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SAINT BARNABAS ON THE DESERT

December 29, 2024  
10:15am

# The First Sunday after Christmas





## Welcome to Saint Barnabas

**Welcome!** We're delighted you've joined us for worship today and we invite you to participate fully in our service. Everything you need is contained in this bulletin and everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion during the service. Children of all ages are welcome and celebrated at Saint Barnabas and are invited to receive Holy Communion.

**Childrens' Chapel** ages 3+ begins in the Learning Center at 10:00am. Chapel begins at 10:15am in the Jim Clark Contemplative Chapel.

**Infant and Toddler Nursery** for ages 0 - 3 years is available in the Learning Center. Parents are welcome to attend with their children to help them feel at home and an usher will be happy to show you the location.

Individual receivers are available in the narthex. Also, the Sanctuary is looped for sound. Just switch your hearing aid to T-coil.

If you would like to know more about Saint Barnabas, please fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and hand it to an usher or clergy. We'll be in touch with you! Or visit our website at [www.saintbarnabas.org](http://www.saintbarnabas.org).

### **A Prayer for the Search Committee**

Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts and minds of your servants on the Search Committee of Saint Barnabas. Give to them the grace to lead this parish in self-examination, that we may have the courage and honesty to remember who we have been, and the vision and openness to see who you are calling us to be. Give them the wisdom to see what sort of leader we need in our next Rector. Give them the courage to ask hard questions. Give them the patience and compassion to listen until the listening begins. Give them the vision to seek, so that the right person may be called. And as we walk together in these months of transition, may we trust in your love and goodness, knowing that you are present in every step that leads us into the future you are preparing for Saint Barnabas; in your holy Name we pray. Amen.

First Tuesday of every month  
Taizé Worship, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Prayer Service  
5:30-6:00pm in the Chapel

Sunday Worship Times  
7:45am 10:15am

***We are an open and affirming Christian community in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. We strive to be a community where all are welcome.***

***We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.***

### **We continue to pray for:**

Isla Aker, Amy, Lea Bowers, John Brooks, Julie Brooks, Toby Bush, Blake Carter, Michelle Cleave, Thomas Coghlan, Dalemarie Davis, Amy DeCaussin, Michael Anthony Divito, Ellen FitzSimons, Clarke Greger, Muffie Greger, Ken Greig, Richard Hand, Jan Hansen, Hilary, Mary Virginia Hill, Carolyn Inabinet, Jeri, Karen, Debra Kem, Kara, Don, Rita, Edithanne Knight, Julliana Lane, Fran Langley, Buffy Lee, Sue Lund, Brendan McClendon, Jim Newman, Jan Petty, Kim Ptak, Giles Remick, Jeannette Reynolds, Robert, Dierk Seeburg, Jim Shelby, Eric Shenefield, Andy Shriver, Eileen Smith, Susan Smith, Dan Sullivan, Teresa, Bill Tomlinson, Allie Tossberg, David Vasquez, Barbara Wick, Ashley Wilcox.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER those who are currently serving in our Armed Forces as well as our First Responders:**

Connor Bell, Nyssa Burdick, Mark Christie, Phillip Ellis, Lukas Feury, Woody Francis, Josh Garber, Amanda Gilbert, Roy Hill, Dylan Hollings, Jack Holtestaul, Tori Holtestaul, Keith Imig, Philip Krein, Juston Kuch, Michael LaTempt, Caroline Liddy, Grant MacWilliam, Stacy Madson, Jake Nuss, Dare O'Ravitz, Carter Statham, Molly Bess Tilley, Dean Tomlinson, Chris Walters, C.J. Walters, Rob Welsh, and Nicholas Wessman.



Please be seated.  
The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn

God rest you merry, gentlemen  
*God Rest You Merry*

Hymnal 105

All God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

**Refrain:**

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. **Refrain**

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might." **Refrain**

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. **Refrain**

Reader

Please join me in praying the psalm responsively by half verse.

<sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \***praise your God, O Zion;**<sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \***he has blessed your children within you.**<sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \***he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**<sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \***and his word runs very swiftly.**<sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \***he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**<sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \***who can stand against his cold?**<sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \***he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**<sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \***his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**<sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \***to them he has not revealed his judgments.****Hallelujah!**

Congregational Hymn

The first Nowell the angel did say

Hymnal 109, vs. 1,2,3,6

*The First Nowell*

All

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

**Refrain**

And by the light of that same star three wisemen came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

**Refrain**

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

**Refrain**

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal 107

*In dulci jubilo*

All Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Please stand.

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.



# The Holy Communion

The Bidding

Offertory Hymn

Angels we have heard on high

Hymnal 96, vs. 1,2,3

*Gloria*

All Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

**Refrain:**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**

Please stand.

Doxology

Hymnal 380. v.3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Please kneel, stand or be seated as is your custom for prayer.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lives as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All                   **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant        Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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 Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Communion of the People

*All who seek Christ are invited to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail. For communion, you may receive both bread and wine, only bread, or only wine. To receive the bread, cup your hands in front of you. Please indicate if you would like a gluten-free wafer. You may then consume the wafer and drink from the cup, or you may dip the wafer into the wine. If refraining from the wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice is offered. If you would like to receive healing prayers for yourself or a loved one, please come to the Healing Station in the front right corner of the Sanctuary after you receive communion. Children are welcome.*

Music at Communion

"Away in a Manger"

arr. R. Edgar Horton

The Saint Barnabas Handbell Choir, Joe Maher, director

Communion Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 79, vs. 1,2,3,5

*St. Louis*

All

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born is us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Please kneel, stand or be seated.

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant      Let us pray.

All                    **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession

Joy to the world! The Lord is come

Hymnal 100, vs. 1,2,4

*Antioch*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Dismissal

Deacon      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary

Noël, Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin

Don Morse, organist



## The Rt. Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, BISHOP of THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARIZONA

In the event of illness or hospitalization of yourself or a member of your family, please contact the church office.

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for family and friends.

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

#### December 29

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#### December 30

Mary Hudak

#### December 31

Trish Refo

#### January 1

Craig Bennett

#### January 2

Sherilyn Harris, Sharman McKinnon

#### January 4

Keith Grayson, Dody Tait

### BOOK AND GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sundays 8:30am - 12:00pm

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