

# St. Barnabas

## EPISCOPAL PARISH

The Holy Eucharist

May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter

### THE PRELUDE

Variations on "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

## *The Liturgy of Gathering*

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

### THE GATHERING HYMN \*

#### Now the Green Blade Riseth H-204



Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in dark earth  
In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, think - ing that nev - er  
Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, he that for three days  
When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain, thy touch can call us



man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
he would wake a - gain, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

### 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

### Glory to God

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,  
heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
3  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# *The Liturgy of the Word*

## **THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES**

*Acts 9:1-20*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

*A brief silence, then:*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 30**

**Exaltabo te, Domine**

I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \***  
**and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \***  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night, \***  
**but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**Then you hid your face, \***  
**and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O LORD; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \***  
**will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O LORD, be my helper."

**You have turned my wailing into dancing; \***  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## **THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES**      ***Revelation 5:11-14***

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*A brief silence, then:*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah. Hal-le - lu - jah!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 21:1-19*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A

second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

*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.*

## Celtic Alleluia

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

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 those 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 Kate, Jill, Margaret, Darryl, Rob, Jane, Matt and Suzy, 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, especially R.W., 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 Liturgy of the Meal*

### The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

#### The Choir Anthem

*It is Well With My Soul*

Arr. Yu-Shan Tsai

Choir

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### The Presentation of the Gifts

#### The Offertory Hymn

### As the Grains of Wheat ELW-465

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

## 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

## Holy, holy, holy God

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of power and might, —  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of — God. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

### *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.

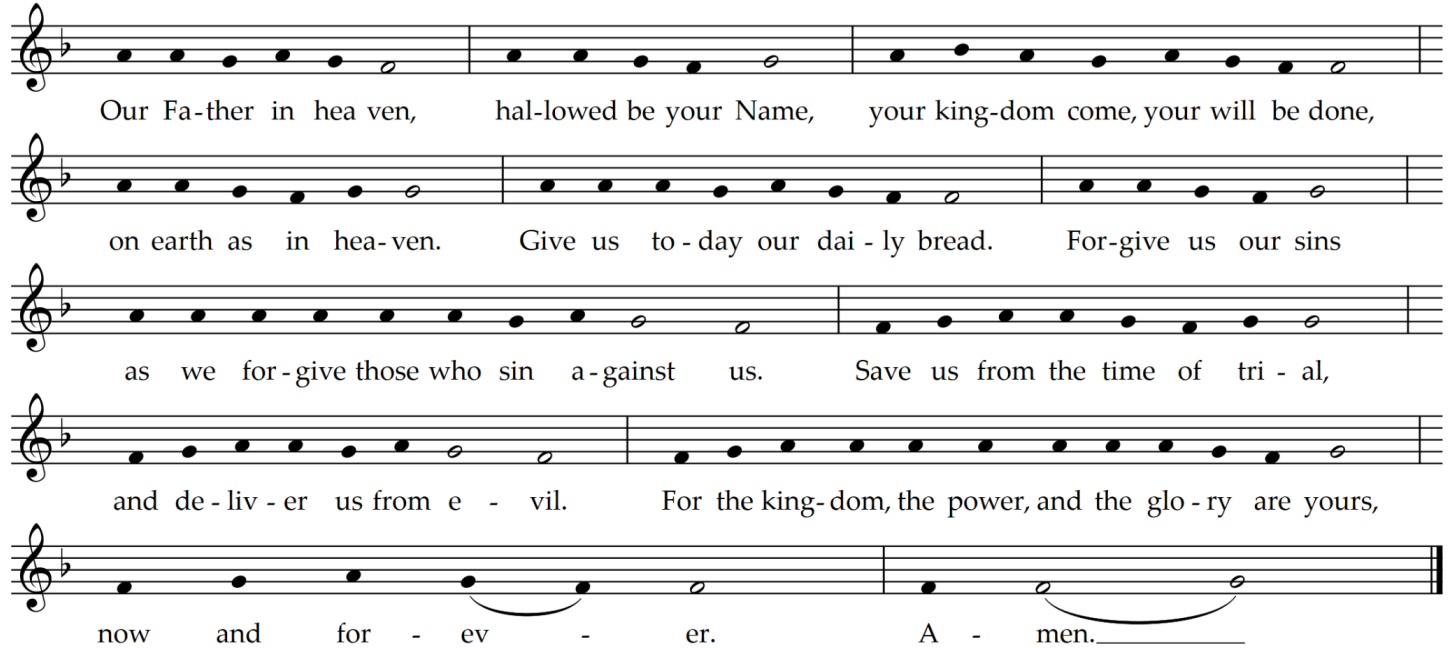
**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

