



St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

June 16, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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 mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true Vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.***

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE PRELUDE

"The lone, wild bird"

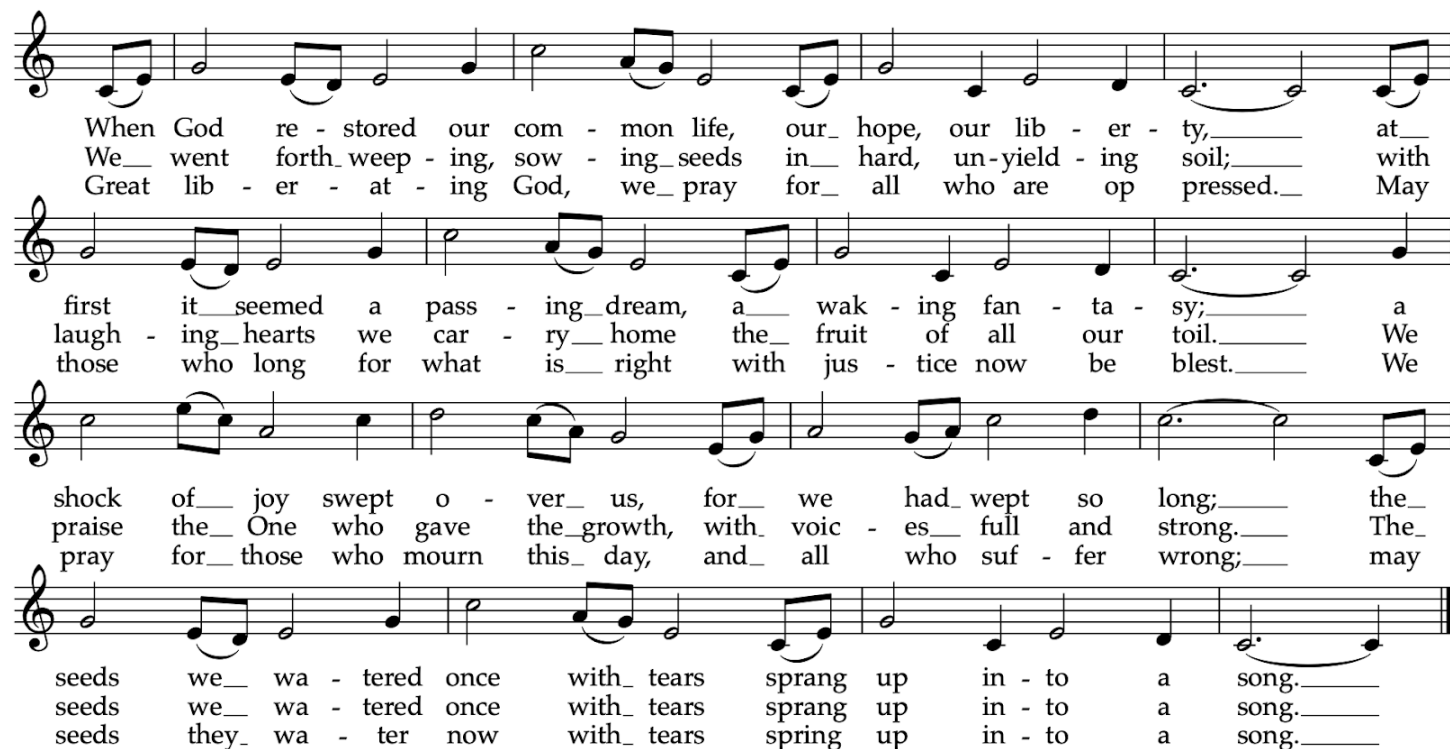
Robert J. Powell

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN *

When God Restored Our Common Life GTG-74



When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er - ty, at
We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing soil; with
Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op - pressed. May
first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a
laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the fruit of all our toil. We
those who long for what is right with jus - tice now be blest. We
shock of joy swept o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong. The
pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may
seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:
Glory to God forever and ever.

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 Savior. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE*

Glory to God S-280

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...Keep, O God, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

A brief silence, then:

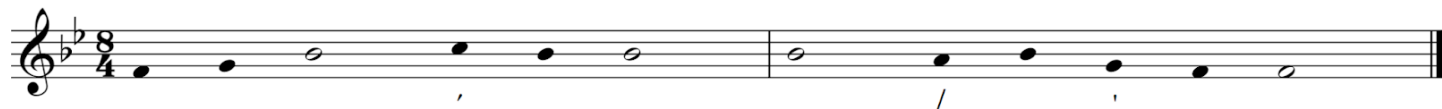
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 92:1-4, 11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

The psalm is sung responsively between Cantor and congregation.



