

# **Saint Barnabas**

## **Episcopal Church**



**A SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 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

Michael Chertock

OPENING HYMN 182 — Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing!

*Truro*

YOUTH SINGERS INTROIT — Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!

*Joseph Martin*

## 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

### THE FIRST LESSON — Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
    I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
    and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
    "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
    and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
    he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
    all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
    my descendants shall serve him; \*  
    they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
    the saving deeds that he has done.

## THE SECOND LESSON— 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers

or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

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

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN 513 — Like the Murmur of the Dove's song**  
*vs. 1 before vs. 2 after reading*

*Bridegroom*

**THE GOSPEL— John 15:1-8**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

Devin Bustin

*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 of 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 — Where True Charity and Love Dwell

*Kaye Saunders*

## 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 LEVAS 29 — Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Crosby

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There's a precious fountain;  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:  
In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me. [Refrain]

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me. [Refrain]

4 Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river.

## 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 376 — Joyful, Joyful

*Hymn to Joy*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

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

## POSTLUDE

Michael Chertock

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### Altar Flowers

Given by Nick Trelka - Happy 9th Birthday Nash and Austin Trelka!

### Service Participants

Bob Krone, Jill Cole & Steve Cole —Lay Eucharistic Ministers  
Ceilia Mathew & Kathy Caldwell —Altar Guild  
Satya Rajasingh & David Batchelder —Lectors  
Caroline Bollman —Altar Bread Baker  
John Nolan & Brian Leary —Ushers  
Todd Herzog & Aaron Nishizaki —Greeters  
Bruce Perlson —Technology  
Marcie Hammel —Vestry Person of the Day

### The Ministers of St. Barnabas, The People

The Reverend Canon Jane Gerdzen, Rector  
The Reverend Canon George A. Hill III, Rector Emeritus  
The Reverend Pam Fairley, Deacon  
Michael Chertock, Director of Music  
Janet Beckmeyer, Assistant Director of Music  
Lisa Peters, Adult Choir Director  
Erika McCoy, Director of Children and Family Ministries  
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