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.*

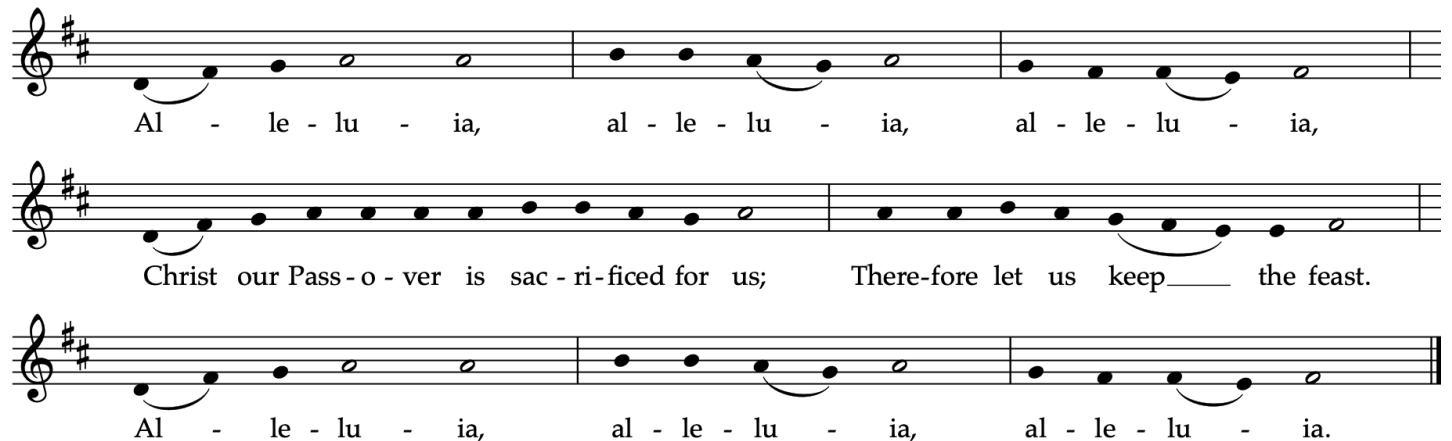
As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



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 the Fraction Anthem

#### Christ our Passover S-154



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

### The Invitation to Communion\*\*

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

Prelude Op. 51 No. 9 Carl Nielsen

Please stand in body or spirit.

