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The Holy Eucharist

March 17, 2024

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

**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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*God promises Jeremiah that a "new Covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The Church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in Word, song, and Meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.*

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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**

*"Merciful Lord Jesus" from Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

# The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

## THE GATHERING HYMN \*

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory H-441

In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the wrecks of time;  
When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and fears an - noy,  
When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and love up - on my way,  
Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea-sure, by the cross are sanc - ti - fied;

all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
from the cross the ra - diance stream-ing adds new lu - ster to the day.  
peace is there that knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be the God of our salvation:

**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## 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 \*

### Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,  
have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

### And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law because God will write it on their hearts.*

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

“Behold, the days are coming, says YHWH, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says YHWH. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says YHWH: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

“No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to YHWH. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says YHWH, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.

*A brief silence, then:*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 51:1-13 *Miserere mei, Deus*

*The psalm is prayed in unison.*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your loving kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

**And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.**

**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

**For behold, you look for truth deep within me \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

**Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

**Hide your face from my sins, \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

**Give me the joy of your saving help again, \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**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      *Hebrews 5:5–10***

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Hebrew Scriptures, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Even Christ didn't presume to take on the office of high priest. Christ was appointed high priest by the One who said,

“You are my Own;  
today I have begotten you”;  
and in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days when he was in the flesh, Jesus offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to God, who was able to save him from death, and Jesus was heard because of his reverence. Firstborn though he was, Jesus learned to obey through suffering. But having been made perfect, Jesus became, for all who obey, the source of eternal salvation, and he was designated by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*A brief silence, then:*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \***

## Return to the Lord, Your God

Re - turn to the Lord, your\_ God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL     *John 12:20–33***

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus’ words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

*The Holy Gospel is announced.*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Among those who had come up to worship at the Passover festival were some Greeks. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put forth this request: “Please, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew, and together the two went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied,

“Now the hour has come for the Chosen One to be glorified.  
The truth of the matter is,  
unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

“If you love your life you’ll lose it;  
if you hate your life in this world  
you’ll keep it for eternal life.  
“Anyone who wants to work for me

must follow in my footsteps,  
and wherever I am,  
my worker will be there too.  
Anyone who works for me  
will be honored by Abba God.

“Now my soul is troubled. What will I say:  
‘Abba, save me from this hour?’  
But it was for this very reason  
that I have come to this hour.

“Abba, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven:

“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The crowds that stood nearby heard this and said it was a clap of thunder; others said, “It was an angel speaking.”

Jesus answered,

“It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

“Sentence is now being passed on this world;  
now the ruler of this world will be overthrown.

“And when I am lifted up from this earth,  
I will draw all people to myself.”

By these words Jesus indicated the kind of death he would die.

*A brief silence, then:*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**The Homily**

Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

*A time of silence for reflection on the Word of God.*

*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 twice. \**

### O Lord Hear my Pray'r WLP-827

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r. Come and lis - ten to me. O

As we travel on our Lenten journey toward Easter, and work to shed impediments to this journey, we offer these intercessions. May we stay open to the ways that God might surprise us.

*Silence*

For the Universal Church, the Anglican Communion, including the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church in Colorado, that our leaders may illumine the opportunities of the present moment. We offer this prayer in silence.

*Silence*

For the leaders of the nations of the world, that they may use their power and wisdom, coupled with compassion, to bring justice and peace to our world. We offer this prayer in silence.

*Silence*

For the St. Barnabas community as Jeffrey accepts a new call, and we work with our leaders to make this transition a rich time of renewal. We offer this prayer in silence.

*Silence*

For our beautiful Earth, that we may find the wisdom to repair what is broken, cherish its wonders and diversity, and share its abundance. We offer this prayer in silence.

*Silence*

For those whose lives are pierced with pain whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, and those for whom we have been invited to pray. We hold up to you, O God, Kathy, Sarah and family, the Holbrook family, Carol, the Hayes family, Dennis, Bill, Marty and Diana, Larry, Enid, Art, Trey, RJ, Mary, Charlotte, the people of Ukraine, Israelis and Palestinians, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* We offer this prayer in silence.

*Silence*

For those we love but see no more, held now completely by you, especially Bonnie, Molly, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* We offer this prayer in silence.

*Silence*

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The refrain is sung once more. \**

### O Lord Hear my Pray'r WLP-827

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r. Come and lis - ten to me. O". The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*Silence for reflection.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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



## **THE PEACE**

The peace of 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**

### **Offertory Music**

*Lamb*            Richard Donn; Ret North, cello

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**The Presentation of the Gifts**

### **Offertory Acclamation**

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

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**The Preface and Proper Preface**

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 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 Bonnie, blessed Molly, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through you 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 \***

*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-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 \***

**Jesus, Lamb of God**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -  
deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

**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 MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

### **Special Music**

*Sicilienne, Op. 78 for Cello and Piano*

by Gabriel Fauré; Ret North, cello

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. by Edward Boatner; sung by Barb Mattison

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...Eternal God, heavenly Abba,

**you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Beloved One our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of Sending*

## **THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Bow your hearts before God...Look with compassion, O God, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **LITANY OF GRATITUDE FOR THE MINISTRY OF FR. JEFFREY NELSON**

Fr. Jeffrey, you arrived at St. Barnabas five years ago when we needed a stabilizing presence and strong leadership. You fully gave of yourself and led us toward healing and wholeness.

### **We are grateful.**

You have gifted us with your administrative oversight, creating new systems that provide for a broader involvement of people in our ministries, strengthening our base and opening the way for new life to spring forth.

### **We are grateful.**

As our Priest in Charge you worked diligently with the Vestry to review and renew our mission and vision, bringing clarity toward a new season of ministry. Through your leadership, our ministries are poised to move in new, challenging, compassionate, spirit-filled directions.

### **We are grateful.**

You have brought your spiritual depth and insight to your sermons, in your pastoral care, in your prayers, and in your leadership that has both challenged and encouraged us in our walk with God. You have consistently taught us to follow the way of Jesus as a way of life.

## We are grateful.

You have shared your beloved Curt with us, who has worked alongside you, doing more than we can imagine behind the scenes to make sure we are ready for what lies ahead. Curt, your tender heart, your ready smile, your eager “yes” to any last minute need, and your warm humor will be greatly missed.

## We are grateful.

You shepherded us through the Pandemic, leading us through an anxious and uncertain time with your calm presence and ability to pivot to meet our needs. You led us to find ways to connect and worship together, to continue in outreach, to embrace hope during a time of despair, and to trust God.

## We are grateful.

Your prophetic call to action has moved us out into the world. Your sermons have urged us to respond to God’s call to act on behalf of the dispossessed and those easily forgotten by the powers of this world.

## We are grateful.

Fr. Jeffrey, your diligence in your work, your loving care for us, your deep spirituality, your wise leadership, your good humor, your commitment to our best and the future that lies ahead, and yes, even your fastidious management of all things that have needed to be organized and cleaned out, have poised us for a good and hopeful future. We give you our heartfelt thanks, and we bless you as you begin your new call. May you know and experience God’s goodness and love for you and Curt in your life together. We are your grateful people.

**We thank God for you, Fr. Jeffrey, Amen.**

## THE SENDING HYMN \*

### O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing H-493

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and  
Glo - ry to God and praise and love be  
dear re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim and spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and  
God and King, the \_\_\_\_\_ tri - umphs of his grace!  
earth a - broad the \_\_\_\_\_ hon - ors of thy Name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'tis \_\_\_\_\_ life and health and peace.  
saints a - bove, the \_\_\_\_\_ Church in earth and heaven.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on "The Royal Banners Forward Go"*      James Biery

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