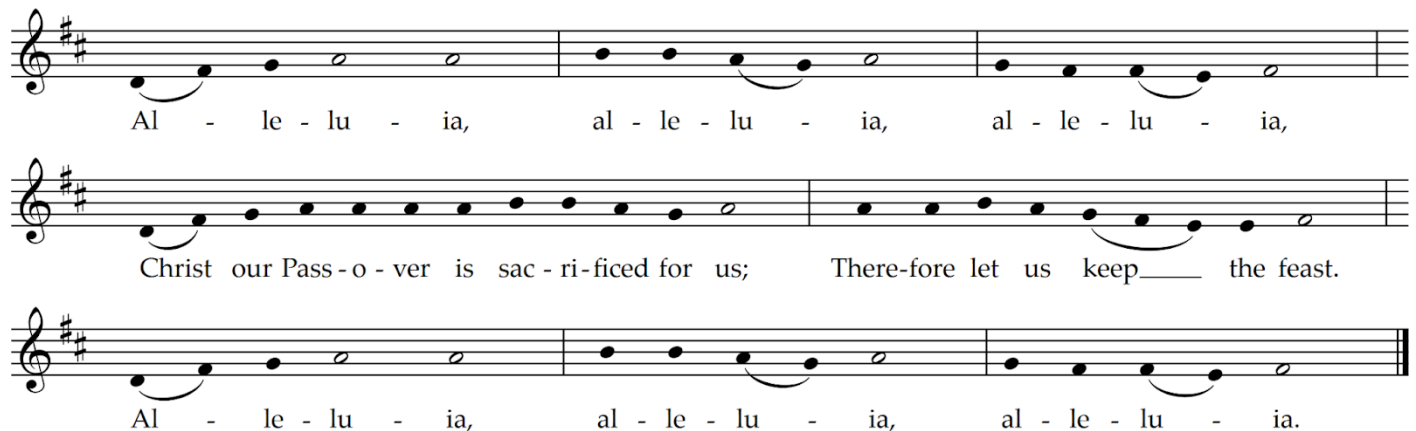
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM (7:45)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM (9:30)\*

### 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\*\*

At Jesus' Table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*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 MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (9:30)\*

### The Hymn

## Blessed Assurance ELW-638



Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-  
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight; an-gels de-  
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest, watch-ing and  
va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. This is my  
scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.  
sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long: this is my  
sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*\*

Let us pray...Giver of every gift,

**Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and for ever. 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.

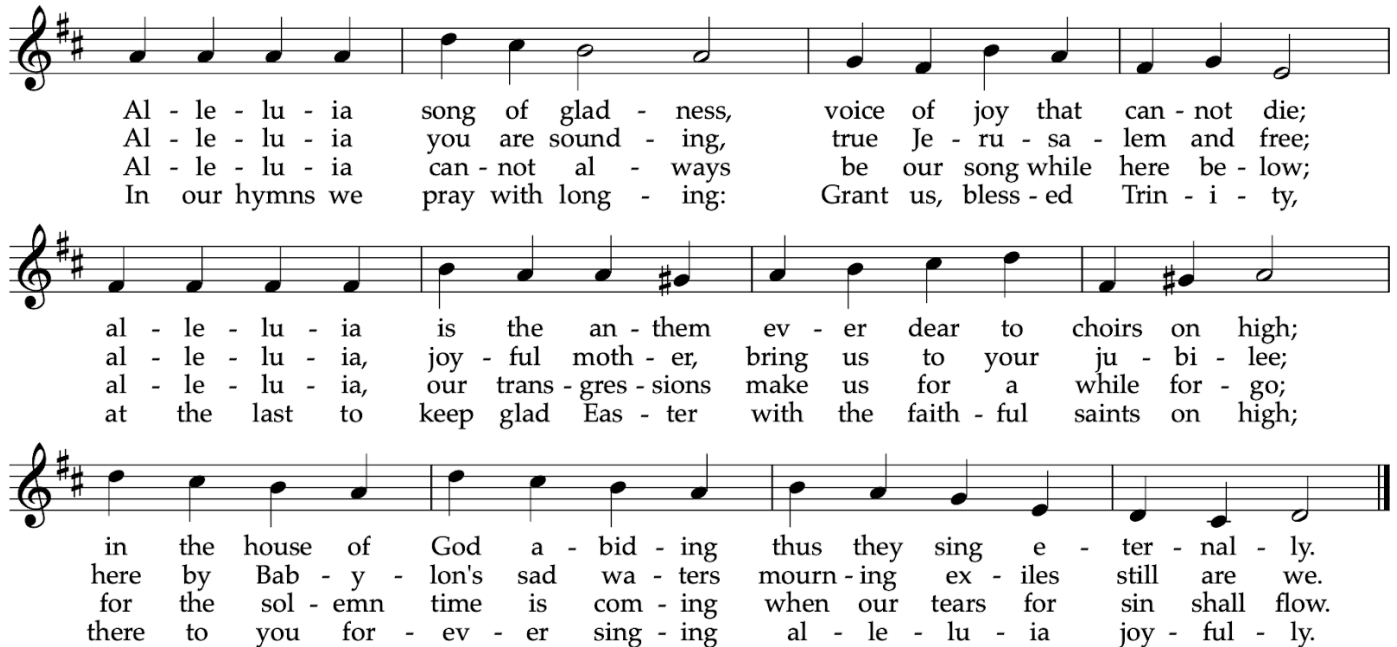
**We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

## THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Beloved of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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)\*

### Alleluia, Song of Gladness ELW-318



Al - le - lu - ia song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,  
al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;  
in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

*As the Sending Hymn is sung, the Alleluia Banner is placed in a box and taken out of the church. The people follow the procession out with their palms and gather around the fire pit on the West Terrace for the burning of the palms to make ash for Ash Wednesday.*

## THE BURNING OF THE PALMS

### The Acclamation and Prayer

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

### Hosanna in the highest!

Let us pray...God of tender mercy, you made us from the dust of the earth and call us to follow Jesus. Look on us with kindness as we prepare these ashes, a reminder that we are human. As we journey through Lent, increase our faith, hope, and love, and lead us in the path of Jesus, who is the Word of life. **Amen.**

*The people place their palms in the fire pit and the palms are lit on fire. The ashes are blessed.*

### The Blessing of the Ashes

+Bless these ashes, O God, by which we are reminded that we are but dust. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL\*\*

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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