### 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.

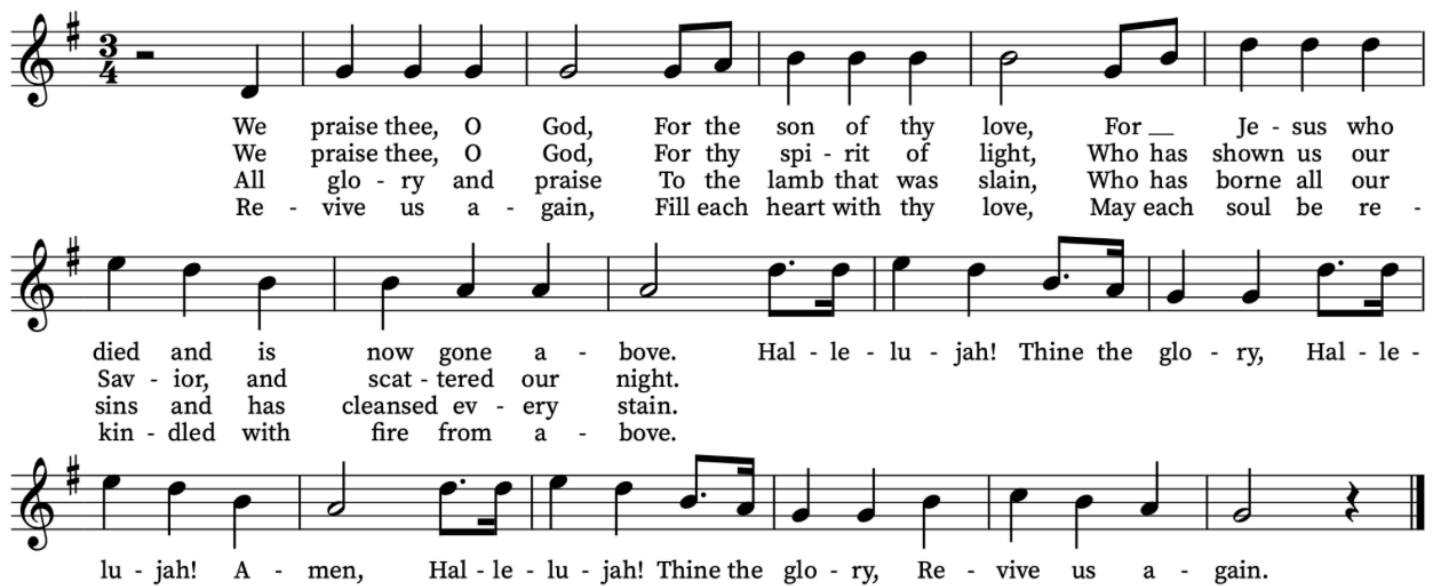
## *The Liturgy of Sending*

### 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

## Revive Us Again LEVAS II-157



We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy love, For Je - sus who  
 We praise thee, O God, For thy spi - rit of light, Who has shown us our  
 All glo - ry and praise To the lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our  
 Re - vive us a - gain, Fill each heart with thy love, May each soul be re -  
 died and is now gone a - bove. Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le -  
 Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.  
 sins and has cleansed ev - ery stain.  
 kin - dled with fire from a - bove.  
 lu - jah! A - men, Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE POSTLUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Organ setting by Jan Bender

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*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*

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

### *Leadership*

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

## *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, 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**

### **Those who have died**

R.W. Nelson, father-in-law to former St. Barnabas Priest Mother Georgia Nelson and father of Janet Nelson.

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

## *This Week's Parish Schedule*

### **Sunday, May 4: The Third Sunday of Easter**

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist (sung)* in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall
- 11:0 am: Youth Group at St. Barnabas

### **Tuesday, May 6**

- 10:00 am: Staff meeting
- 5:30 pm: Leadership Team meeting via zoom

### **Wednesday, May 7**

- 10:00 am: Bible Study in the Brady Room
- 6:00 pm: Stewardship Committee meeting at the Flor's

### **Thursday, May 8**

- 7:00 pm: Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **Saturday, May 10**

- 1:00 pm: Youth Group End of School Year Party

### **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

## *Birthdays*

Ann Hix	May 5
Cheryl Volmert	May 8
Patti Walter	May 9

## *Anniversaries*

Suzi and Matt Stolwyk	May 4
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## *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/2others>

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### **ILLUMINARE CONCERT**

**Today at 2:00 Trinity United Methodist Church**  
Mikolaj Badosz, Karen Esten, Michael Jordan, Stan Siefer, and Nichole Young are representing St. Barnabas in a joint concert titled *Illuminare*, hosted by

Trinity United Methodist Church. *Illuminare* is a five movement work by Elaine Hagenberg, and it is gorgeous! It's classic in its structure and in its text, but Hagenberg has set the texts to a lovely, contemporary musical setting. All five of us St. Barnabas singers have really enjoyed learning it, and we would love for you to experience our performance with us. Please come!

Visit

<https://www.trinityumc.org/events/trinity-presents-illuminare/> for more information and to purchase tickets

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**THE FORUM TODAY  
11:00 IN GRANT HALL**

We continue our two week study of Bishop Budde's book, *How We Learn to be Brave*. We will have a fruitful discussion of this encouraging and challenging book. While it is helpful to have read the book, even if you haven't, you will benefit from the group sharing! "Cliff Notes" are in the eNews and on the table in Lukens.

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**SIGN UP TO SPONSOR AN AUCTION  
EVENT TODAY!**

Are you wondering what to sponsor? Think about a small gathering you could host, such as:

- Dessert on the Porch
- Picnic on the Patio
- Picnic in the Park
- Game Night
- Afternoon at the Museum followed by Ice Cream

Pick up a Poster after Worship. To sign up, visit <https://forms.gle/Wrf44sQPMNvSgrRYA>

Check the Church Calendar/ add your event

The week before the Auction, look thru 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

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**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.

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**TOGETHER COLORADO-MEMBERS OF  
FAITH IN ACTION: POLICE  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Shorter Community AME Church**

Learn about Before the Blue and Beyond the Badge (B4B), a program created in conjunction with Together Colorado for new recruits about building relationships in all communities despite a sometimes turbulent history. Hear about Active Bystander for Law Enforcement (ABLE) training, which equips officers to speak up despite their rank. Explore why low-level traffic stops don't improve public safety, and discover the Denver Police Department's Use of Force Policy. We're working to enshrine these important initiatives, which help build a beloved community. To support and lift your voice to preserve these programs register at

<https://www.mobilize.us/togethercolorado/event/769862/>

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**URGE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS  
TO PROTECT MEDICAID AND SNAP**

The Episcopal Public Policy Network asks us to reach out to our members of Congress and urge them to prioritize protections for those who rely on government programs to meet their basic needs. Tell them to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to protect Medicaid. Click on this link for the Office of Government Relations of the Episcopal Church to send emails to your members of Congress:

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