

SAINT BARNABAS ON THE DESERT

December 24, 2025

5pm, 8pm, 11pm

Christmas Eve





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.

If you have a need to receive communion from your pew due to injury, illness, or age, please alert one of the ushers. Our rotating teams want to serve each person well and you can help us by making your needs known each time you come to church. Thank you!

Childcare is available for the 3:00pm and 5:00pm services.

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.

Thursday, December 25, 2025
Christmas Day Service at 10:15am.

Sunday, December 28, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas, Carols
and Holy Eucharist at 7:45am and
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.

Messiah
(excerpts)
by George Frederic Handel
The Choir and Orchestra of Saint Barnabas on the Desert
7:25pm & 10:25pm

Overture	<i>Sinfonia</i>
Recitative and Aria	<i>Comfort Ye/Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted</i> Joshua Giles, tenor
Chorus	<i>And the Glory of the Lord</i>
Aria and Chorus	<i>O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion</i> Claire Penneau, mezzo-soprano
Chorus	<i>For Unto Us a Child Is Born</i>
Interlude	<i>Pastoral Symphony</i>
Recitatives	<i>There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field</i> Jenn Newman, soprano
Chorus	<i>Glory to God</i>
Chorus	<i>Hallelujah</i>

Joshua Giles, Claire Penneau, Jenn Newman, *soloists*

Michael Salazar, *organist*

Robert Heyde, *conductor*

Parish Choir and Orchestra of Saint Barnabas on the Desert

Holy Eucharist

Opening Voluntary (5:00pm)

Michael Salazar, organist

Please stand.

Entrance Hymn

Once In Royal David's City
Irby

Hymnal 102, vs. 1,2,5,6

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.**

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Celebrant 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

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Hymnal 100, vs. 1

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.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 212

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The Old Testament

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Reader Please join me in praying the psalm in unison.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

Reader A reading from the letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gradual O Come, All Ye Faithful
Adeste Fideles Hymnal 83, v. 1

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

The Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to who he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praise God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual

Sing, Choirs Of Angels
Adeste Fideles

Hymnal 83, v. 3

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

A period of silent meditation follows the sermon.

The Rev. Robert Berra

The Prayers of the People

Reader You may stand, kneel or be seated as is your custom for prayer and in peace, let us pray to the Lord (*silence...*). Dear family of God, confident in the word made flesh and dwelling among us, let us bring to our loving God the petitions in our hearts this Christmas Eve, saying: "Christ, hear our prayer."

For the community of believers throughout the world, for our bishop, Jennifer, and for all those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might direct us toward the service of God's glory and the spread of God's light to the ends of the earth, let us pray.

People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader For the church gathered here in this Christmas celebration, that our worship of the Word made flesh might take on flesh in our living the gospel message, let us pray.

People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace, let us pray.

People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader For all refugees, and for the victims of war, violence, and injustice, that they might know the power of the newborn Savior, let us pray.

People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader For all our siblings, kin, or neighbors in any need, let us pray.

People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Reader For all who dwell in the power of ignorance and disease, of poverty and homelessness, of division and hate, that the presence of Christ might work its wonders this day and this season, let us pray.

People **Christ, hear our prayer.**

Presider Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child to live among us in vulnerable humility: Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Peace

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

The congregation greets one another with a sign of God's peace: a handshake, hug, smile, or nod along with the greeting, "Peace" or "The Peace of the Lord" are all wonderful gestures of sharing in this time together. Also feel free to ask someone's name and/or to introduce yourself so we can get to know one another better!

Please be seated.

The Announcements

At this time, we hear about news and upcoming events in the life of Saint Barnabas. If you have a birthday or anniversary or other special time of celebration in your life, please come forward when it's announced for a blessing.

The Holy Communion and Healing Prayers

The Bidding

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere, that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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 (*Eucharistic Prayer B is in The Book of Common Prayer, the red one found in front of you.*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. BCP 367

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord

It is right to give God thanks and praise

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, alwa

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

The Celebrant praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ, recalls the events of the Last Supper, and prays that all may receive the benefits of Jesus Christ's work and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 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. **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.

Communion Anthem

"The First Nowell"

arr. Dan Forrest

The first Noel the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, noel, noel, noel! 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. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord. That hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.

Communion Hymn

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

Hymnal 101

Cradle Song

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.**

Sung Meditation

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymnal 111, vs. 1-3

Stille Nacht

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession

Hark! The herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

Hymnal 87

1 Hark! the herald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Music: arr. Ted Ricketts



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 Christmas Trees and Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God; and in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for family and friends. For a complete list, please see today's insert.

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*Thank you to all of
the volunteers, staff and
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to make our
Christmas celebrations so
beautiful and festive!
You bless us and we are grateful!
Merry Christmas!*

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