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SAINT BARNABAS ON THE DESERT

December 14, 2025  
7:45am

# The Third Sunday of Advent





## 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 on the playground 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

### **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, John Brooks, Julie Brooks, Lawrence Brooks, Toby Bush, Blake Carter, Michelle Cleave, Thomas Coghlan, Dalemarie Davis, Amy DeCaussin, Michael Anthony Divito, Margaret Ellison, Ellen FitzSimons, Muffie Greger, Ramona Hancock, Jan Hansen, Ted Harden, Hilary, Denise and Brad Hess, Carolyn Inabinet, Jeri, Joyce, Karen, Debra Kem, Kara, Barbara Klein, Don, Rita, Sherri Kress, Julliana Lane, Fran Langley, Joshua Lowry, Sue Lund, Brendan McClendon, Deanna McNeilly, Kelly McQueen, Jaryd Owens, Jan Petty, Kit Platz, Kim Ptak, Giles Remick, Jeannette Reynolds, Robert, Dierk Seeburg, Jim Shelby, Eric Shenefield, Andy Shriver, Emily Shriver, Eileen Smith, Susan Smith, Dan Sullivan, Teresa, Allie Tossberg, Jaina Trujillo, Morena Trujillo, David Vasquez, 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, Christine Crowfoot, Kendrick Crowfoot, Phillip Ellis, Lukas Feury, Woody Francis, Josh Garber, Amanda Gilbert, Roy Hill, Dylan Hollings, Jack Holtestaul, Tori Holtestaul, Keith Imig, Philip Krein, 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.

# Holy Eucharist—Rite One

Opening Voluntary

Benedictus

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Please stand.

Opening Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

*Stuttgart*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael'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.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Presider 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.**

Summary of the Law

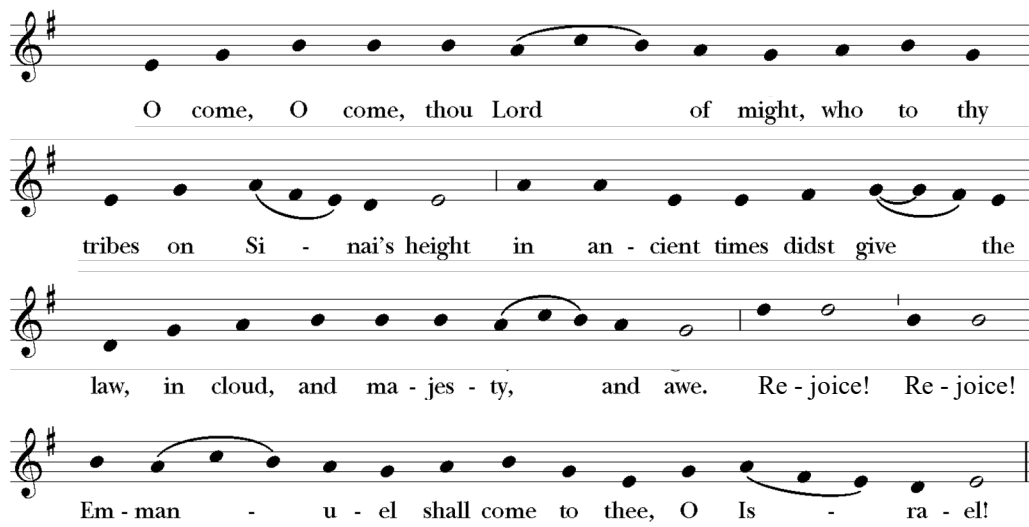
BCP 324

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Song of Praise

O come, O come, thou Lord of might  
*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56, v. 4



The Collect of the Day

BCP 160

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray. Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

Reader            Please join me in praying the psalm in unison.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
Whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
Who keeps his promise for ever;  
Who give justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;  
He sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson

James 5:7-10

Reader            A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.  
Advent Responsorial

Cantor Congregation

I look from a - far: I see the power of God com-ing!

Cantor Congregation

We go to meet him and say: Wel - come, Son of Ma - ry.

