Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 31, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II
9 o'clock in the morning
In the Tent on the Great Lawn

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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. As we celebrate the holy meal of God's people today, the gospel reading describes the basic attitude and behavior of Christ's followers using the image of a meal or dinner party. The image of the feast is one of Jesus' most common ways of talking about life in his Kingdom. Here it becomes the context for his teaching that those with faith in God will live in self-effacing love toward others rather than seeking to claim privilege or superiority. Our sharing is to be directed in particular to those least able to pay us back.

The first reading teaches that self-promoting pride, whether in individuals or in nations, will fail and be overthrown. "Pride was not created for human beings," the writer tells us.

In the last of a series of readings from the letter to the Hebrews, the writer shifts from a doctrinal discourse on God's plan to the response we are to make to that plan in our own living. Simple and down-to-earth kindness and hospitality are the marks of those whose faith is in Jesus Christ. This generosity of spirit is the true sacrifice that we offer to God through Christ as baptized members of his body.

As we celebrate in the Eucharist a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, we are reminded that it is a banquet in which all humanity is called to share. We are reminded that we are sent to bring the world into our gatherings and into the heavenly banquet.

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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: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft

in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish

us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Book of Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore, the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

Psalm 112

Please pray responsively by half verse.

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, * and have great delight in the commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in God.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews [13:1-8, 15-16]

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

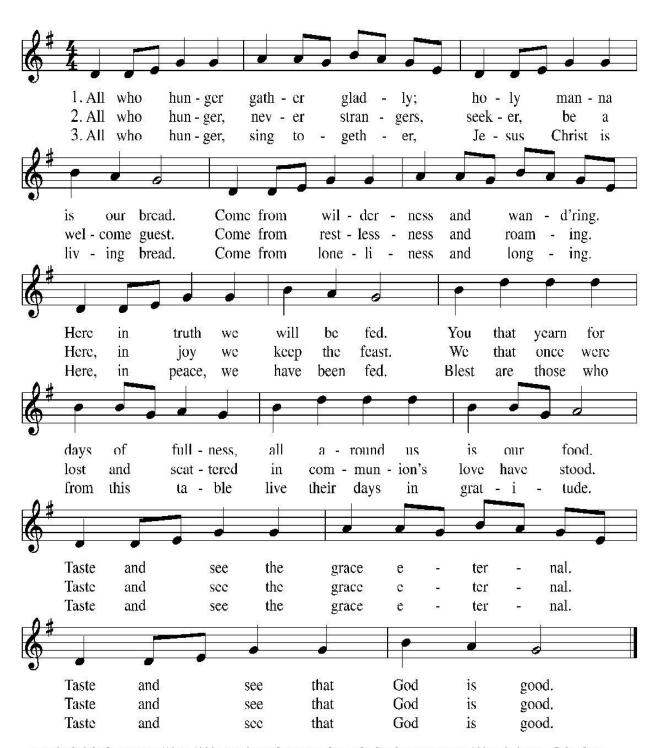
Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 [14:1, 7-14]

All: Glory be to you, O Christ.

Deacon: On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the

Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

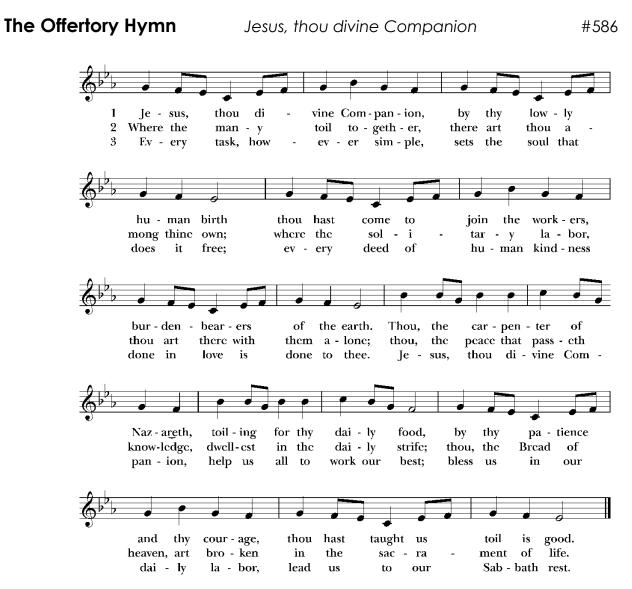
Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



