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SAINT BARNABAS ON THE DESERT

December 24, 2025

3:00pm

Christmas Eve

Children's Pageant



# Holy Eucharist

## Rite Two

Prelude

"Improvisations on Traditional Christmas Carols"  
Mary Ellen Loose, *piano*

Please stand.

Entrance Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
*Adeste fideles*

Hymnal 83 vs. 1,3

**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, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**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, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glorify to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect

*A New Zealand Prayer Book, Year A*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray (*silence...*). Son of God, light that shines in the dark, child of joy and peace, help us to come to you and be born anew this holy night. Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

People **Amen.**

*The congregation may please be seated.*

# Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

## Presented by the Children & Youth of Saint Barnabas

*Participating in a Christmas pageant can be one of the most significant faith formation experiences in a child's young life. Presenting the beautiful story of Christ's birth is a rare opportunity for children to preach the Word for their parish family in a climate of unconditional love and approval. For us, it is a sacred time to be led in worship by our youngest sisters and brothers in Christ.*

-Youth Narrators-

Meredith Williams and Sydney Vance

-Cantor-

Clara Henson

Hymn All	O Come, O Come Emmanuel ( <i>Veni, veni, Emmanuel</i> ) <b>O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!</b>  <b>O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind. Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!</b>	Hymnal 56
Hymn All	O Little Town of Bethlehem ( <i>St. Louis</i> ) <b>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.</b>	Hymnal 79
Hymn All	Away in a Manger ( <i>Cradle Song</i> ) <b>Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes. But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.</b>	Hymnal 101
Hymn	Angels We Have Heard On High ( <i>Gloria</i> ) <b>Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains: Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire our heavenly song? Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing, come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.</b>	Hymnal 96

Hymn	We Three Kings ( <i>Three Kings of Orient</i> )	Hymnal 128
All	<b>We three kings of orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar.          Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.          O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;          westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.</b>	

Hymn	Silent Night, Holy Night ( <i>Stille nacht</i> )	Hymnal 111
All	<b>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.</b>  <b>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.</b>	

*At the conclusion of our pageant, children in the congregation are welcome to take a star wand (offered in the center aisle) and wave it as we sing "Silent Night." Children may keep their star wands if they wish.*

Please kneel, stand or be seated.

The Prayers of the People

*Adapted from A Wee Worship Book, 5th Edition*

Leader	Today we give thanks to God for the birth of God's son among us. We also remember the ones God has given us in our own lives. In the pauses between our prayers, you may say the name of those who come to mind, either silently or aloud.
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Leader	Let us hold before God in confidence the ones who laugh when we are funny, and the ones who make us smile at ourselves. ( <i>silence...</i> )
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Leader	The ones for whom we weep, and the ones who, in joy or sorrow, weep for us. ( <i>silence...</i> )
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Leader	The ones who worry that we may be lonely, and the ones who ensure that does not happen. ( <i>silence...</i> )
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Leader	The ones who feed our minds and our bodies, and the ones with whom we share faith and break bread. ( <i>silence...</i> )
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Leader	The ones who trust us with what they do not share with many; and the ones who treat as precious all we confide in them. ( <i>silence...</i> )
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Leader	The ones who, tonight, we want to pray for; and the ones who, unasked, tonight will pray for us, (including the people next to us). ( <i>silence...</i> )
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Leader And let us thank God for the one to whom we are summoned, the one by whom we are sent, whose image we are, whose flesh we share, whose love is all: Jesus, our Savior and our friend.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

Traditional French Carol, arr. by Mark Patterson

Saint Barnabas Andante and Allegro Choirs

Karen Miller, Connie and Rudy Trujillo, Directors

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here.  
Hear our grateful praises to the Child so dear.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!  
Angels called to shepherds, “Leave your flocks at rest;  
Journey to the manger, find the Child so blest.”  
Come sing, sing we all Noel!

Please stand.

Doxology

**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

Celebrant The Lord be with you!

People **And also with you!**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts!

People **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

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

Please kneel, stand or be seated.

Celebrant In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. That means God made us, too! And God loves us and the whole world. Because God loves us, God lets us make our own choices. Sometimes, we make bad choices that hurt us or other people. And then God tries harder to get our attention and remind us to love each other. The Bible tells us stories of how different people have come close to God and God has come close to them.

God has seen all the bad choices that people have made. So God decided to come visit us in a very special way, to show us again how to love each other. God visited us and became human—a young man named Jesus. Jesus was careful to include all people as his friends. Some people didn't understand this, and became angry. They wanted to hurt Jesus; they even wanted to kill him.

Jesus knew he was going to die, and chose to die so we could live. On the night before he died, Jesus took the bread they were eating, and after he had given thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this bread and eat it. Let it be a reminder to you that I feed your soul by teaching you how to love yourself and each other. Whenever you eat it, do this to remember me."

After they were finished eating, Jesus took a cup of the wine they were drinking, and after he had given thanks to God, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, as a reminder of my promise to you of God's love. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Loving God, remembering now his suffering and death and proclaiming Jesus' resurrection and ascension we bring you these gifts. Bless them by your Holy Spirit to be for us, your people, the Body and Blood of Christ.

And send your Holy Spirit upon us, to gather us, by this Holy Communion, into one family in Christ. Make us a living reminder of your love.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen! Amen! Amen!

All **AMEN! Amen! Amen!**

Celebrant When we eat and drink this holy food, it's not food for our hungry bodies. It's food for our hungry and tired hearts. It's for the parts of us inside that feel hurt, and the parts of us that have hurt others. And when we eat and drink it, we remember Jesus, and how he loves us and wants us to love each other.

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 the bread and wine. Receive the bread in your cupped hands and then either guide the cup to your mouth to drink the wine or dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

## Communion Anthem

“Look Again at the Child”

Suzanne Lord

Saint Barnabas Andante and Allegro Choirs  
Karen Miller, Connie and Rudy Trujillo, Directors

Look, look again at the Child in a manger.  
Open your heart to the love that you see.  
Is it only at Christmas you pause to remember?  
Is it only at Christmas you wait breathlessly  
for the love of the Lord to change gray winter mornings  
into sweet times filled with love and with joy?  
Look again. For the gift goes far beyond the season.  
It is love from above. Come and welcome this Child for a glorious reason:  
in him is the best of God's love!

Please kneel, stand or be seated.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

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

All **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 the 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

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Improvisation on Traditional Christmas Carols"

Mary Ellen Loose, *piano*

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### **Allegro Children's Choir (grades 3-8)**

Audrey Avalos, Clara Henson, Ele Avalos, Ellie Stanton, Isabella Rodriguez, Jack Grady, Jude Seaton

### **Andante Children's Choir (grades K-2)**

Audrey Story, Elias Rodriguez, Grace Grady, Lolo Tellez, Marcel DeCaussin, Maxwell Vorst, Rennon Krob, Shiloh Lu.

### **Music Makers (preschool)**

Lincoln Vorst, Mysha Naumenko, Oscar Shea, Rocco Tellez, Vance Stanton, Zeke Miaso.

### **Meditation and Movement (K-8)**

Aurora Otto-McBride, Crawford Miaso, Greta Henson, Indigo Krob, Mila Miaso, Sydney Willits, Tima Naumenko.

Nursery care is available for the 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. services. All are welcome. The nursery is located in the Children's Center. An usher will be happy to show you this location.

