

The Holy Eucharist

May 11, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

# THE PRELUDE

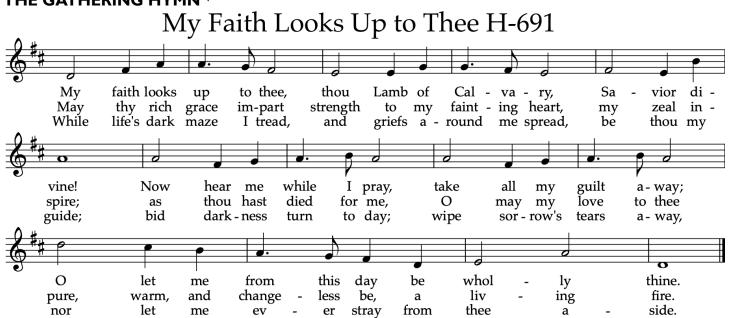
Allegro from "Spring" Concerto

Antonio Vivaldi

The Liturgy of Gathering

As the bell is rung, please stand in body or spirit.

# THE GATHERING HYMN \*



# THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray.... Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE



# THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

#### And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

# The Liturgy of the Word

#### THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A brief silence, then:

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

# PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

The LORD is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.

# He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

# Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Revelation 7:9-17

*The reading is introduced.* A reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A brief silence, then:

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

Please rise in body or spirit.

# Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

A brief silence, then:

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

Please be seated.

#### THE HOMILY

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.



Officiant: This Easter Season we pray to you, Gracious God, knowing that the power of the Easter message can transform us and those for whom we pray.

Reader: For the church of God, that its voice may be energized by the Easter message to proclaim the Kingdom of God at hand. We offer this prayer, **Trusting in Your Grace.** 

For all who seek a deeper faith — especially those in the Anglican Communion and those who will choose the next Archbishop, and for the Episcopal Church — for Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishop Kym, that they may devoutly lead us through the Easter Season. We offer this prayer,

#### **Trusting in Your Grace.**

For the Earth, our island home, that our leaders may discover what needs to be done to cherish and protect it, showing us the way. We offer this prayer,

#### **Trusting in Your Grace.**

For the leaders of the world, that they may come together to find ways to hold its people in peace. We offer this prayer, **Trusting in Your Grace.** 

For our country, that those in positions of power may be mindful of their responsibilities to serve the needs of all the people, and for those who are trying to hold their leaders accountable. We offer this prayer, **Trusting in Your Grace.** 

For all of us at St. Barnabas, that we may lovingly care for each other as we listen for our call as a community. We offer this prayer, **Trusting in Your Grace.** 

For the process of searching for the next rector at St. Barnabas, that all may recognize the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We offer this prayer, **Trusting in Your Grace.** 

For all the ways we at St Barnabas seek to reach out to those in need, especially The Gathering Place in their service to provide care to women, gender-diverse people, and children facing homelessness and instability. We offer this prayer,

#### Trusting in Your Grace.

For those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially Frank, Ellen, Spencer, Skyler, Deb, Scott, Lan and stepson Jackson, Kathy, Elsa, Patti, those imprisoned or expelled from the country without due process, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster and those we name aloud or in silence. We offer this prayer,

#### **Trusting in Your Grace.**

For those now held completely by you, we pray for their peace and for the healing of our grief, and for those we name in silence or aloud. We offer this prayer,

#### **Trusting in Your Grace.**

Celebrant: We offer all these prayers grateful for the power of transformation you patiently hold out to each of us. **Amen.** 

The refrain is sung once more.

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. **And also with you.** 

All share a greeting of peace.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE



#### The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

**The Choir Anthem** *Celebrate and Sing* 

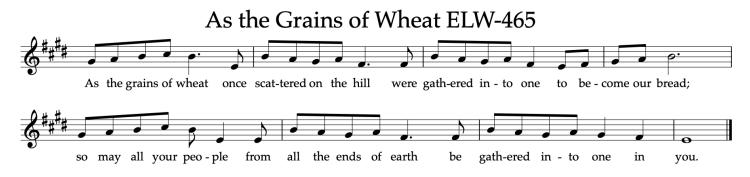
Joel Raney

Choir

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

## The Offertory Hymn



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Eucharistic Prayer C** 

The Preface God be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

#### Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

#### By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

#### Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to

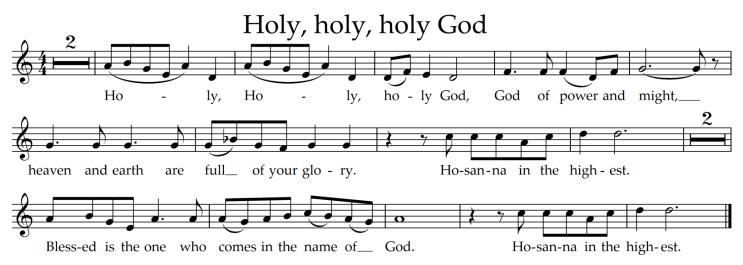
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

# By his blood, he reconciled us.

# By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## The Sanctus



#### The Celebrant continues

And so, gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for us.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our Ancestors: God of Sarah and Abraham; of Rebekkah and Isaac; of Leah and Rachel and Jacob; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

