

Liturgy of the April 21, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### 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.

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

A bell tolls.

#### THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### THE PRELUDE

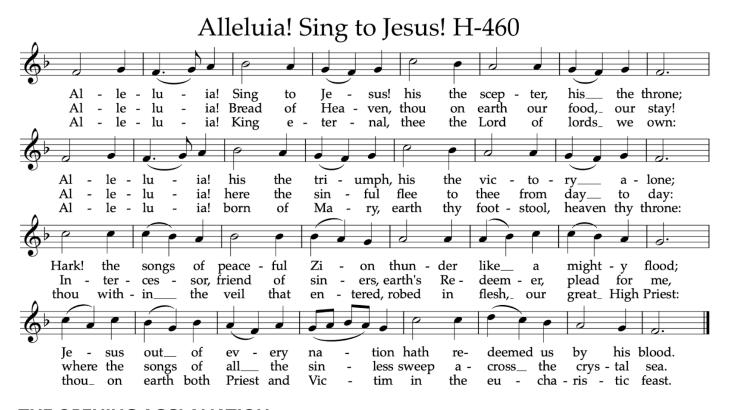
"Gems of Day"

François Boëly

# The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

#### THE GATHERING HYMN \*



#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 Savior. Amen.

#### THE TRISAGION (7:45)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One **Have mercy on us.** 



#### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

#### And also with you.

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Let us pray...O God, whose Beloved One Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear Jesus' voice we may know the One who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

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# The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

#### THE FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' Name to the religious authorities.

*The reading is introduced.* 

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the leaders, the elders and the scribes met the next day in Jerusalem, Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander and all who were of the high priestly class were there. They brought Peter and John before them and began to interrogate them: "By what power and in whose name have you done this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke up: "Leaders of the people! Elders! If we must answer today for a good deed done to a person who was unable to walk, and explain how this person has been made whole, then you and all the people of Israel must realize that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead. In the power of that Name, this person stands before you perfectly sound. This Jesus is 'the stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone.' There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under heaven given to the human race by which we must be saved."

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 sung responsively between choir and congregation.



O God, you are my 'shepherd; \*
I shall not / be in want.

You make me lie down in green 'pastures \* and lead me be -/ side 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 will 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. / Alleluia!

#### THE SECOND READING 1 John 3:16–24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words, but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

*The reading is introduced.* 

A reading from John's first letter.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ died for us. And we, too, ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers. If you have more than enough material possessions and see your neighbors in need yet close your hearts to them, how can the love of God be living in you?

My children, our love must not be simply words or mere talk—it must be true love, which shows itself in action and truth. This, then, is how we'll know we belong to the truth; this is how we'll be confident in God's presence, even if our consciences condemn us. We know that God is greater than our consciences and that God knows everything. And if our consciences do not condemn us, my friends, then we have confidence before God, and we will receive whatever we ask from God's hand—because we keep the commandments and do what is pleasing in God's sight. The commandments are these: that we believe in the name of God's Own, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another as we were told to do. Those who keep these commandments live in God and God lives in them. We know that God lives in us by the Spirit given to us.

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 \*



Cantor: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11–18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

#### Glory to you, O Christ.

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd would die for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is neither shepherd nor owner of the sheep, catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be scattered or snatched by the wolf.

That's because the hired hand works only for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me,

In the same way Abba God knows me and I know God— and for these sheep I will lay down my life.

I have other sheep that don't belong to this fold— I must lead them too, and they will hear my voice. And then there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why Abba God loves me—because I lay down my life, only to take it up again.

No one takes my life from me; I lay it down freely. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. This command I received from my Abba."

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 NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Beloved One of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator. Through Christ all things were made. For us and for our salvation **Christ came down from heaven:** and by the power of the Holy Spirit, was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became one in Being with us. For our sake, Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death, and was buried. On the third day Jesus rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, whose realm will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver and Sustainer of life, who proceeds from the Creator.

With the Creator and the Beloved One they are worshiped and glorified.

They have spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for +the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 once. \*



*Bidder:* Celebrating the wonderful gift of life that is Easter and confident that God is always listening as we pray, with grateful hearts we bring these concerns.

