

St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

A bell tolls.

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

THE PRELUDE

How brightly beams the morning star

Paul Manz

Please remain seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Wreath Hymn

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

v.2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.

He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.

The Wreath Blessing: Peace

Reader One: Because of war, because of violence in our communities, because there is still so much unrest in our hearts, we light a candle of peace

Reader Two: Because hatred is still so strong, because so many swords have not yet been remade into plowshares, we light a candle of peace

Two candles on the Advent wreath are lit.

Reader One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Reader Two: May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

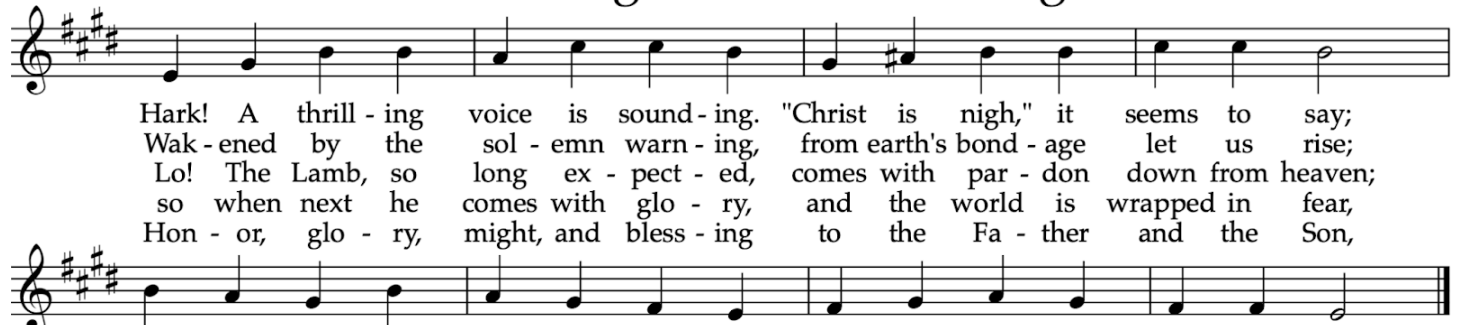
Reader One: Friends, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand!

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN *

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding H-59



Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
Lo! The Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Creator, +Redeemer, and Sanctifier.


And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray: **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 HYMN OF PRAISE*

People, Look East ELW-248



Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of ___ the
year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim ___ the hearth and set ___ the
ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day Love, the Guest, is on ___ the way.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

Baruch 5:1-9

A poem of hope from the school of the prophet Jeremiah speaks of the return of scattered Israel from Babylon, but also looks beyond that to the time when God's kingdom will be established.

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Luke 1: 68-79

The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)

The psalm is prayed responsively by whole verse.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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

Philippians 1:3-11

*The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.***

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 *

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Come, thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee."

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:1-6*

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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. **

Wait for the Lord ELW-262

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The piano accompaniment consists of chords and a steady bass line.

Bidder: In this Season of Advent, trusting that God is in all that is to come, we hold up these intercessions in silence.

For a deeper faith for all who seek you — including each of us — as we listen for your call in our lives.

A brief silence is kept.

For the Anglican Communion, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Sean Rowe, and Bishop of Colorado Kym Lucas, that they may point a path for us in this season of expectation.

A brief silence is kept.

For all the peoples of the world, that we may live together in peace.

A brief silence is kept.

For our planet, that we, the people, discover ways to care for creation, to ensure a home for all who come after us.

A brief silence is kept.

For our country as it anticipates change, that our leaders may be aware of whom they serve and advance the common good.

A brief silence is kept.

For the Parish of St Barnabas as we explore new paths, trusting that you are guiding us and holding us in this time of transition.

A brief silence is kept.

For our parish, as we seek to carry out your purposes and to serve those in need, especially for the Denver Black Reparations Council as they move our community closer to racial justice.

A brief silence is kept.

For those who lead us at St. Barnabas: Interim Rector Stephanie, Pastoral Associate Patti, Wardens Jolene and Jim, and the Vestry.

A brief silence is kept.

For all those who have sought our prayers for healing in body or spirit: Irene, Allison, Charles, Joy, Margaret, Darryl, Jim, Anne, Mat, Rob, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the people in the Middle East, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, all victims of gun violence, and those we name aloud or in silence,

A brief silence is kept.

