HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024 ♦ 8 a.m.

Welcome to St. Barnabas, we are delighted that you're here. We hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, praying, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and coming to communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!

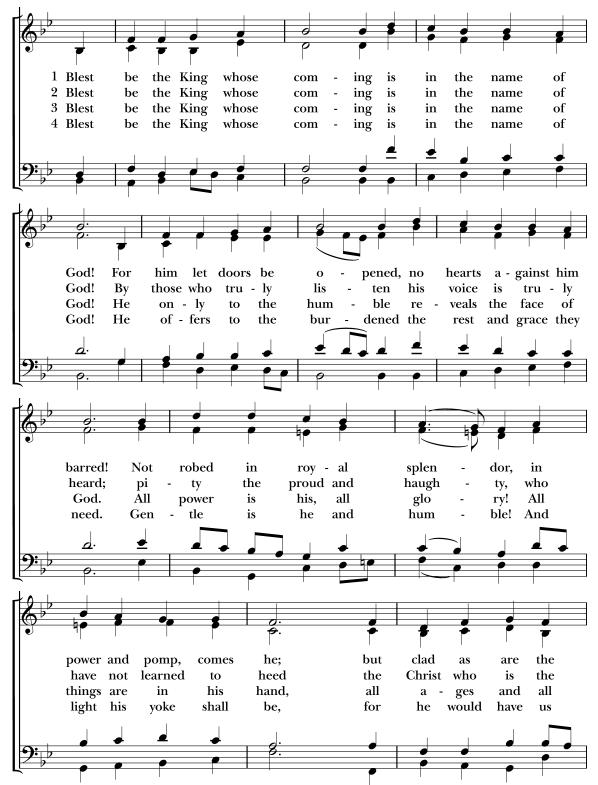
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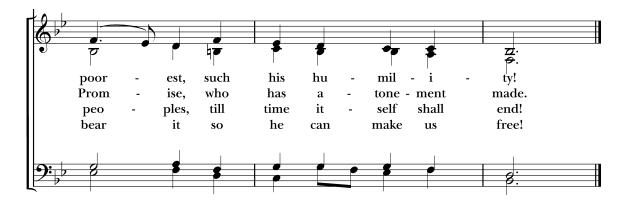
eleph All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.



Annunciation, Fra Angelico, 1440–1445 Convent of SanMarco; Florence, Italy

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Presider

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

TRISAGION Said three times.

PresiderHoly God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,PeopleHave mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.PresiderLet us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

H THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING READER: A reading from the prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

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Micah 5:2–5a

Canticle 15, The Song of Mary Magnificat

THE CANTICLE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE SECOND READING

READER: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE NICENE CREED Presider and People

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Holy Cross, Redmond; and St. Clare's, Snoqualmie. Receive our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, and grant that those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially to Sean, our presiding bishop; Phil, our bishop; Karen, our rector; Dan, our deacon; and Nancy, Judith, Patricia, Jan, Jim, Dennis, and Steve, priests among us; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Karen Haig

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially all elected and appointed officials, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Guard and protect all those who serve in harm's way, both in lands far away and here at home, returning them to safe reunion with their families and all who love them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bestow upon us the gift of gracious hospitality, welcoming into fellowship our sisters and brothers in Christ who are visiting, remembering that in welcoming strangers we may be welcoming angels unaware.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eves of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor, especially..., and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

I invite your petitions and thanksgivings aloud or in your hearts...[pause], let us pray. Lord, hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially..., beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Barnabas and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit. People

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Prayer for a Birthday:

Watch over your child, O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she fall; and in her heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for a Wedding Anniversary:

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore 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 home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



An offering of money is collected. You may also make an offering online by scanning the QR code.

\P PRESENTATION ANTHEM

PresiderAll things come of thee, O Lord,PeopleAnd of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

| Presider | The Lord be with you. |
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| People | And with thy spirit. |
| Presider | Lift up your hearts. |
| People | We lift them up unto the Lord. |
| Presider | Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. |
| People | It is meet and right so to do. |

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presiding Priest and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

for Then the Presider gives thanks for God's work in creation and for the salvation of the world through Christ, and prays over the bread and wine.

(BCP p. 334)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father...

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presiding Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

| Presider | Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; |
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| People | Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! |

Presider and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LOMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is Jesus's table where all are welcome to share in the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, or not to receive Wine, fold your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten–free wafers are available, please ask the priest.