We pray for all seeking a deeper faith and for all faith institutions of the world, especially for the Anglican Communion and Archbishop Welby, the Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop Curry, and the Episcopal Church in Colorado and Bishop Lucas as they lead us in becoming Easter people in 2024. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for the leaders of the world, that their decisions and actions may bring about liberty and justice for all. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for St. Barnabas Parish as we once again enter an interim state—that liminal space where we are invited to do the work of letting go of what binds us so that we may dream about our future. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for those in positions of power to work with us to chart a new course, to repair damage done to our planet, and to be good stewards of our abundant resources. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for all those seeking elective office in 2024, that they may honor our vision of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for all those who are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually, holding up to you those for whom we have been asked to pray: Jim, Bill, Christine, Frank, Meghann and Kai, Art, RJ, Burley, Irene, Brian, Shanelle, Bob, the Alden family, June, Kathy, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the children in Gaza, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, and those we name aloud or in silence. (*pause*) With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We hold up to you all those we see no more, entrusting them to your loving care, especially Bill Erickson, Madie Gustafson, and those we name in silence or aloud, (pause) With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

*Bidder*: For your hearing these prayers that we have faithfully offered, we give you thanks. **Amen**.

The refrain is sung once more. \*



#### THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

#### And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

# The Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament

#### THE OFFERTORY

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

#### The Choir Anthem

Yet I Believe Joseph M. Martin

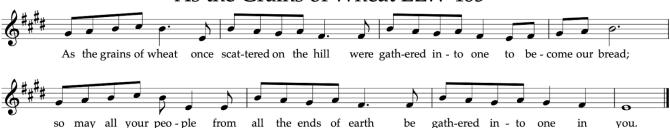
#### The Offertory Response (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

and of thine own have we given thee.

#### The Offertory Hymn\* (9:30)





#### The Communion Prayer

God be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God, whose Beloved One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer (7:45)

*It is our custom at St. Barnabas 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

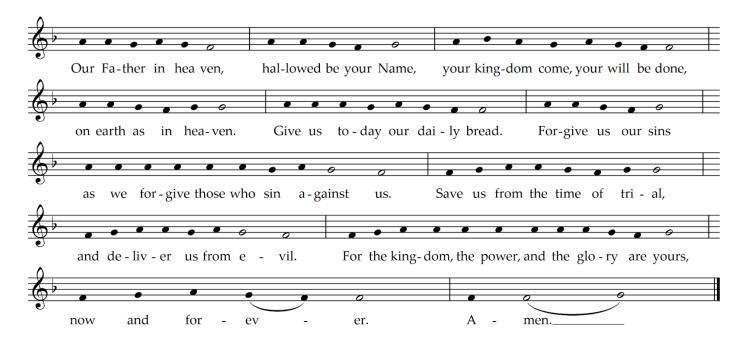
as we forgive those who sin against us.

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)

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:



#### Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

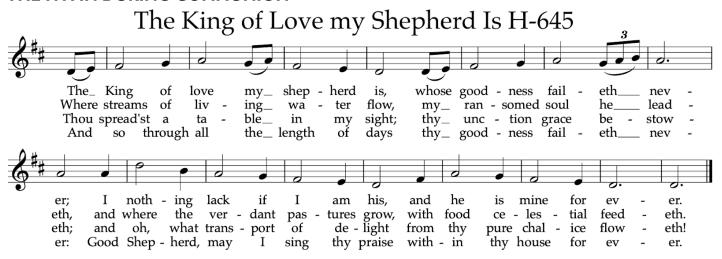
We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

#### 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\*



*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 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 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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, furnish you with all that is good, so that you may do all that is pleasing to God; and the blessing of +most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon us, and remain with us for ever. **Amen.** 

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



#### THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

March from Symphony Pathètique

**Tchaikovsky** 

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## St. Barnabas Episcopal Parish

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Ms. Julia Wade (she/her)
Ms. Lexi Jones (she/her)

**Ms. Patti Walter** (she/her)

## Those In Need of Prayer

Sarah Freed and family, the Holbrook family, the Hayes family, Carol Wier, Dennis Kennedy, Bill Miles, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Madie Gustafson, Larry Konkel, the Wier family, John and Patrice Hayes, Tracy Spiva, Andrea, Nicolle, Selah Kay, Jessica Sweet, Verlin Jakober, Claire Hayes, Marlis Sneed and family, the Long family, Atlee Witt, Carolyn Wolfrum, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Holly Graves, Jim Hostler, Bill Lundgren, Christine Schmidt; Frank Dupuis, Meghann and Kai, Art Bowman, RJ Campbell, Burley and Irene Shepard, Adrianna, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the children in Gaza, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster.

#### New to the prayer list

Bob Manning, husband of Janet Manning, the Kathy Alden family, sister of Pat Long, Brian Reid, longtime parishioner, Shanelle Duran, grocery card recipient, June Kent, Kathy Labarge, friends of Carrie Corrigan.

