



ST.  
BARNABAS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

## The Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

December 7, 2025 ♦ 8 a.m.



*Something in the Water*  
T. Denise Anderson



## WELCOME TO ST. BARNABAS

Your presence is a blessing.

If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of The Episcopal Church,  
simply relax into worship and let the congregation carry you through the liturgy.

Please know that *all* are welcome at Christ's table.

## PRELUDE

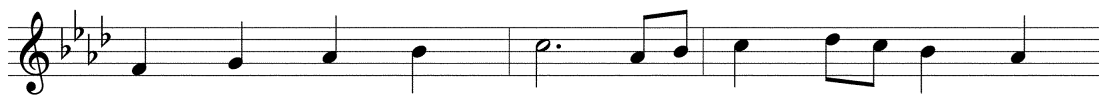


*All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.*

## HYMN



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks. When beau - ty gilds the  
suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry  
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph  
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.  
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.  
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.  
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1857-1925

Tune: MORNING SONG, CM; John Wyeth, 1770-1858; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942



### **A PEOPLE OF PEACE** **Advent Candle Lighting**

*Reader 1* The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of one who brings peace:  
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall  
grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him.

***People*** The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down  
with the kid, the calf and the lion together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

*Two Advent candles are lit.*

*Reader 2* In a world of chaos and discord, we long for peace.

***People*** Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God.

*Reader 2* The psalmist sings: Peace be within your walls

***People*** and quietness within your towers.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

***People*** You come to your people and set them free.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider and People*

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## TRISAGION

*Presider and People. Said three times.*

*Presider* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

**A** shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

*Silence.*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
**who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
**and may all the earth be filled with his glory.**  
**Amen. Amen.**

**W**hatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

*Silence.*



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People**      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**In** those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’”

The Gospel of the Lord

**People**      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



## THE SERMON

The Reverend Dianne Andrews

*Silence.*



## 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.**

## 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 has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these 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 all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Good Shepherd, Vancouver; and St. Luke's/San Lucas, Vancouver.

*Silence*

Give grace, O God, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean our presiding bishop; Phil our diocesan bishop; Dianne our interim; Dan our deacon; Nancy, Judith, Patricia, 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.

*Silence*

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 lives.

*Silence*

We pray for the St. Barnabas Newcomers ministry, for the Profile Committee, and for the rector who will be called to serve here at St. Barnabas in your good time.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

Open, O Lord, the eyes 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.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

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 grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Silence*

And now, let us say together the Collect for Our Time of Transition...

**Gracious, loving, and changeless God: you bless us with your steadfast presence here at St. Barnabas known in the gifts of beautiful music, worship, caring, and serving in our midst. We offer joy and thanksgiving for the life we share, for the stable foundation on which we stand, for all that has been and all that is yet to come. Grant us wisdom, patience, and joyful anticipation as we navigate this time of transition. Keep our hearts and minds open to new possibilities. Help us to grow, even as we patiently wait. Direct us toward a partner in ministry who will support us in becoming ever more your Beloved Community, that we may live the Gospel in the world loving our neighbors as ourselves. With grateful hearts we praise you, compassionate and loving friend, source of life and all goodness. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

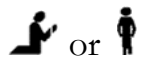
*Presider*

In this season of gathering darkness, may your light shine ever brighter. May your truth be ever more clearly heard. May your peace bring us together in the light of your love. We pray to you our one, true, holy and living God, Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider*

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 Christ be always with you.

***People***     And with thy spirit.



## 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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE



### THE OFFERING

*An offering of money is collected. You may make an offering online by scanning the QR code found on the back of your bulletin.*



## PRESENTATION ANTHEM

*Presider and People*     With grateful hearts, we give what we can.  
In joyful hope, we give for what can be.