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

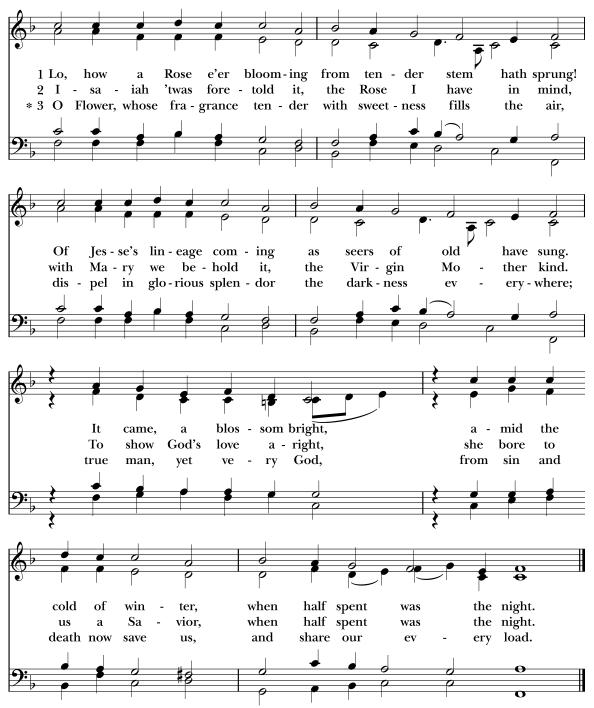
🖆 or 🕴 THE POST–COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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THE DISMISSAL

People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY Presider and Preacher | The Reverend Karen Haig Music Director & Organist | Sheila Bristow Lectors | Angie Bickerton, Jan Everts Eucharistic Ministers | Angie Bickerton, Helene Schmitz Ushers | Wade and Jodi Cressman Altar Guild | Kathy Anderson, Lynn Duncan, Beth Gudmundson, Sue Thompkins Coffee Hour | Princie and Bob Falkenhagen

CLERGY

Presiding Bishop | The Most Reverend Sean Rowe Bishop | The Rt. Reverend Dr. Philip LaBelle Rector | The Reverend Karen Haig Deacon | The Reverend Dan Fowler

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CONVENTION DELEGATES

Delegates | Heidi O'Brien, George Robertson, Brian Andvik, Laura Carroll Alternates | Peggy & Kirk Eichenberger, Sue Ellen Case, Beth Gudmundson

This Week at St. Barnabas

Monday & Friday | December 23 & 27 9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom*

Tuesday | December 24 9 a.m. | Centering Prayer | Sanctuary

Thursday | December 26 1:45 p.m. | Senior Ministry | The Madison

Sunday | December 29 8 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite I | Sanctuary Post–Service Coffee Hour | Parlor 10 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | Sanctuary Post-Service Coffee Hour | Parish Hall

*Email etienna@stbbi.org to be added to the Compline Zoom email list.



A QUIET CHRISTMAS SERVICE 7 p.m. | Monday, December 23

A Christmas service for those experiencing suffering, loss, or anyone desiring a quiet, tender way to celebrate this holy time.

Christmas Eve at St. Barnabas

4 p.m. | Family Christmas Pageant Service

Carols and Communion. All children are invited to join in the Christmas Pageant no preparation required! Please check in by 3:30.

7 p.m. | Festive Christmas Service

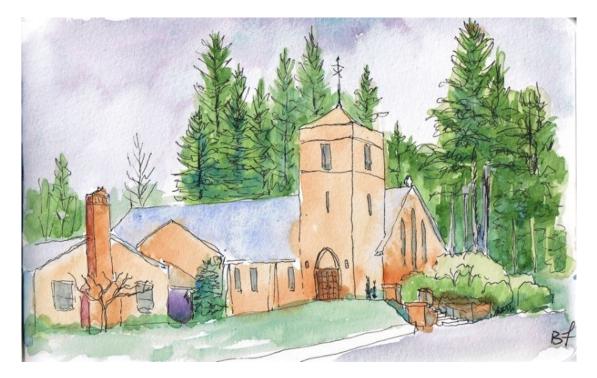
Carols with strings, soloists, and Communion.

10 p.m. | Candlelit Christmas Service

Carols with the Parish Choir, trumpet, and Communion. Incense will be used.

Christmas Day at St. Barnabas

10 a.m. | Festive Christmas Service Carols and Communion.



WHO ARE WE? We are a community of faith that welcomes and values all people. We commit to follow Christ, serve others, grow in faith, and transform the world by sharing God's love.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of this island, the Suquamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Suquanish Tribe.

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