



ST.
BARNABAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Year A
December 21, 2025 ♦ 8 a.m.



In Too Deep
Rev. Nicolette Faison




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.

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


HYMNAL 56




5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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WATCH AND WAIT **Advent Candle Lighting**

Reader 1 Let the name of God be praised.

People Let the name of God be praised.

Reader 1 Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

People We light this candle in hope.

The first candle is lit.

Reader 1 Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

People We light this candle for peace.

The second candle is lit.

Reader 1 Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

People We light this candle in joy.

The third candle is lit.

Reader 1 Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

People We light this candle with love.

The fourth candle is lit.

Reader 2 Let us pray: God of hope, God of peace,

People God of joy, and God of love,

Reader 2 Teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world.

People God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.

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.

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Silence.

THE RESPONSE

Canticle 15, The Song of Mary, *Magnificat*

Leader and people pray responsively.

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 LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Silence.

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

Silence.

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 Anglican Church of Burundi. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James, Cathlamet; St. Timothy, Chehalis; and All Saints', 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.

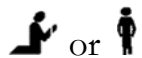
Presider

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 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 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 With grateful hearts, we give what we can.

People I 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.

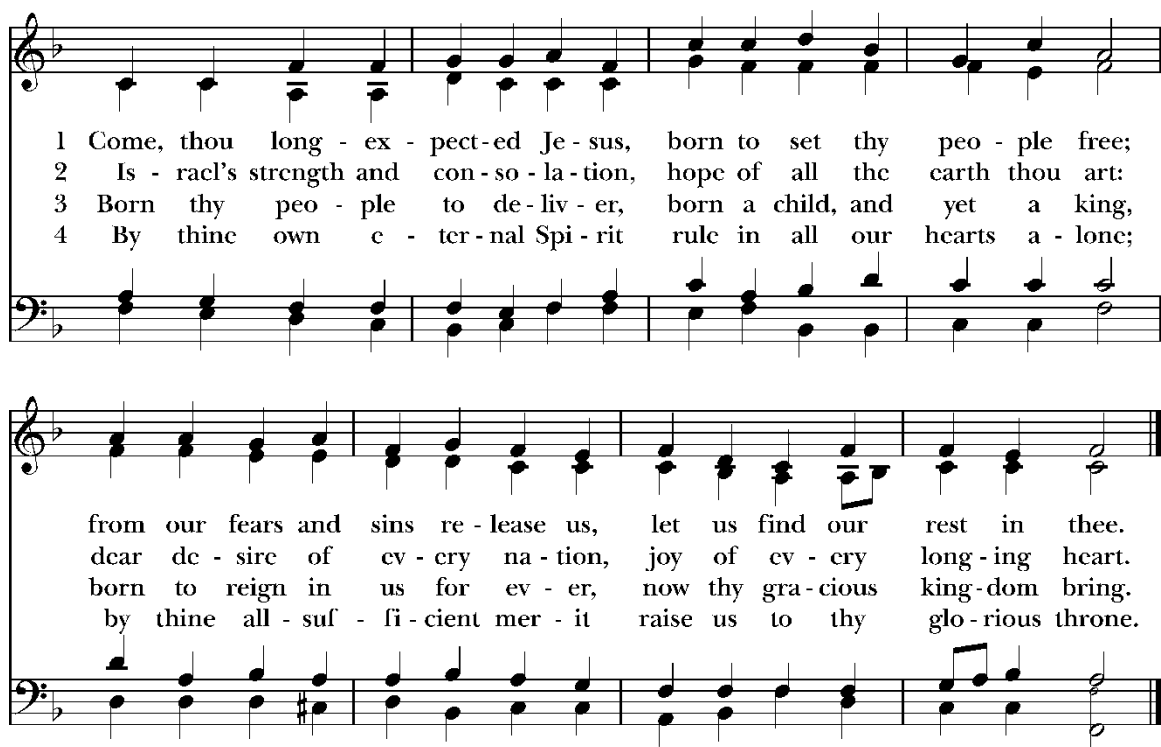
If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire to the priest.

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 66



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - ra-el's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Partita on "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

Alfred Fedak



Vespers with Schola Nova | TONIGHT, 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.



Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Family Service: Las Posadas

Welcome the stranger! Welcome the child! Honoring a beloved tradition, Las Posadas at St. Barnabas is a short outdoor* reenactment of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem...emphasizing the importance of welcoming the stranger. All are welcome—especially families and children! The service will begin in the Parish Hall where costumes will be provided, but dress warmly!

This 4 p.m. service will include Holy Eucharist. Festive refreshments to follow.

Traditional Christmas Eve Services will be held at 7 & 10 p.m. with a Christmas carol sing at 9:30 p.m.

*Weather permitting; las posadas will move indoors if necessary.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BARNABAS



Christmas Eve | December 24

4 p.m. | Las Posadas Family Service with Holy Eucharist

7 p.m. | Festive Christmas Eucharist, Rite II

9:30 p.m. | Carol Sing

10 p.m. | Festive Christmas Eucharist, Rite II with choir & incense

Christmas Day | December 25

9 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite I

First Sunday after Christmas | December 28

8 a.m. | Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 a.m. | Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher | The Reverend Dianne Andrews

Music Director & Organist | Sheila Bristow

Eucharistic Ministers | Marcia Williams, Angie Bickerton

Lectors | Angie Bickerton, Marcia Williams

Ushers | Steve Schmitz

Altar Guild | Kathy Anderson, Lynn Duncan, Beth Gudmundson, Sue Thompkins

Coffee Hour | Princie & Bob Falkenhagen



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

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Senior Warden | Barbara Bolles

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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

NO COMPLINE

Thursday

NO HEALING EUCHARIST

Friday

9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom

MINISTRY, MEETINGS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday | December 21

9:30 a.m. | The Bridge: Adult Faith
Formation
10:15 a.m. | Godly Play
Noon | Youth Group
6 p.m. | Vespers with Schola Nova

Tuesday | December 23

1 p.m. | St. Barnabas Book Club Mtg.

Wednesday | December 24 Christmas Eve

4 p.m. | Las Posadas & Holy Eucharist
7 p.m. | Holy Eucharist
9:30 p.m. | Carol Sing
10 p.m. | Holy Eucharist

Thursday | December 25

9 a.m. | Holy Eucharist

Friday | December 26

5 p.m. | Super Supper @ EHCC

Sunday | December 28

8 & 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Lessons & Carols
with Holy Eucharist



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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.

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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