

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

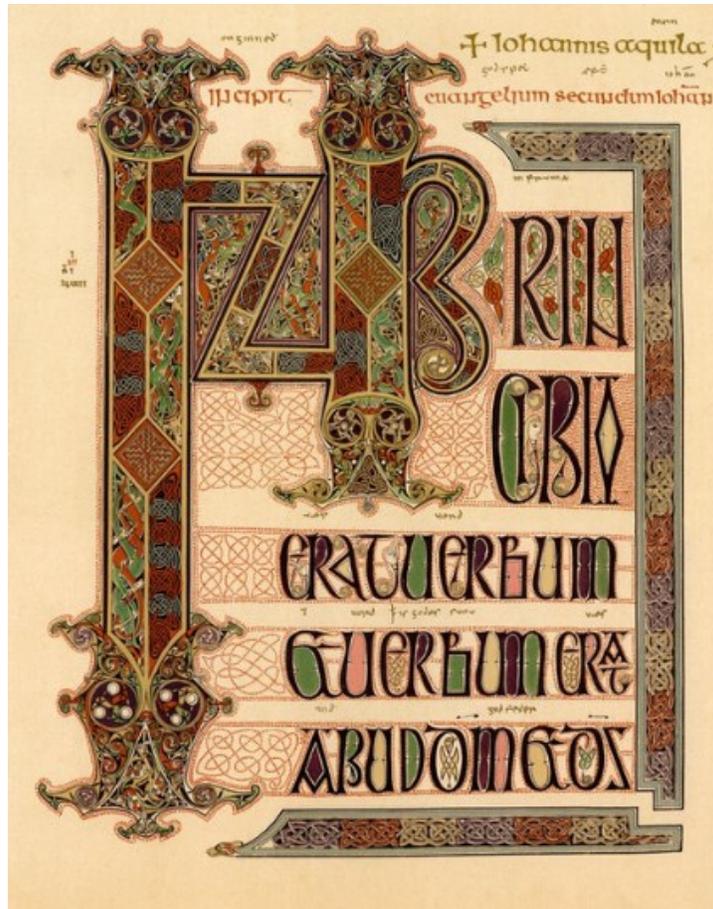
December 29, 2024 ♦ 10 a.m.

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!

PRELUDE

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



Incipit of The Gospel of St. John
Lindisfarne Gospel, c. 715-720

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

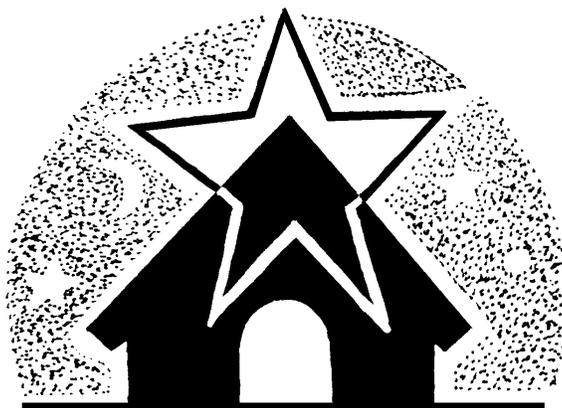
Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.
 Amen.**

Presider and People

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.



SONG OF PRAISE

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;
 2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
 3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
 as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
 nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
 Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
 God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
 in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
 will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

Words: Patricia B. Clark, para. The Third Song of Isaiah © Gemini Press International.
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 Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns: Ancient and Modern*, 1875,
 after James Turle (1802-1882).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

READER: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

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

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE PSALM *The reader and people read responsively.*

Psalms 147:13–21

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

READER: A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

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 GRADUAL HYMN

Of the Father's love begotten



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten,
2. O that birth for ev - er bless - ed,
3. Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him;
4. Christ, to you with God the Fa - ther,



Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
When the Vir - gin, full of grace,
An - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
Spir - it blest e - ter - nal - ly,



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
By the Spir - it blest con - ceiv - ing,
Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



He the source, the end - ing he,
Bore the Sav - ior of our race;
And ex - tol our God and King;
And un - end - ing prais - es be:



Of the things that are, that have been,
And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,



And that fu - ture years shall see,
First re - vealed his sa - cred face,
Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Text: *Corde natus ex Parentis*; Aurelius Prudentius, 348-413; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866 and Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, 8 7 8 7 8 7 7, 12th C.; Mode V; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Karen Haig

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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.*

Loving and gracious God, in this most holy time we bring to you our deepest hopes:

For the unity and faithful witness of your Church throughout the world, that our common life would manifest the love and blessing which you desire for the whole human family, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For all who exercise power in the nations and economies of the world, that their actions would be guided by wisdom, justice and compassion, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For those who live in situations of conflict, violence and oppression, especially the peoples of the Holy Land, and for all who work for justice, freedom, reconciliation and peace, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For deliverance from the shadows of hate and fear, that the Light of Christ may dispel every darkness, and bring the dawn of human flourishing, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For refugees, immigrants, and for unhoused people everywhere, that like the Holy Family they may find places of welcome and shelter, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, that they may find confidence and hope in the midst of their troubles; and for all who minister to them in the name of the healing Christ, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those who are experiencing loss, or grief, or sadness, that your unquenchable love would lighten their darkness; give them the comforting balm of your healing touch, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For those who have not felt your closeness, and those who do not yet know how dearly you love them, that they too would receive the blessing of this holy season, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For the precious web of life, that we would respect all created beings, live gently on the earth, and see the divine beauty in the world you have made, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that we would see the face of Christ in one another, and show forth Christ's love in everything we do, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For everyone whose needs and yearnings are in our hearts, especially..., and those we now name... [the people offer particular names and concerns] We pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially..., and those we now name... [the people offer particular names] that in communion with all the saints they may forever rejoice in your presence; grant them your peace, and let light perpetual shine upon them, we pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

