

St. Barnabas

EPISCOPAL PARISH

March 30, 2025

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist

A bell tolls, and we invite you to quiet your hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

THE PRELUDE

Deep River

Carlton Young

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN *

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ELW-325

I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want Je - sus to walk with
 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with
 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with
 me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 me; when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 me; when my head is bowed in sor - row,
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of our salvation:
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

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 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that

very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

A brief silence, then:

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

Psalm 32

Beati quorum

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

From now on, 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. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness 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 *

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Al Halverstadt

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has 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.**

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. **

O Lord Hear my Pray'r WLP-827

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "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". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Officiant: During this Season of Lent, we offer these prayers to you, merciful God, trusting that you expect us to reach out to you and that you will lovingly receive what we offer.

Between each petition, we will pause for a few moments to hold each prayer in silence.

Reader: For the church of God, that it may be faithful to the Gospel and find ways to speak truth to power.

Silence

For our island home, that our leaders and each of us may be open to what needs to be done to cherish and protect our world.

Silence

For all who seek a deeper faith—especially those in the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church, for Presiding Bishop Rowe and our Bishop Kym—that they may lead us through a Holy Lent.

Silence

For the leaders of the world, that they may follow your guidance to discover ways to come together seeking peace.

Silence

For our country, that those in positions of power may discharge their duties faithfully and be mindful of the needs of all the people.

Silence

For those courageous people in our nation and around the world who are standing up for truth and justice.

Silence

For all of us at St. Barnabas, that we may lovingly care for each other.

Silence

For all the ways we at St. Barnabas seek to reach out to those in need, especially Casa de Paz in their service to immigrants in our community, particularly those detained at the ICE center in Aurora.

Silence

For those in any need for whom we have been asked to pray, especially the Alden family, Brian, Greg, Kate, Jill, Rachel, Terry, Kitty, , the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, those affected by the fires in Southern California, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster and those we name aloud or in silence.

Silence

For those now held completely by you, we pray for their peace and healing for our grief, especially Leonard, Jan, and those we name aloud or in silence.

Silence

Celebrant: We offer all these prayers in the confident knowledge that you are responding in your love for all of creation. **Amen.**

*The refrain is sung once more. **

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 PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELERS

For our St. Barnabas family, here and elsewhere.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Travelers

Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Liturgy of the Meal

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Music

Savior, Like a Shepherd

Arr. Ruth Artman

Choir

The Presentation of the Gifts

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Offertory Hymn*

The Glory of These Forty Days H-143

The musical score is written for two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed."

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 the Lord 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

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.

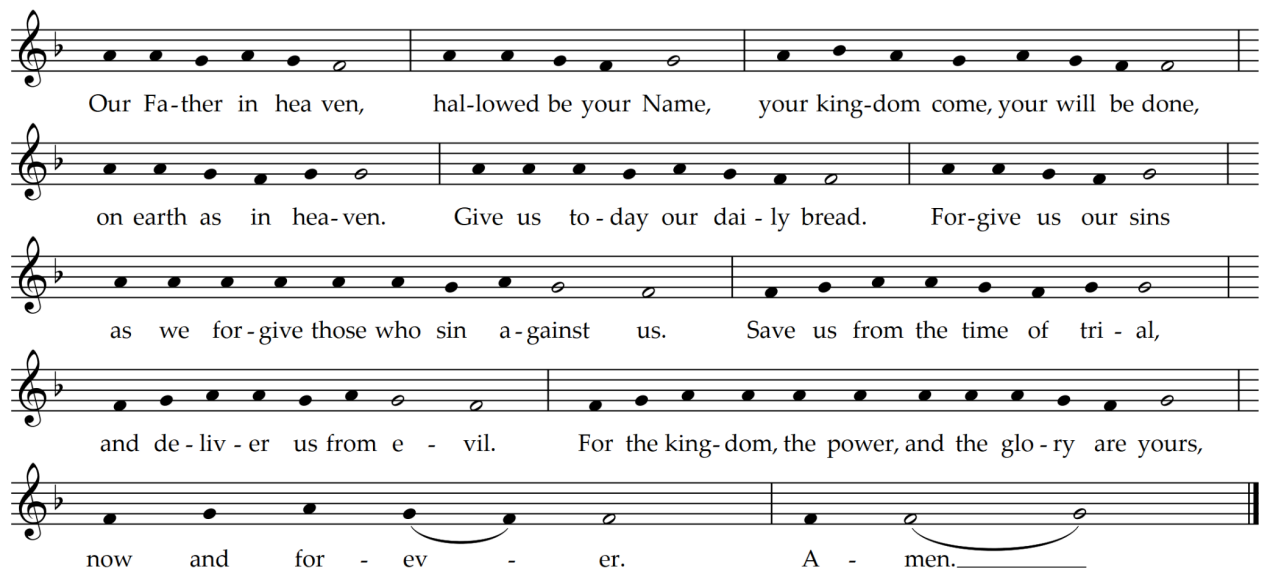
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. +Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Leonard, blessed Jan, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through you Son 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-low-ed 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*