It is a good thing to give thanks to the ' Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, / O Most High;

**To tell of your loving-kindness early in the ‘ morning *
and of your faithfulness / in the night season;**

On the psaltery, and on the ‘ lyre, *
and to the melody / of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O ‘ Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works / of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a ‘ palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of / Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house of the ‘ Lord *
shall flourish in the / courts of our God;**

They shall still bear fruit in old ‘ age; *
they shall be green and / succulent;

**That they may show how upright the ‘ Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there / is no fault.**

**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 CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God’s new creation.

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.]

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we

once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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 *

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



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: Alleluia. Welcome with meekness the im- | planted word* that has the power to | save your souls.
Alleluia. (James 1:21)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

The Homily Pastor Stephanie Kopsch

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. **

Hear our Prayer ELW-178

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 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.

Bidder: Trusting that the power that fell on early Christians on the first Pentecost may now fall afresh on us, we offer these intercessions to you, our God.

For all who seek a deeper faith, and especially for the Anglican Communion and Archbishop Welby, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Curry, and Bishop in Colorado Lucas, as they lead us through these challenging times, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For the leaders of the world, that they may discover and employ peaceful manifestations of their power so that our world may become a safe place for all its inhabitants, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For the election of 2024, that all of us will work to become informed and then turn out to vote, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For Interim Rector Stephanie, Pastoral Associate Patti, Senior Warden Jolene, our Vestry, and all the leaders and staff leading us as we discover and articulate our call as the parish of St. Barnabas, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For a vision of caring for our planet, stabilizing and healing it, and energizing people to make necessary changes, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For all those for whom we have been asked to pray—for mending of health or relationships, especially Hildegard, Stan, Greg, the Benson and Manning families, Jill, Raymond, Charles, Dalton and Dana, John, 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 (*silence*), we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For those now fully with you and no longer with us here, and those we name aloud or in silence (*silence*), we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

Celebrant: For your hearing these intercessions that we have faithfully offered, we give you thanks, O God.
Amen.

*The refrain is sung once more. **

Hear our Prayer ELW-178

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 AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is kept.

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 the risen 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

Special Music

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

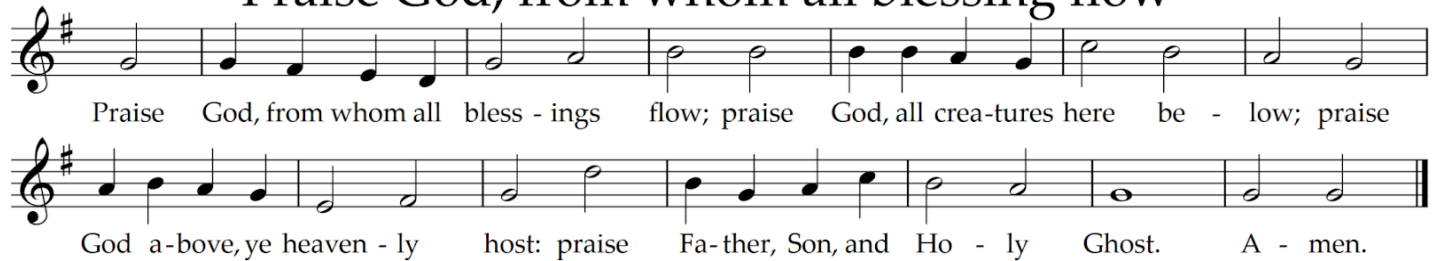
St. Barnabas Quartet, arr. by Mosie Lister

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Offertory Hymn*

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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.

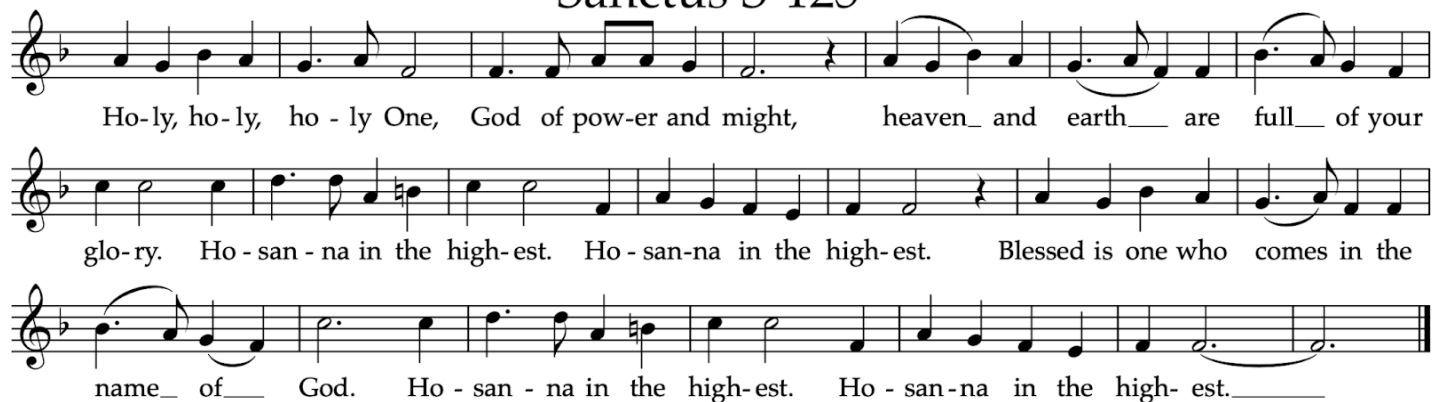
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your realm, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