All

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All repeat the Advent Responsorial*

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Robert Berra

*A period of silent meditation follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed

Reader Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **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

Reader You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated as we pray for the Church and for the world. (*silence...*)

As we wait for Christ to come in victory, let us make our requests known to God who saves the lame and gathers the outcast.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader For Jennifer our bishop and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

(*silence...*)

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

(*silence...*)

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader For Donald our president, Katie our governor, the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

(*silence...*)

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

(*silence...*)

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader Today we pray for **Liza** (Bell), **Voni** (Bell), **Kevin** (Brown), **Grace, Gladys** (Caquimbo), **Win** (Charles), **Coleen** (Charski), **Rachel** (Coffin), **Vitor** (Costa), **Connie, Phil** (D'Alessandro), **Ray** (Estrada), **Jane** (Falkenstein), **Barry** (Farr), **Nayra** (Figueiredo), **Emma** (Finelli), **Tom** (FitzSimons), **Keith** (Grayson), **Carolie** (Greig), **Ken** (Greig), **Nicole** (Guina), **Bruce** (Gurley), **Carol** (Hall), **Lou** (Harber), **Linda** (Harden), **Karen** (Henninger), **Margaret** (Inness), **Carol** (Jeffryes), **Jane** (Kinkaid), **Don and Rita** (Leiferman), **Dale** (Love), **Teresa, Alice** (MacArthur), **McLennan** (Maxwell), **Kristen** (McCoy), **Jim** (McKay), **Mona** (Mohan), **Kevin, Todd** (Nagle), **Jim** (Newman), **Michelle** (Ofstun), **Dare and Lynn, Patty, Caroline** (Pierson), **Pirayeh, Rachel, Elsa** (Rector), **Conde** (Rogers), **Ralph** (Sabatino), **Mike** (Sackett), **Sam, Dick** (Scott), **Jack** (Sedwick), **Thomas and Hayley** (Sesterhenn), **Dana** (Shaw), **Maurice** (Sigman), **William** (Skasick), **Dick** (Smith), **Amy** (Staples), **Natalie** (Taylor), **Joy** (Tevis), **Tammy** (Underwood), **Brian** (Vance), **Wafa, Patricia** (Wayas), **Brittany** (Webster), **Millie** (Welsh), **Robert** (Welsh), **Rachael** (White), **Erica** (Williams), **Delpha** (Wright), **Bill** (Yelas), **Greg** (Zermeño) (*silence...*). For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader Today we pray for the dying and the dead.  
(silence...).

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.  
(silence...)

People **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Reader Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Gracious God.**  
*After a period of silence, the Presider concludes:*

Presider God of all kindness, we await with hope the coming of your reign. May hope dwell in our minds and hearts. And let the bright promise of Christ's coming kindle in us the fire of your love. Through Christ our savior. **Amen.**

#### The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**  
*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!*

#### 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

#### The Bidding

Offertory Anthem "Richte mich, Gott" Felix Mendelssohn

Translation: Grant me justice, O God; defend me from a faithless people; from the deceitful and unjust rescue me. You, O God, are my strength. Why then do you spurn me? Why must I go about mourning, with the enemy oppressing me? Send your light and your fidelity, that they may be my guide; Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place of your dwelling, that I may come to the altar of God, to God, my joy, my delight. Then I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. Why are you downcast, my soul? Why do you groan within me? Wait for God, for I shall again praise him, my savior and my God.



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 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

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

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.

*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.*

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.*

### Communion Anthem

### "Mary's Magnificat"

Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,  
ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully,  
tenderly her King of kings.  
My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings:  
'I will love you, I will serve you,  
May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of Kings.'  
Lullaby, lullaby.

Please kneel, stand or be seated.

### The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 339

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**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

*Richmond*

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
 2 He comes, the pri - sioners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -  
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

## The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Voluntary

Fugue sur le nom d'Alain  
Michael Salazar, organist

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)



## 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 greens on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

#### December 14

Charles Colmark, Kole Hill,  
Bill Marshall, Nixon Schaefer

#### December 15

Steve Black, Jaron Kitchel,  
Sandy Olsson, Sean Weldy

#### December 16

Jeannette Steele, Rachel Williams

#### December 17

Jim Hoselton, Janet Kolstad

#### December 18

Ava Alfonso

#### December 19

Connie Estes, Kristin Hoffman,  
George Jones, Andrea Smith

#### December 20

James Charlton, Debbie Webster

### BOOK AND GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sundays 8:30am - 12:00pm

To contact a staff member, please call the church office at 480-948-5560, or email them by typing: [staff member's first name] @saintbarnabas.org., unless otherwise noted above.

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