

St. Barnabas EPISCOPAL PARISH

January 5, 2025

The Second Sunday After Christmas

The Holy Eucharist

A bell tolls.

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

THE PRELUDE

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN *

The First Nowell H-109

The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in
 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the east be -
 And by the light of that same star three wise men came from
 fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a
 yond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and
 coun - try far; to seek for a king was their in - tent, and to
 cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to God's people on earth.

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*

Go Tell It On the Mountain H-99

Verse 1

Go tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where; - go tell it on the moun-tain, that
Je-sus Christ is born! While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by
night, - be-hold, through-out the hea-vens there shone a ho-ly light. ___

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:7-14

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

A brief silence, then:

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

Quam dilecta!

The psalm is prayed in responsively by whole verse.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

**O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

**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

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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 *

Go Tell It On the Mountain H-99

Verse 2

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery-where; - go tell it on the moun - tain, that
Je - sus Christ is born! The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the
earth - rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth. ____

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Go Tell It On the Mountain H-99

Verse 3

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery-where; _ go tell it on the moun - tain, that
Je - sus Christ is born! Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was
born, _ and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn. ___

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. **

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria EOMv2-100

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, ___ glo - ry be to God on high!
And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

Glory to you, O God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your Church a joyful song to sing, that we bring good news of peace and salvation to all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, O God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Nudge awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of the night and in the first glimmers of dawn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, O God, for the child born to us who establishes a realm of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, especially Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, O God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people tonight who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness, especially Carol Wier and family, John and Patrice Hayes, Andrea, Selah, Claire, the Long family, Atlee, Meghann and Kai, the Alden family, Brian, 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 (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, O God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. We remember especially those we name aloud or in silence (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

*The refrain is sung once more. **

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria EOMv2-100



Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, — glo - ry be to God on high!
And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

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

Offertory Music

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

Choir

The Presentation of the Gifts

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Offertory Hymn*

What Child Is This #115

3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him; the
King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 2

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 the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW-193

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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, 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-lowed 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*

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

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

The Invitation To Communion

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.

The Music During Communion

Nostalgia

Jesús Guridi

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...God our Redeemer,

you have fed us at this Table with the gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the Good News of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

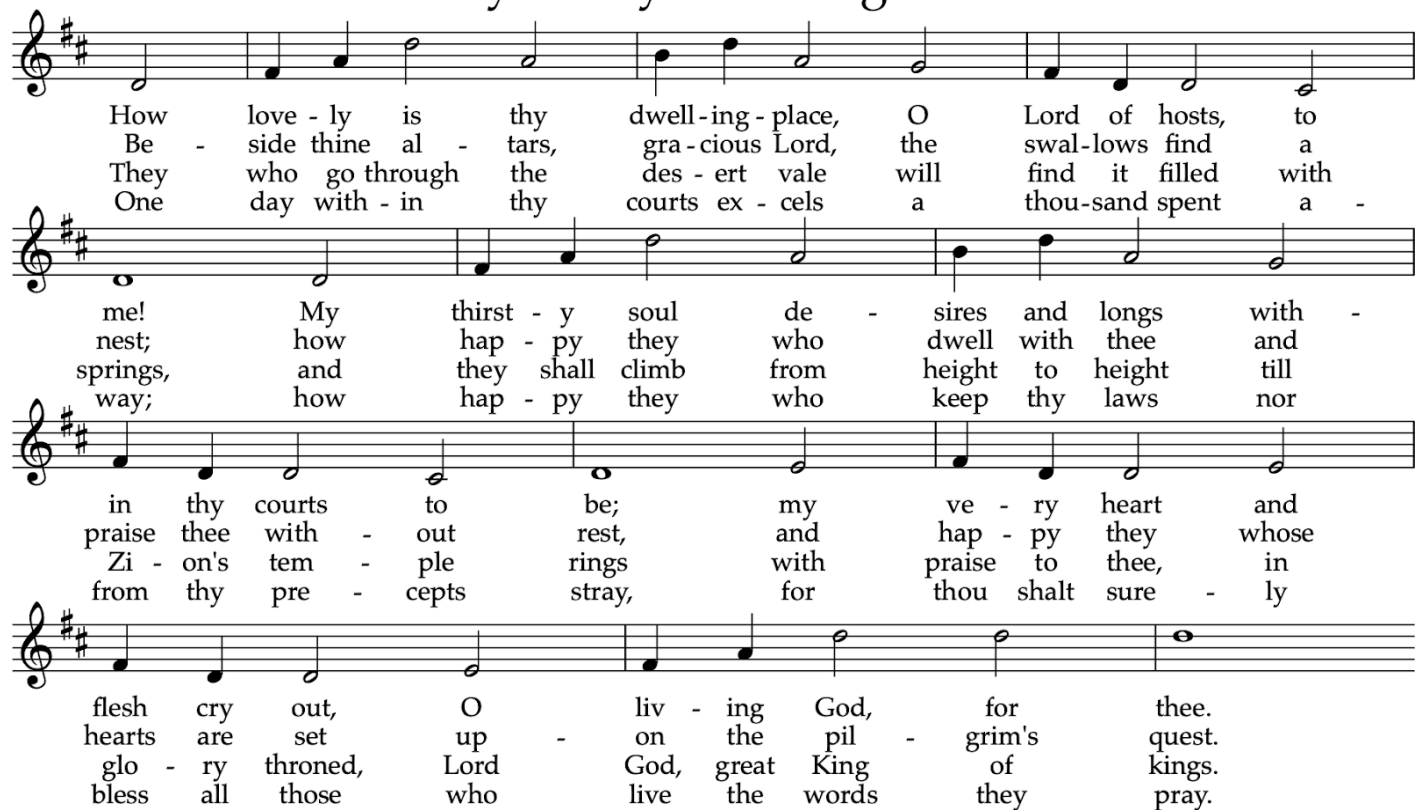
The Liturgy of Sending

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things on earth and in heaven, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place H-517



How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -
me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor
in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly
flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for the.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

Please join us at the North side of the sanctuary for the chalking of the church door

THE CHALKING OF THE CHURCH DOORS

Today is the twelfth day of Christmas, and according to tradition tomorrow, on Epiphany Day, the three Magi arrive in Bethlehem to present the newborn king with gifts. It has been practice for centuries to chalk the entrance doors to our homes and sacred spaces on this day, so I invite you to once again set apart and bless this sanctuary for use this year.

Peace to all who enter here.

Amen.

Let us pray: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested the child in the manger to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you
Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Using chalk, we mark the lintel as we read:

The Magi, Caspar **(C)**, Melchior **(M)**, and Balthasar **(B)**....came from the East to Bethlehem to adore the holy child.

C M B

“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” two thousand **(20)** and twenty-five **(25)** years ago.

20 C M B 25

May Christ **(+)** bless **(+)** this sacred space **(+)** and remain with us throughout the year **(+)**

20 + C + M + B + 25

Amen.

Let us pray: Visit, o blessed Christ, this holy place with the gladness of your presence. Bless with your gift of love all who worship or mourn or celebrate here; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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