

SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH

GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



THE HOLY EUCHARIST • 10AM
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 31, 2025

WELCOME TO SAINT BARNABAS

We are an Episcopal church seeking friendship with God and one another in Jesus Christ. We are delighted you're here.

We worship using the Book of Common Prayer. The prayer book contains modern versions of services that go back to the early church and were given new life by the Reformation in England. We make our own the prayers of followers of Jesus across time and around the world. The page numbers marked **BCP** are found in the red book, the prayer book. The **Hymns** are found in our church's hymnal, the blue book.

There are two parts to our service this morning. We encounter the God of Jesus Christ first in the reading of Scripture, opened up to us in a new way today through the sermon. Then we encounter God in an especially intimate way by receiving the sacrament.

We pray that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, God will give you new hope and strength for your life through our common prayer.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV654
Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn 637

How firm a foundation
Lyons

Liturgy of the Word

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Gloria in excelsis deo

David Bednall

All sung together

Fast and lively

Org. *f* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9 - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp* praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

27
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. Org.

32 *f*
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40
with the Ho - ly — Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* *rit.*
A - - men, a - - men, a - - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

First Reading Proverbs 25: 6-7

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

Psalm 112

The Celebrant and congregation say antiphonally

- 1 Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord :
he hath great delight in his commandments.
- 2 **His seed shall be mighty upon earth :
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.**
- 3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house :
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 **Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness :
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.**
- 5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth :
and will guide his words with discretion.
- 6 **For he shall never be moved :
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings :
for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.
- 8 **His heart is established, and will not shrink :
until he see his desire upon his enemies.**
- 9 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor :
and his righteousness remaineth for ever;
his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 **The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him :
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away;
the desire of the ungodly shall perish. Amen.**

Second Reading Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as you are able.

Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul with gladness
Schmücke dich





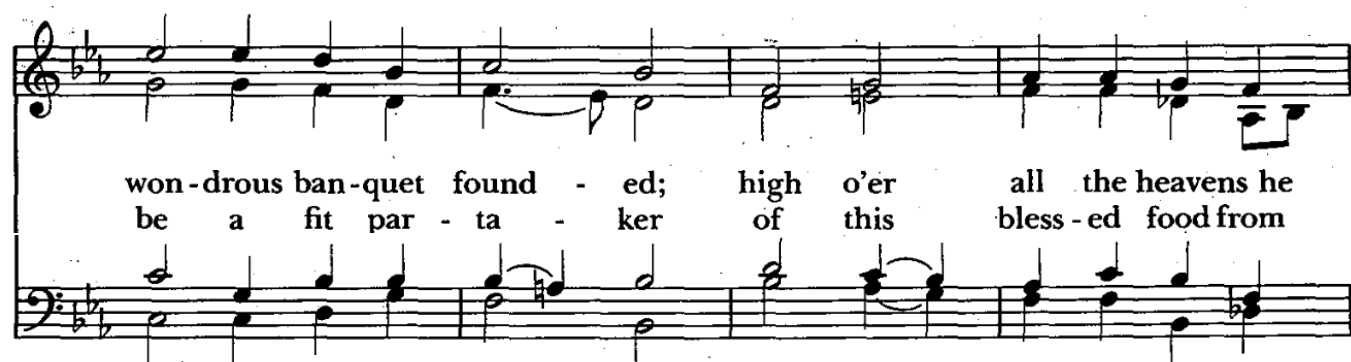
gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day-light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y



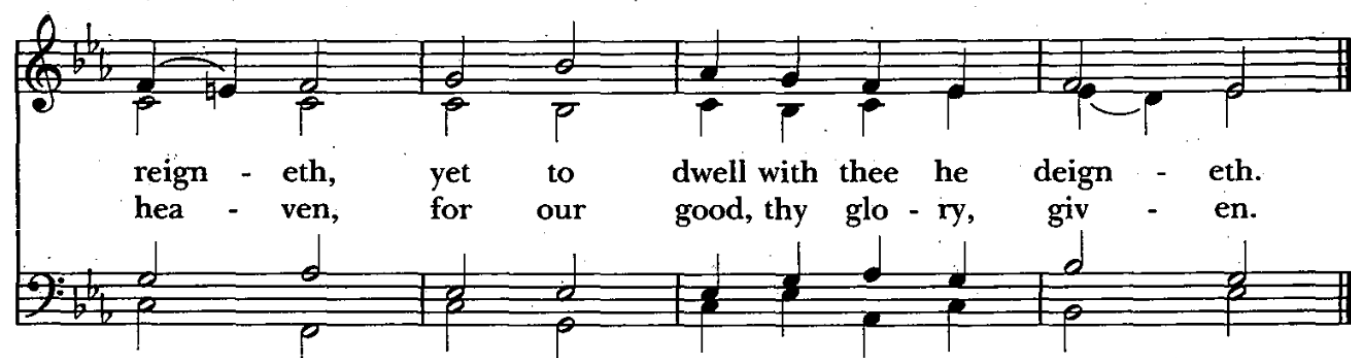
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me



won-drous ban-quet found - ed; high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from



reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.