We ask for solace for those who grieve and we commit to you all whom we love but see no more, especially those we name in silence or aloud.

A brief silence is kept.

Celebrant: Trusting that you hear our prayers held in our silence, we gratefully offer these petitions to you.

Amen.

*The refrain is sung once more. **

Wait for the Lord ELW-262

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THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is kept.

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 Son, 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 our Lord 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem

With Empty Hearts, We Wait

Lee Dengler

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Offertory Hymn*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW-257

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Si - nai's height
O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa-tan's tyr - an - ny;
in an - cient times you gave the law in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
from depths of hell your peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 2

The Preface and Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

The Sanctus*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord S-125

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea - ven and earth ___ are full ___ of your
glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed 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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit

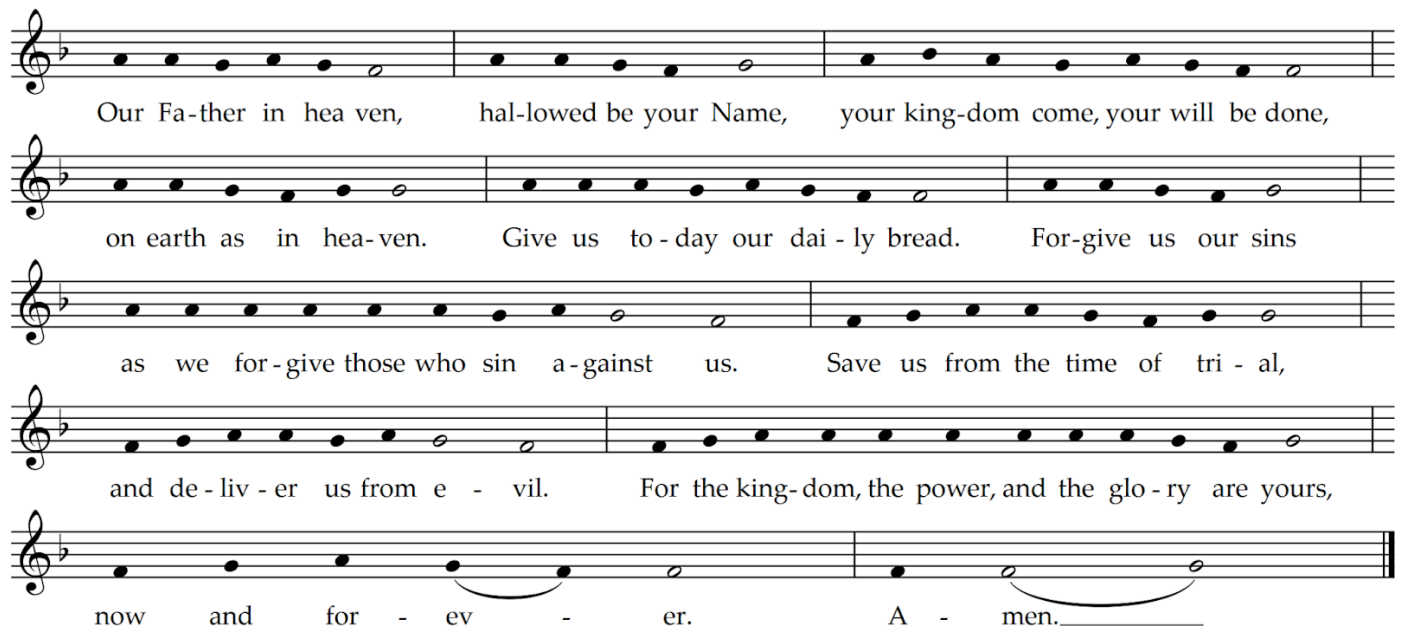
upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Charles, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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-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*

Alleluia S-155



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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Receive who you are, and become what you receive.

Please sit.

This is the table of God. As 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 a wafer into your hand. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. 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

I Wonder As I Wander

John Jacob Niles; Michael Jordan, bass-baritone

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.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...

Loving God,

we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed,

renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ

our Savior. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE BLESSING

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the Blessing of God Almighty: the Father, +the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry H-76

On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a -
 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in, and
 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with -
 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine
 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom
 wake and heark - en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 out thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 forth, and let thy light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

Lord Christ, the Only Son of God

J. S. Bach

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