# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



August 24, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II
9 o'clock in the morning
In the Tent on the Great Lawn

SAINT BARNABAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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# Saint Barnabas's

a pathway to God through prayer and service.

**Belonging before believing** – Saint Barnabas's is a place to belong; a place to explore and go deeper in your faith; a place to learn how to pray, grow and serve in the town and world. **Welcome!** 

#### **ABOUT TODAY'S READINGS**

You are encouraged to participate fully in this service from wherever you may be this morning. The service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer and other sources approved by The Episcopal Church. It has been printed in this bulletin for your ease of use and convenience. Please join in the prayers and responses printed in bold.

Welcome to Saint Barnabas's Episcopal Church. In today's reading from the gospel of Luke, Jesus heals a woman who had been crippled for eighteen years. A rigid religious leader complains that Jesus, in healing her on the Sabbath, is breaking the Commandments. Jesus replied that if the Commandments allow one to untie livestock on the Sabbath so that they can get water, we certainly could unbind human beings who are tied to illness on the Sabbath. Jesus is showing that the law of God is for human and humane purposes and not simply a rigid rule used to beat down others.

Today's first reading is from Isaiah. The prophet brings God's word that true piety and religion is to free those who are bound, and to care for the poor and the afflicted. It is that sort of ministry to others that will bring us the blessings of God.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we are no longer merely part of this world that is passing away. We are part of the divine life and of the ongoing sweep of God's story of salvation. Though we live in this world, we are part of that unseen Kingdom that is eternal.

We gather in the Eucharist as a community of faith, which transcends time and space: an eternal family whose life and joy is the result of placing God before all things. The Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly feast but it is not the feast itself. We are called to persevere in the faith that will lead us to feast at God's table in the Kingdom that is coming.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

### 9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



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### **The Opening Acclamation**

Presider: Blessed be the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

### The Collect for Purity

All:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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 Savior. Amen.

### Glory to God LEVAS #130



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### The Collect of the Day

Presider: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity

by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Readings

Please be seated.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. he Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

#### Psalm 103:1-8

Please pray responsively by half verse.

Bless the Holy One, O my soul, \* and all that is within me, bless God's holy Name.

Bless the Holy One, O my soul, \* and forget not all the gifts of God.

O God, you forgive all our sins \* and you heal all our infirmities;

You redeem our life from the grave \* and crown us with mercy and loving-kindness;

You satisfy us with good things, \* and our youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O God, you execute righteousness \* and judgment for all who are oppressed.

You made your ways known to Moses \* and your works to the children of Israel.

You are full of compassion and mercy, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews [12:18-29]

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows.





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### The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke [13:10-17]

All: Glory be to you, O Christ.

Deacon:

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the

Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior. People: **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

**The Sermon** The Rev. David M. Rider

A period of silence for reflection follows.

#### 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 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 human. 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, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit 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.

### **Prayers of the People**

Form VI

Presider: In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world; People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the

needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, our Bishop, Will, Perry, and

David, our priests and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in God's Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us

our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

#### The Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### The Peace

Presider: May the peace and love of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

### Welcome, Announcements

### Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

All: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your

servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their

lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **The Offertory Sentence**

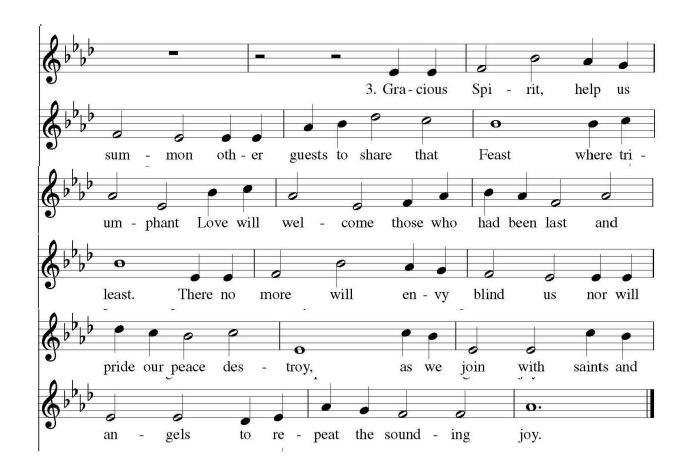
The Offertory Hymn

As we gather at your table

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### The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship
Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