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

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

Please be seated.

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

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Rachel Sefton

Please stand in body or spirit.

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 PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE BLESSING**

On this Lenten journey, may God our tender parent, + God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, guide you and bless you on all your ways. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling LEVASII-101

Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing for you and for me; ___
Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for you and for me? ___
Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, Pass - ing for you and for me; ___
Oh! for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for you and for me; ___

See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. ___ Come
Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? ___
Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. ___
Though we have sinned, He has mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. ___

home, ___ come home, ___ Ye who are wea - ry, come home! ___

Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! ___

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn

Kristina Langlois

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to Noon.

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<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Ms. Nichole Young (she/her)</i>
<i>Parish Administrator</i>	<i>Ms. Keisha Masby (she/her)</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Ms. Ronda Hilton (she/her)</i>
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	<i>Ms. Lexi Jones (she/her)</i>

Leadership

Ms. Jolene Whitney, Sr. Warden (she/her)
Mr. Jim Hayes, Jr. Warden (he/him)
Mr. James Henderson (Jamie), Treasurer (he/him)
Mr. David Ford, Clerk of the Vestry (he/him)
Ms. Carolyn Wolfrum, Member of Vestry (2026) (she/her)
Ms. Barb Mattison, Member of Vestry (2026) (she/her)
Dr. Caroline (Carrie) Corrigan, Member of Vestry (2027) (she/her)
Mr. Bill Lundgren, Member of Vestry (2027) (he/him)
Dr. John Graves, Member of Vestry (2028) (he/him)
Ms. Sis Flor, Member of Vestry (2028) (she/her)

Welcome to St. Barnabas!

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.

Those In Need of Prayer

The Hayes family, Dennis Kennedy, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Selah Kay, Atlee Witt, Meghann and Kai, the Alden family, Brian Reid, Greg Roosevelt, Kate, Jill Schlegal, Margaret Noteman, Darryl Searuggs, Rob, Jane Schmitz, Irene Shepard, Matt and Suzy Stolwyk, Frank Baker, Ellen Janasko, Spencer Mize, Skyler Spettle, Deb Sawtelle, Scott West,

Lan Peng and stepson Jackson, Kathy Mordeaux, Betsy Wier, Rachel Lee Nakamoto, Terry, Kitty, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, and those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster.

New to the prayer list

Terry and Kitty, friends of Eloise May and Jack Unruh

Those who have died

Leonard Speer, Jill Bednarek and Jolene Whitney's uncle; Jan Debarthe, Jill and Jolene's mother's cousin. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, March 30: The Fourth Sunday In Lent

- 9:20 am: Children's Spiritual Formation in the Godly Play Room
- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist (sung)* in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall

Tuesday, April 1

- 10:00 am: Staff meeting in the Workroom
- 12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch in Grant Hall
- 5:30 pm: Leadership Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 2

- 10:00 am: Bible Study and Holy Eucharist in the Brady Room

Thursday, April 3

- 7:00 pm: Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 5

- Youth Diocesan Lock-in at St. John's

Sunday, April 6: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 9:20 Children's Spiritual Formation
- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist (sung)* in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall

Birthdays

- Eloise May March 30
- Diana Whitley March 31
- Pierce Brimmer April 1
- Michael Jordan April 9
- Vivian Rivera April 9
- Becky Sanders April 12
- Dulce Garcia April 13
- Aaron Sefton April 13
- John Chadd April 15
- Beth Trautman April 23
- Bob Manning April 28
- Dana Brimmer April 29

Anniversaries

- Mary and Mike Erickson April 7
- Patti and Bill Walter April 7

WELCOME THE REV. AL HALVERSTADT

Today we welcome The Rev. Al Halverstadt as our preacher and presider. Al was the rector of St. Barnabas during the 90's and early 2000's. Welcome back Al!