The Sanctus*

Sanctus S-125



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly One, God of pow-er and might, heaven_ and earth__ are full__ of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is one who comes in the
name_ of__ God. 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 let us 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, 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-owed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM*

Christ our Passover S-154

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. Receive who you are, become what you receive.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

What a Friend arr. by Jack Schrader St. Barnabas Quartet

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Shepherding God,

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.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind; and +the blessing of the One who made you, who loves you, and who walks the way with you still be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN*

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery ELW-334



Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, in your death we are re - born; though you
We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed on through act and word; ev - 'ry
Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum-bling though our steps may be; one with
Light of life be-yond con - ceiv - ing, might - y Spi - rit of our Lord; give new



die in all of his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn. _____
per - son lost and bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the bod - y of our Lord. _____
you in joy and sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the riv - er, you the sea. _____
strength to our be - liev - ing, give us faith to live your word, give us faith to live your word. _____

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

March from *Scipio*

G. F. Händel

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Those In Need of Prayer

The Holbrook family, the Hayes family, Dennis Kennedy, Bill Miles, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Larry Konkel, Carol Wier and family, John and Patrice Hayes, 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, Jim Hostler, Bill Lundgren, Christine Schmidt, Meghann and Kai, RJ Campbell, Burley and Irene Shepard, Adrianna, Bob Manning, KaJune Kent, Kathy Labargethy Alden, Brian Reid, Shanelle Duran, Carmeleta Davison, Hildegard White, Stan Siefer, Greg Roosevelt, the Benson and Manning families, Jill Schlegal, Raymond Dupuis-Spiva, Charles Michael Goodall, 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

Dana and Dalton Brimmer, John Graves.

Those who have died

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, June 16: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, June 18

- 6:30 pm: Leadership meeting via Zoom.

Wednesday, June 19

- 9:00 am: Staff meeting in the Workroom.
- 10:00 am: Communion from the Reserved Sacrament and Bible Study in the Chapel.
- 7:00 pm: Finance committee via Zoom.

Sunday, June 23: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.

Birthdays

Tom Ward	June 19
Todd Trautman	June 20
Claire Hayes	June 22
Ray O'Loughlin	June 23
Marsida Najdeni	June 25

Anniversaries

Rachel and Aaron Sefton	June 19
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Announcements

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Begins Today.

One Service at 9:30 am

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THE 2024 AUCTION COMMITTEE

It was an amazing event thanks to everyone’s teamwork to make it an inspiring success. About 85 people attended and we FUNdraised almost **\$22,500**. It was a privilege to honor Tom and Judy Ward for bringing the auction to St. Barnabas and each and every person enjoyed the opportunity to connect as a caring community. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated. A list of who is coming to your event is in the Weekly eNews and a hard copy is on the resource table in Lukens.

The Auction Committee.

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UNDER THE OAK

Book Discussions

July 21 and August 18

8:15 am to 9:15 am

The Forum, and the Social Justice Committees are sponsoring our summer book reads this year.

July 21: Claire Trautman, one of our youth, will lead the discussion on *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. The book presents three 13-year-olds forced to flee their homelands in three different time periods.

August 18: Carolyn Wolfrum will lead the discussion on *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis* edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katherine K. Wilkinson. The book is a collection of essays written by visionaries who want to hold up what has been done to our climate, while bolstering our resolve to never give up on doing all we can in order to ensure our collective future remains strong.

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**GIVING-2-OTHERS FOR JUNE
THE CENTER ON COLFAX**

In recognition of Pride Month in June, the designated beneficiary of Giving-2-Others is the Center on Colfax, the LGBTQ community center for the Denver area. The Center provides many services for sexual minority youth, young adults, seniors over 50, and the transgender community. Mental health services are also available for free at their Colfax Avenue location. Please be generous, as this month is the **50th anniversary** of LGBTQ Pride in Denver.

Donate. online via the Weekly eNews, or earmark a check to St. Barnabas for “Giving-2-Others”

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PEACHES PEACHES PEACHES

We are selling fresh peaches from the Western Slope again this year. Hooray! We will begin taking orders at the end of June. Pick up will be in early August. **More information to follow once dates and prices are finalized.**

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