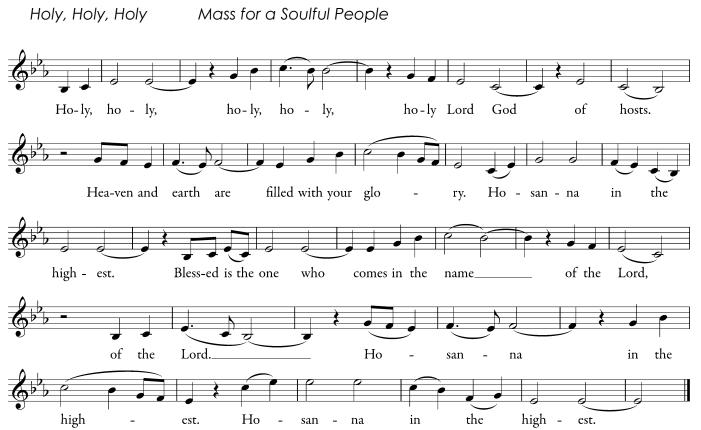
Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and

loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. For by water and the Holy Spirit you

have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, to show forth your glory in all the world.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy;



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Presider:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray;

### The Lord's Prayer

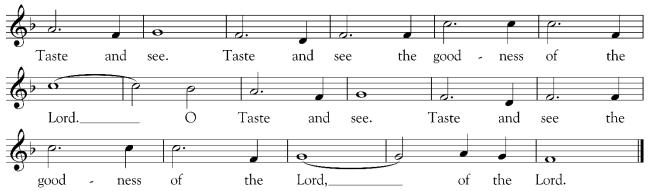
All:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### **Fraction Anthem**

Taste and See



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#### The Invitation and Communion

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You will be invited to come forward for Communion or a blessing. Please alert an usher if you would like to receive at your seat. All are welcome to receive. You may decline either the consecrated bread or wine by placing a hand over your heart. Receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Intinction is not permitted. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the Altar.

### **Communion Music**

'Tis the gift to be simple Please sing twice.

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Presider: Let us pray.

All: Almi

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### The Blessing



The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

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### The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Postlude** Invention No. 8 J.S. Bach

The worship has ended – our service begins!

### THANK YOU to Today's Servers:

Presider/Preacher: The Rev. David M. Rider; Music Director/Organist: Deborah Gemma;

**Acolyte:** Noah Schmidt; **Altar Guild:** Kate Kristenson, Kathy Mulligan; **Cantor:** Lore Loftfield DeBower; **Lay Eucharistic Minister**: Kate Kristenson; **Lectors**: Larry Irvin, Linn

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In Falmouth; Upper Cape Chaplaincy; Good Samaritans; First Church of Christ Scientist

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Clergy of Saint Barnabas's wish to offer pastoral care when you or a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, facing surgery, grieving a loss, or struggling in any way. Holy Communion can also be brought by clergy or a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry.

**Please contact** Becky Vaus in the Parish Office, 508-548-3863 to request care for yourself or another. She can also place your name on the list of people who receive prayers during our worship services and/or give your name to a group of people who will pray for you confidentially.

Hospitals and other care facilities do not notify us. We rely on your family or you to let us know when you are in need of Pastoral Care.

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#### The Saint Barnabas's Covenant

- Love and respect one another

  Listen to each other
- Be honest with each other
- Be slow to judge
- Work together
- Consider the common/greater good
- Actively care for one another
- Keep Christ as our focus
- Be faithful in communal worship
- Communicate directly with each other
- Work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God

A covenant is a solemn agreement between individuals or groups. We at Saint Barnabas's pray that, with God's help, this covenant will guide us in how we relate to one another.

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