In thanks and praise for the Incarnation of your beloved Christ, who has shown us the fullness of our true humanity, we offer ourselves, all that we have and all that we are, that your Kingdom would come to dwell in our hearts and in our stories. We pray to you: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Presider

Rejoicing in communion with Mary the ever-blessed Mother of Jesus, Saint Barnabas, and the saints in every generation who have shone with the light of Christ, we praise you, God who loves us. For when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way; when we knock, you open. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people, we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of God be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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 make an offering by clicking here or by scanning the QR code.

OFFERTORY SOLO

A Scottish Christmas Song

John Forbes (1666)

Israel came to Zion's city,
All the world was taxed then;
Blessed Mary brought to Beth'lem
More than all the world again:
A gift so blest, so good, the best
That e'er was seen was heard or done;
A King, a Christ, Prophet and Priest;
Jesus to us, to God a Son.

Happy night! a day was never
Half so happy sweet and fair:
Singing soldiers [angels], blessed ever,
Fill the skies with sweetest air.
Amaz'd men fear, they see they hear,
Yet doubt and ask how that was done.
'Twas bid, "behold, it is foretold,
This night God hath himself a Son."

There appeared a golden usher,
Kings attending on its train:
The bright sun could not outblush her,
Such a star ne'er shone again.
Behold it stays, seeming it says
Go in and see what there is done:
A babe, whose birth leagues heav'n and earth:
Jesus to us, to God a son.

PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presider All things come from you, O God,
People **And of your own have we given you.**

 or  *The people kneel or remain standing.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Barnabas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Sung by cantor first time, then the people repeat

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be
 bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the
 bod - y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.
 One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y, we share one
 bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION 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.*

An Act of Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. —*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

HYMNAL 324

1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with
 trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man -
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,
Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Christmas Joy

Mark Schweizer

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,
When the princes and shepherds have gone;
Then the true work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost,
to heal the broken hearts,
to feed the hungry,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all brothers,
to make music in the heart.

—Howard Thurman

 or  THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider | The Reverend Karen Haig

Preacher | The Reverend Dan Fowler

Music Director & Organist | Sheila Bristow

Cantor | Rae Hyra

Lectors | George Robertson, Mari Bickford

Eucharistic Ministers | Barbara Bolles, Linda Heller

Ushers | Brian Andvik and Laura Carroll

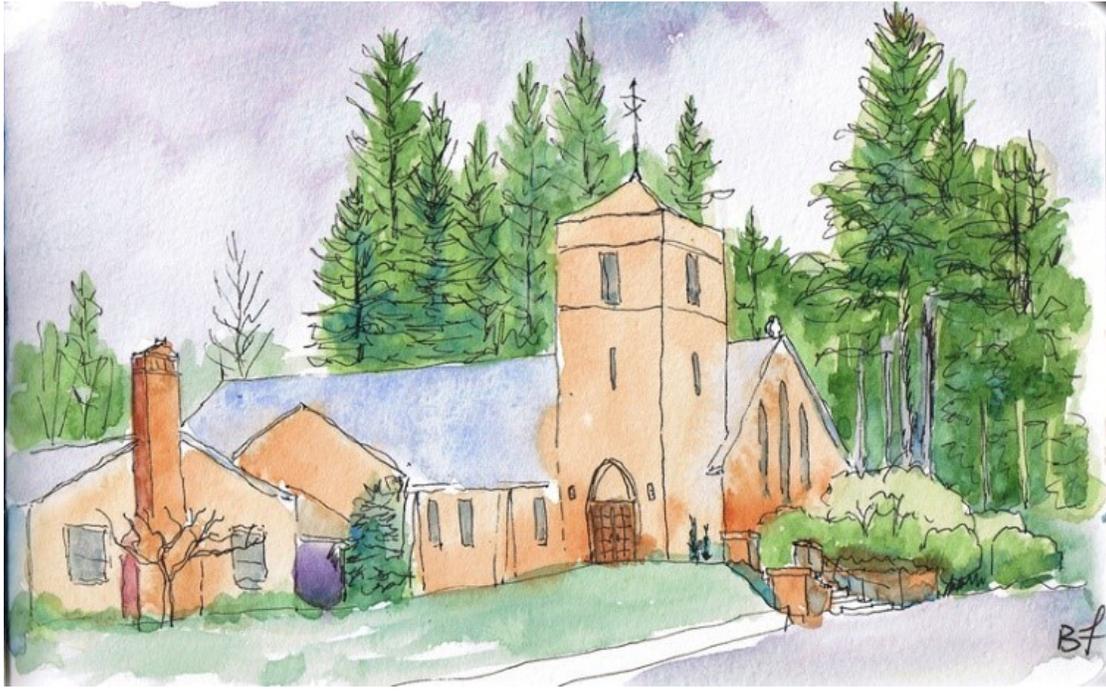
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Altar Guild | Rebecca Ditmore, Chris Davis, Princie Falkenhagen, Pat Todd

Coffee Hour Team | Babe Kehres, Sue Thompkins, Julie Houck, Joan Collins, Sheila Miller

Welcome Table | Nancy Tiederman

Videographer | Michael Ditmore



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 Suquamish Tribe.

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