

# **Saint Barnabas**

## **Episcopal Church**



**A SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

# Welcome to St. Barnabas

## A Community of Encouragement

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are happy to have you worship with us today. If you are new to Saint Barnabas and would like to learn more, please consider completing a yellow welcome card in the pew or visit our website. We look forward to getting to know you.



### Our Worship

Worship is at the heart of our community life. We find our lives shaped by its rhythms and the practice of gathering each week to hear the word of God and gather around God's table to share in communion together.

The church year is marked by seasons. During the Easter season we celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead and we are all witnesses to new life. We believe that resurrection is possible for all people and that God's power can renew our world and our lives. Easter is more than one day, but is a whole season of fifty days to celebrate the power of love to overcome death. We hope you will experience God's transformative power in your life this season.

**Sing with us** - we love music and invite you to join us in singing the hymns and service music. Music is found in the blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal (WLP).

### Announcements and Upcoming Events

For this week's announcements, updates, and upcoming events, check out our weekly newsletter by visiting: [www.st-barnabas.org/ministry-matters](http://www.st-barnabas.org/ministry-matters)



*Questions? Please ask. Ushers can answer your questions or concerns, or provide help in finding restrooms, downloading our hearing assistance app, or showing you the way to the Sunday School classrooms.*

## PRELUDE

Janet Beckmeyer

## OPENING HYMN 587 — Our Father By Whose Name

*Rhosymedre*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE S278: Glory to God

*Mathias*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people are seated for the lessons and psalm.*

### THE FIRST LESSON— Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

*Reader:*            The Word of the Lord.

*People:*            **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
    you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
    have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
    how long will you worship dumb idols  
    and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
    when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
    speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
    and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
    Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
    more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## THE SECOND LESSON— 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 508 — Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
1 before vs. 3 after reading

*Nova Vita*

## THE GOSPEL— Luke 24:36b-48

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Jane Gerdzen

*Please stand as you are able.*

### 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor:* Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and truth, so that we may walk in newness of life. Let us pray for the church and the world.

*Intercessor:* We pray for the church, that we may be witnesses to your love and glorify your name.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the world; guide us in the ways of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for our community, that we may grow together, and share our hopes and struggles with one another.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who are suffering. We pray especially for the poor, all who are lonely, sick, or in pain. We pray for those we name now...

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who have died in the hope of new life.

**People:** **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFSSION OF SIN

*Deacon or Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People:*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent the evil that enslaves us,**

**the evil we have done,**

**and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,**

**that we may abide in your love**

**and serve only your will. 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

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.*

## The Welcome and Offertory Sentence

Birthdays and Anniversaries

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM— Joyful Rhythm

*Kevin McChesney*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN 400 v. 7

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving*

**Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to one of the communion stations to receive the bread, wine, or a blessing. You may receive wine by drinking from the chalice or by intinction (dipping) the bread in the chalice. The gold chalices are for intinction, and the silver chalice in the center is for those who wish to drink from the chalice. You may also receive just the bread. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Enriching our Worship: Prayer 2

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:

## SANCTUS S125

*Proulx*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then 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 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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S158

*Willan*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.*

### COMMUNION HYMN 335 — I Am the Bread of Life

*I Am the Bread of Life*

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People:*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the congregation.*

**All respond: Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN 344 — Lord Dismiss Us With They Blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

**People:**      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Janet Beckmeyer

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### **Altar Flowers**

Given by Kaye Gaffney and family in loving memory of Maurice Leonard Gaffney.

### **Service Participants**

Karyn Hutson, Bethanie VanCamp, & Tom Hughes —Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Julie Colegrove & Julia Buschur —Altar Guild

Barbara Burke & Karyn Hutson —Lectors

Laura Leigh Hahn —Altar Bread Baker

Mary Beth Dauner & Larry James —Ushers

Barbara Burke & Marc Colegrove—Greeters

Bruce Perlson —Technology

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