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BISHOP BUDDER BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Forum Committee has purchased Mariann Edgar Budde books entitled How We Learn to be Brave for the congregation to purchase at cost. We will discuss this book at the Forum at the end of April/beginning of May. If you'd like to purchase a book and read it for these discussions, you can pick one up in Lukens after the service this Sunday. They are \$20. We are looking forward to inspiring discussions on this book at the Forum after Easter!

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APRIL GIVING-2-OTHERS

The St. Francis Center (SFC) is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, a refuge for homeless adults in the metro Denver area. SFC provides shelter along with a myriad of services that enable people to meet their basic survival needs. These services include a daytime shelter, social services, health and wellness, housing and employment. Their goal is to help guests transition out of homelessness into self-sufficiency. Their most recent housing project is a 60-unit supportive housing complex at 2nd Ave. and Federal that serves older low-income adults, often with disabling conditions.

For more information about SFC, and to donate online visit sfcdenver.org. You may also earmark a check to St. Barnabas for "Giving-2-Others" and place it in the offering plate or mail.

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YOUTH GROUP PARTNERS

WITH OUTREACH

During the month of April, the Youth Group is collecting much needed items for St. Francis Center as a way of supporting the Outreach Giving 2 Others this month. A list of items needed are in the eNews and on the table in Lukens. Place items in the bins in Lukens labeled "St. Francis Center donations" throughout the month. Thank you for your generosity. You truly make a difference!

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THE FORUM TODAY

11:00 IN GRANT HALL

We are pleased to have Ms. Cheryl Fleetwood from the Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU) Outreach and Engagement Action Team. CFCU includes about 60 Jewish, Protestant, Episcopal, and Catholic congregations statewide which work collaboratively with national gun control organizations in public education and advocacy, passing legislation (i.e. 'red flag' laws), providing victim support and working with at-risk youth. Ms. Fleetwood will summarize the mission and describe the accomplishments of CFCU over the past ten years and invite discussion regarding various ways that St. Barnabas parishioners can become involved in their areas of interest. John Graves and Ruth Pidick are currently the representatives from St. Barnabas.

Next Sunday, April 6: The Social Justice Committee will lead a discussion on the current legislation and policies at the local, state, and national levels and encourage you to engage on the issues important to you. We will present the legislative priorities of Together Colorado, discuss the Vibrant Denver Bond, and identify important policy issues at the national level.

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EASTER LILIES AND SPRING FLOWERS

Would you like to make a special offering to go toward the Easter Flowers that will adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday? Let us know who you would like your donation to be in memory of or in honor of. Sign up on the back table after service in Lukens.

Suggested Donation: \$20

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EASTER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 8:15-9:15

On Easter Sunday, April 20, St. Barnabas will host its annual Easter brunch in Grant Hall. We provide the eggs and drinks and ask parishioners to bring a bread or fruit item to share. This is a buffet for folks to stop by anytime between 8:15-9:15. It is a great way to begin our Easter celebration together!

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CARD MINISTRY

The Caring Ministry sends cards to members of St. Barnabas who are ill, face surgery, or have lost a loved one. Each Sunday you can find cards to sign outside the sanctuary on the west wall to sign. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

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ACTION ALERTS FROM THE EPISCOPAL

CHURCH OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT

RELATIONS

For information on the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, & Advocate for Humanitarian Aid for Gaza visit

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/>

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IMMIGRATION

ACTION TOOLKIT

The resources on the Episcopal Church website are from many organizations that are active in protecting migrants' rights from multiple perspectives. They address: What to Know, Ways to Help, and Additional Resources.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/immigration-action-toolkit/>

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COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Join a community conversation and take the survey. General obligation (GO) bond programs are used to fund new public parks, recreation centers, libraries, arts and cultural venues, roads, bridges, police stations, and other public facilities. Denver uses bonds to keep pace with public infrastructure needs. GO bonds must be authorized by voters. The Vibrant Denver bond program will not raise taxes.

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Citywide-Programs-and-Initiatives/GO-Bonds/2025-Vibrant-Denver-Bond>

The Denver Art Museum On March 14, President Trump issued an Executive Order that would have devastating effects on the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a government agency that provides critical funding to museums and libraries in all 50 states. Urge Congress to save the IMLS.

<https://www.congressweb.com/aam/95/>