#### Those who have died

Bill Erickson, brother of Mike Erickson, Madie Gustafson, family member of John Graves. *Rest* eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

### This Week's Parish Scheoule

#### Sunday, April 21: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:45 am: *Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament* (spoken) in the Chapel.
- 9:20 am: Children's Spiritual Formation in the Godly Play room.
- 9:30 am: *Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament* (sung) in the Sanctuary.
- 11:00 am: Youth Group
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall.

#### Wednesday, April 24

- 9:00 am: Staff meeting in the Workroom
- 10:00 am: Communion from the Reserved Sacrament and Bible Study in the Chapel.
- 6:00 pm: Vestry meeting in the Betty Foster room.

#### Thursday, April 25

• 7:00 pm: Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

#### Saturday, April 27

• 9:00-Noon: Earth Day cleanup at St Bs.

#### Sunday, April 28: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:45 am: *The Holy Eucharist* (spoken) in the Chapel.
- 9:30 am: *The Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.
- 11:00 am: The Barnabas Forum

#### Anniversaries

Joe and Sally Megeath

April 23

## Birthdays

John Kelly April 22
Beth Suter Trautman April 23
Bob Manning April 28
Dana Brimmer April 29

#### Announcements

# BARNABAS FORUM 11:00 am in GRANT HALL TODAY

**TODAY:** Steve Barney will continue the engaging discussion he began last week, treating the history of the text of the New Testament, focusing on the manuscripts from the second century on, the causes of error, and some techniques for recovering the original writings.

**APRIL 28:** Jolene Whitney and the Vestry will discuss what we can expect regarding life at St. Barnabas during the interim process, until a new Rector has been called. *ALSO*, the Building Use Group (BUG) will discuss pending plans to rent portions of the building to a preschool.

#### EARTH DAY CLEAN UP APRIL 27, 9:00 AM TO NOON

The Outreach and Social Justice Committees are sponsoring a work day in the St. Barnabas garden. **Many hands make light work!** Bring your paper garden bags, rakes, trowels and pruners. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. To learn more about St. Barnabas Gardening Principles, check out the notice in the Weekly eNews.

# ST. B'S RECEIVES 12% MORE FROM KING SOOPERS!

The 39 parishioners/families who have their King Soopers loyalty cards linked to St. Barnabas through the Community Rewards Program, were responsible for an **over 12% increase** in the quarterly dividend compared to last quarter! For the first quarter of 2024, St. Barnabas received **\$342.06** in Community Rewards, and the number of families participating in the program has increased from 33 a year ago to 39

this year. Safeway has a similar program. *Any* questions: contact David Ford at 303.521.3564 or any member of the Stewardship Committee.

#### **CREATION CARE RESOURCE LIST**

The Social Justice and Outreach Committees have put together a relatively comprehensive list of ways that we, as individuals, and as a parish, can responsibly use, access, and recycle our items and resources. A link to the list can be found in the Weekly eNews. If you have additional suggestions, please share them with Julia and she will update it.

# GIVING-2-OTHERS FOR APRIL The St. Francis Center (SFC)

SFC, a Jubilee Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of CO, provides day shelter and assistance with employment and housing for those who are homeless. Working with Mayor Johnston's vision to get homeless people indoors, the SFC has provided a non-congregate shelter. Construction is now underway for 60 units of affordable housing for older adults; they anticipate this facility opening in early 2025.

It's easy to donate. online via the Weekly eNews. Or earmark a check to St. Barnabas for "Giving-2-Others" and place it in the offering plate or in the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

#### **NEW DIRECTORIES IN LUKENS**

Please take one home.

# St Francis Center: PATH(Positive Action Towards Housing) Luncheon

Tuesday, May 7 at 11:30 am, at Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape St. in Denver. Lunch is provided free. The registration link is in the Weekly.

#### JUDY TRUJILLO FUNERAL Saturday, June 15, 10:30 am at St. Barnabas

The funeral and interment of longtime and much loved parishioner Judy Trujillo, will be held on June 15. A link to the invitation can be found in the Weekly eNews.

## THE 2024 AUCTION GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

June 8, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

A celebration of our community, talents and gifts.

Mark your calendars! The Auction committee is planning a wonderful event to connect, break bread, and of course, FUNdraise. In addition to hosting events such as dinners, hikes, game and movie nights, there is another way you can participate. St. Barnabas is full of members who have amazing gifts and talents—clothing designers, painters, knitters, bakers, photographers, linguists, singers, composers, poets,—and more. Are you someone who can create something or offer a talent for the auction? If so, we want **YOU**! The committee is also looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or presenting, contact Barb Mattison or Sis Flor, Auction Co-Chairs.