*Presider*                     All things come of thee, O Lord,  
***People***                     And of thine own have we given thee.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

***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. ...

*Proper preface.*

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

*Presider 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.**



*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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

**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;

*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



#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available in addition to bread. Wine may be received either directly from the chalice or by using an individual plastic cup. Cups are located on a table in front of the first pew on the right as you face the altar. After receiving communion, please deposit your cup in the glass container located on the right as you head back down the aisle.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire to the priest.*



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



## HYMNAL 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

## DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Paul Manz



**The Bridge Today - Carrying Each Other's Burdens:  
An Introduction to Restorative Retelling Grief Groups**

Grief is a natural part of life, yet our culture often leaves people isolated in their loss. What if the church could offer a different way—a safe space where grieving people can walk together, share stories, find healing in community? Join us **today** after service for an introduction to Restorative Retelling, a peer-led grief support group methodology that creates sacred space for people to process loss together. Everyone has experienced loss. Everyone needs support. And everyone has something to offer. Led by Rev. Erin Grayson, a local Presbyterian pastor who works with Deacon Dan Fowler in ministries with seniors, and who has a special calling to care for those dealing with grief and loss.

**The Bridge on December 14:  
Outreach with Kitsap Homes of Compassion**

Your Outreach Committee has provided financial support to Kitsap Homes of Compassion (KHOC) for several years. We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to hear KHOC Executive Director, Scott Willard, during The Bridge on Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. in our Parish Hall. Scott will explain how KHOC is addressing both houselessness and housing insecurity in Kitsap County and right here on Bainbridge Island. KHOC is providing an innovative approach to these struggles our community members face. Join us with your curiosity, questions, and desire to be a part of the solution in caring for our neighbors at this special Bridge presentation on Sunday, December 14.



**Vespers with Schola Nova | Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m.**

During this season of Advent, Schola Nova offers a contemplative sung service in honor of Mary, Mother of Our Lord. On this longest night of winter, consider bringing a donation of new, warm socks to help our neighbors in need! Sock donations will go to Chaplains on the Harbor.



**Blue Christmas: A Service of Grief and Remembrance  
Wednesday, December 17 | 7:00 p.m. | St. Barnabas Episcopal Church**

The holidays aren't easy for everyone. If you're carrying grief, loss, or heartache this season, join us for a quiet service of lament and hope. Through scripture, music, and candlelight, we'll create space to remember, to mourn, and to find comfort together. All are welcome.

# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher | The Reverend Dianne Andrews

Music Director & Organist | Sheila Bristow

Eucharistic Ministers | Marcia Williams, Angie Bickerton

Lectors | Marcia Williams, Angie Bickerton

Ushers | Mike Meston

Altar Guild | Steve Schmitz, Helene Schmitz, Heidi O'Brien, Becky Raymond, Diane Walworth

Coffee Hour | Angie Bickerton



This month in the St. Barnabas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Newcomers Ministry. The work of this ministry—and all who volunteer their time and energy to it—enables the St. Barnabas community to live into the call of Christ to welcome the stranger and love our neighbors. Please keep them in your prayers.

## CLERGY

Presiding Bishop | The Most Reverend Sean Rowe

Bishop | The Rt. Reverend Philip LaBelle

Interim | The Reverend Dianne Andrews

Deacon | The Reverend Dan Fowler

Assisting Priests | The Reverends Steve Best,

Dr. Judith M. McDaniel, Nancy Tiederman,

Patricia Rome Robertson

## VESTRY

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. BARNABAS

## WEEKLY SERVICES & EVENTS

### **Sunday**

8 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
Post-Service Coffee Hour | Parlor  
10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Post-Service Coffee Hour | Parish Hall

### **Monday**

9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom

### **Tuesday**

9 a.m. | Centering Prayer | Sanctuary

### **Wednesday**

9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom

### **Thursday**

9 a.m. | Healing Eucharist | Sanctuary

### **Friday**

9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom

## MINISTRY, MEETINGS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Sunday | December 7**

9:30 a.m. | The Bridge  
10:15 a.m. | Godly Play  
Noon | Youth Group

### **Monday | December 8**

3 p.m. | Outreach Ministry Mtg.

### **Wednesday | December 10**

7 p.m. | Profile Committee Mtg.

### **Thursday | December 11**

1:45 p.m. | Senior Ministry @ The Madison  
7 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday | December 13**

6 p.m. | Youth Group Movie Night

### **Sunday | December 14**

9:30 a.m. | The Bridge  
10:15 a.m. | Godly Play  
Noon | Youth Group  
Noon | Vestry Meeting



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## OUR MISSION

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.

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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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