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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

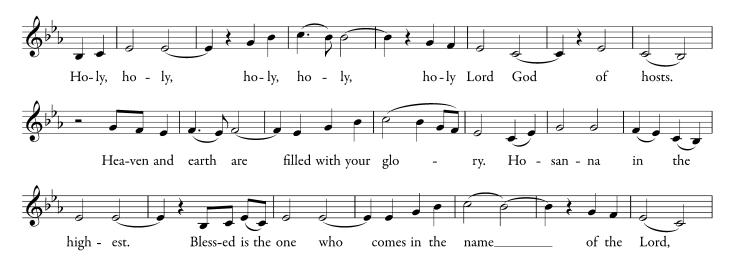
loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, to show forth your

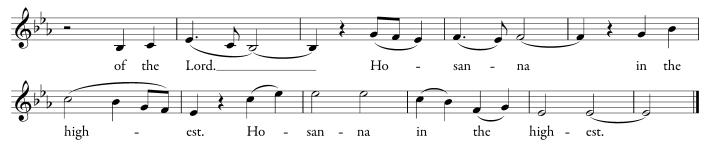
glory in all the world.

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;

Holy, Holy, Holy Mass for a Soulful People





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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

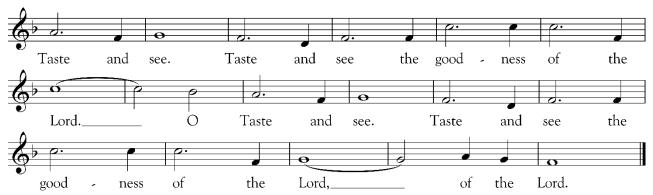
All:

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



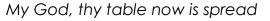
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The Invitation and Communion

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

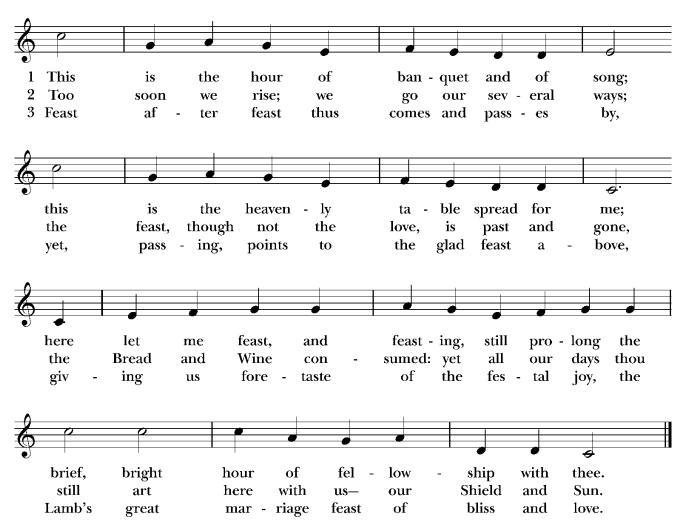


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Presider: Let us pray.

All: 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 Closing Hymn Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

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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 Ode to Joy L. Beethoven

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; Altar Guild: Merrily Crowley; Cantor: Lore Loftfield DeBower; Lay Eucharistic Minister: Maurice Rowe; Lectors: Linda Jeffries-Summers, Katheryn Chasse'; Usher: Rhaenel Stone; Social Hour: Kate & Eric Kristenson; Vestry Person of the Day: Lucy Young; Virtual

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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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