Holy Gospel Luke 14: 1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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

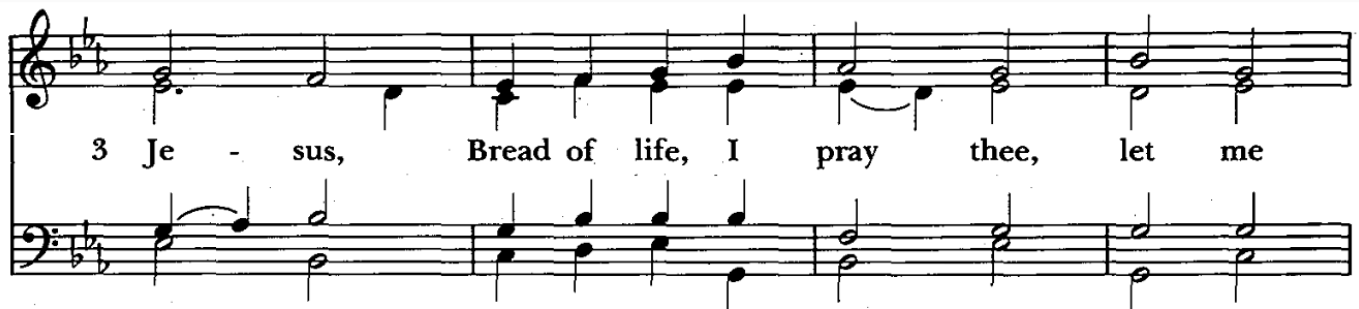
comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn

Schmücke dich



glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Sermon

The Rev. Phoebe Oler

All stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

With one heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord:

That the power of your Spirit may strengthen us to love and to serve you more each day. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

That the wisdom of your Spirit would bring about the increase of cooperation and understanding among people, leaders, and nations. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

That the peace of your Spirit would keep us confident in your love wherever you may call us. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

That the gifts of your Spirit would be apparent in the lives of our families and children. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

That the healing of your Spirit would descend upon all in need of it, to bring them reconciliation and wholeness, healing and hope. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

That the life of your Spirit, given us by the risen Christ, would keep your whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect.

Heavenly Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah, the Christ, at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with that same Spirit, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you for ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All sit or kneel. Silence may be kept. The Celebrant and People say together

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 Celebrant stands and says the Absolution.

The Peace

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Music at the Offertory

Improvisation

All stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer C

BCP 369

Please remain standing as you are able.

Sanctus & Benedictus

David Bednall

All sung together

Majestic

Org. *f*
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

6

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ff

Slower

Org.

p

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

4

pp

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All kneel or stand as you are able.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The sacrament is distributed under the forms of both bread and wine at the altar rail. If you need the sacrament to be brought to your pew, please let the usher know.

You may receive the sacrament according to your custom. Most often, we receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and we receive the wine either by sipping from the chalice or by dipping the bread in the wine (known as intinction). Receiving the sacrament in only one kind is, spiritually, a full and complete communion, and you need not receive the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the priest know if you need one. To receive a blessing rather than the sacrament, please indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music at Communion

Adagio from BWV564
Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

The Blessing

All stand as you are able.

Dismissal

Postlude Poarga Românească & Mărunțel, from Romanian Dances
Béla Bartók

Please join us after the service for Lemonade Hour in the vestibule.

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Betty, Emily, Debra, Diane, Dominic, Heather, Izzy, Janet, Jillian, John, Judy, Lila, Linda, Liz, Marie, Nicole, Nina, Paulette, Sue Ann, Tatiana, and Tori

Those in the Armed Forces: Alexander, Crawford, Logan, Parker, Peter, Mary Rose, and Morgan.

There's Always Something for Children & Youth at St. Barnabas

Childcare up to age 3 is always available with Mia and Joselyn in our nursery.

Children's Church is our Sunday School program for children aged 4-8 and is led by Dr. Jewelle and our Family Ministry team. Kids meet before the 10AM service in the children's chapel across from the parish hall and rejoin their parents and the congregation at the Peace before Communion.

YC (a.k.a. Youth Church) is our program for youth aged 9-13 and is led by Rev. Phoebe and youth 14+ who serve alongside Phoebe as Youth Ministers (YM). YC is a youth group that meets during church.



Ask the ushers for Val & Sadie's Activity Sheet to continue the fun while in church.



Please join us on September 7th! If you're able to bring a food or drink item, please sign up by contacting Alessandra at (203) 661-5526 ext. 1 or using the sign up link in the e-news. Many hands make light work.

Leaders in Worship This Morning

Preacher	The Reverend Phoebe Oler
Altar Guild	Jane Nickerson Caralyn Stevens
Eucharistic Ministers	Caralyn Stevens
Director of Music	Marnus Greyling
Crucifer	Dean Bye
Acolytes	Baden Bye Harlan Bye
Readers	Jinny Sammis Harry Fisher
Intercessor	Mary Ellen LeBien
Ushers	David Harris Bruce Morrison
Lemonade Hour Host	St. Barnabas

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We would love to get to know you, and to support you in your spiritual life. You can use this QR code to share your information with us, sign up for our e-news, or request a call from a priest or member of the staff. We look forward to being in touch with you.



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Associate Rector for Children and Families

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