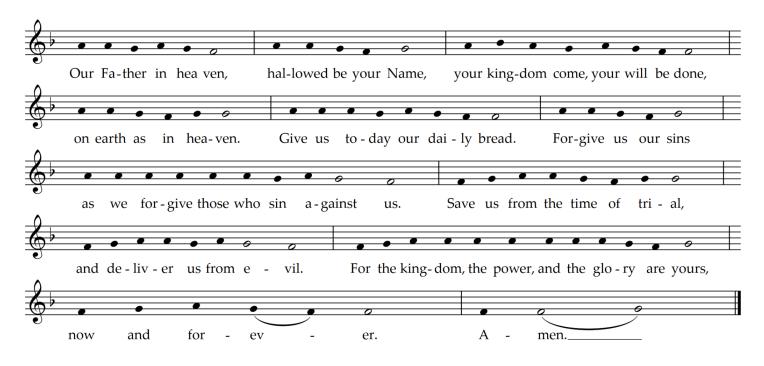
#### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, holy God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

It is our custom at St. Barnabas to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



#### The Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction Anthem



#### The Invitation to Communion\*\*

Come and know Christ at this table; receive what you are and become what you receive.

Please be seated. This is the table of God. 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 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 wafer 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

"Lines of Desire"	Tarik O'Regan
"Wondrous Love"	setting by John Carter

# THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Almighty God,

You have graciously accepted us as living members of our risen Lord, 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

Go now into the world with the blessing of God: May the God whose passion it is to create, +to love, and to sanctify the whole creation light your ways with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.** 

# THE SENDING HYMN



**THE DISMISSAL** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## THE POSTLUDE

"Maccabeus"

Organ setting by James Jacka Coyle

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# St. Barnabas Episcopal Parish

**1280 Vine St., Denver, CO 80206 303.388.6469** <u>www.stbdenver.org/</u> <u>office@stbdenver.org</u> Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to Noon.

#### 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.

#### Staff

Interim Rector	The Rev. Stephanie Kopsch (she/her)
Pastoral Associate	<b>Ms. Patti Walter</b> (she/her)
<b>Music Director</b>	Ms. Nichole Young (she/her)
Parish Administrator	<b>Ms. Keisha Masby</b> (she/her)
Organist	Ms. Ronda Hilton (she/her)
Bookkeeper	Ms. Lexi Jones (she/her)

#### 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)

# 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, 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, Raphael, Shannon Pergament and Marcus Lowry, Mother Georgia and Janet Nelson, Agatha Morrell, Elsa Najdeni, Patti Walter, those imprisoned or expelled from the country without due process, 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

Elsa Najdeni, and Patti Walter

# Those who have died

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

# This Week's Parish Scheoule

#### Sunday, May 11: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist (sung)* in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall

#### Tuesday, May 13

• 10:00 am: Staff meeting

#### Wednesday, May 14

- 10:00 am: Bible Study and Holy Eucharist in the Brady Room.
- 2:00 pm: Outreach Committee meeting via Zoom

#### Thursday, May 15

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

# Sunday, May 18: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

# Birthdays

Helen Barron May 11 Kent Freed Mary Erickson Walter Flor

May 12 May 15 May 17

Announcements

## MAY GIVING-2-OTHERS

The Gathering Place offers a variety of services to women, gender diverse people, and children who are facing homelessness and instability. It was founded in 1986 by two social work graduate students who identified huge unmet needs in Denver. Over the years they have supplied food (both meals and groceries), shelter (recently through the Elati Village Micro Community started in 2024), basic services (showers, laundry, and access to mail, phones, and computers), a clothing bank, and mental health care. All of these services are provided at no cost to those served. For more information visit https://tgpdenver.org/

Donate online or you can earmark a check to St. Barnabas for Giving-2-others and place it in the offering plate, the office, or mail it in. https://onrealm.org/stbdenver/-/form/give/20thers

# THE FORUM TODAY 11:00 IN GRANT HALL

Come share your ideas! We hope to make the Forum interesting and a useful venue for spiritual and educational growth. Parishioners are encouraged to let us know whether the Forum is meeting these objectives. This also is an opportunity to share ideas

about what you would like to see presented or discussed in the coming year. Pick up a print out of previous Forum discussion topics on the table after service.

# SIGN UP TO SPONSOR/HOST AN AUCTION EVENT TODAY! REGISTER BY MAY 25

Are you wondering what to sponsor? Posters, paper registration forms and a list of last year's auction events will be available on the table after worship.

Check the Church Calendar/ add your event The week before the Auction, look through the Booklet and pick your favorites. See ya at the French Picnic SATURDAY JUNE 7TH 4-7 PM. The Auction - The Gift that Keeps on Giving.

Register online or scan the QR code below <u>https://forms.gle/Wrf44sQPMNvSgrRYA</u>.



### PETITION SIGNING AFTER WORSHIP CALL TO RETURN THE IMMIGRANTS UNLAWFULLY EXPELLED TO EL SALVADOR

Amnesty International is conducting a campaign against the unlawful expulsions of immigrants from the United States to El Salvador: "We call on the Trump administration to immediately return those that were illegally removed to El Salvador back to the US and halt any subsequent expulsions or deportations of Venezuelans or other third country nationals, complying with the decisions of the US Judiciary." Join us in signing a petition today after service and/or writing a letter to Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security

# CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO OPPOSE EXTREME TAX CUTS

Congress is deliberating extending tax cuts which have already affected programs such as Medicaid and SNAP which protect the most vulnerable.

As a church, our priority is to center around those at the margins of society by supporting a tax code that will reduce economic disparities and advocate for provisions like expanding tax credits for the Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Each of these tax credits would support Americans struggling to meet their basic needs and would help individuals and families live dignified lives.

For more information and to take action visit <u>https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-go</u>vernment-relations/action-alerts/