# SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



THE HOLY EUCHARIST • 10AM

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 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** 

Aria Andrew Carter

**Hymn 460** (omitting \* verses)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus Hyrfrydol

# Liturgy of the Word

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

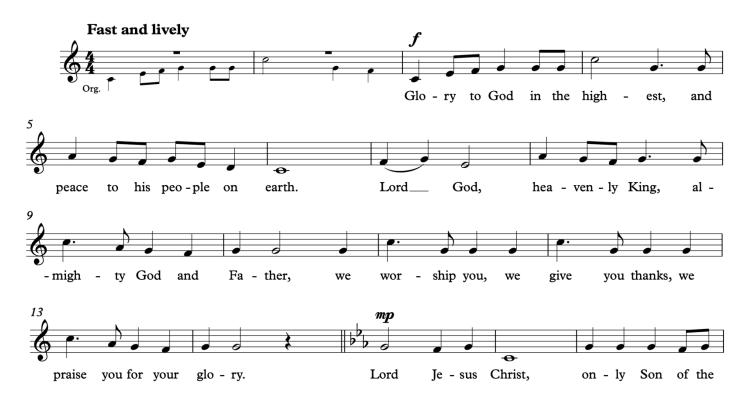
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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





#### Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

## First Reading Exodus 32: 7-14

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiffnecked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom

you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 51, vv. 1-10

Sarah MacDonald

Sung by the choir

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.
- 2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

- 5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
- 6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
- 7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.
- 10 Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

# Second Reading 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full

acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

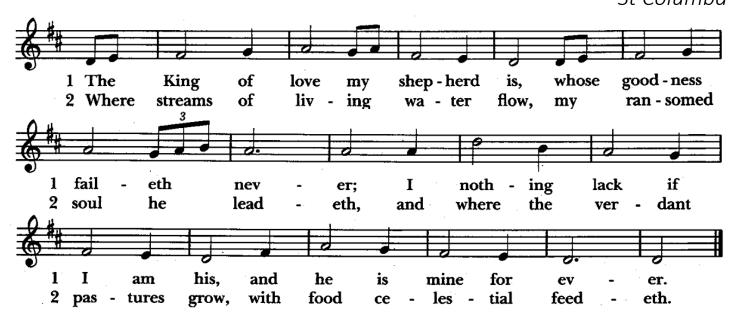
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as you are able.

#### **Hymn**

#### The King of love my shepherd is St Columba



Holy Gospel Luke 15: 1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ll the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Lesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he together calls friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that

was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she together calls her friends neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp

All stand as you are able.

#### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Please remain standing as you are able.

## The Prayers of the People

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

For the peace of the whole word, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For Jeffrey and Laura our bishops, for the churches and communities of our town, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For those who serve in government, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For this community, for every city, town, and village, and for our families and households, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering, for prisoners and captives, for those in need of safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with Barnabas and all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect and bids the Confession.

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

## Offertory anthem

Lift thine eyes from Elijah
Felix Mendelssohn
1809-1847

Lift thine eyes,
O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy Keeper will never slumber.

All stand as you are able.

# **The Great Thanksgiving** Prayer B

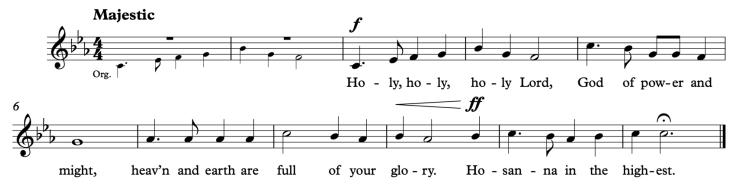
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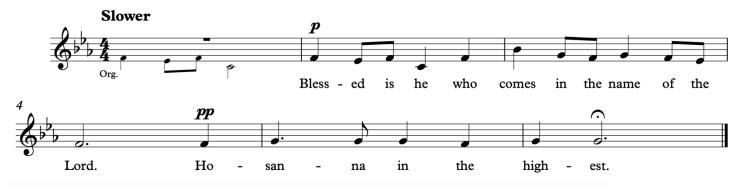
Please remain standing as you are able.

#### Sanctus & Benedictus

David Bednall

All sung together





All kneel or stand as you are able.

## The Lord's Prayer

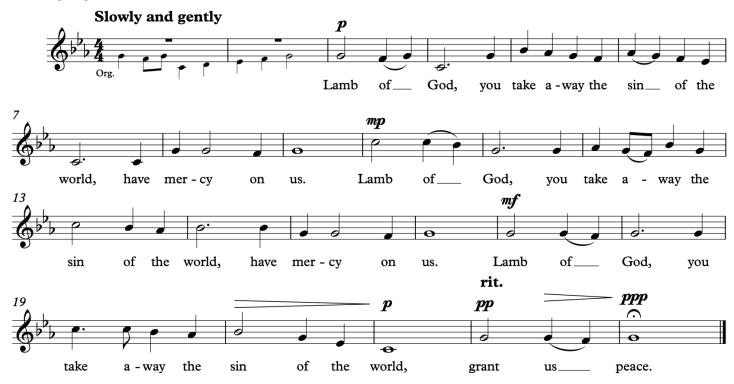
**BCP 364** 

## The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei David Bednall

All sung together



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**

Wash me throughly Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

## The Blessing

All stand as you are able.

## Hymn

# Love divine, all loves excelling

Blaenwern





#### **Dismissal**

#### **Postlude**

Praeludium in F, BuxWV145 Dietrich Buxtehude

Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour in the parish hall.

#### Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Betty, Emily, Debra, Diane, Dominic, Heather, Isabelle, 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 **Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** 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 for youth **4th-7th grade** and is led by Rev. Phoebe during the 10 am service. Youth 8th grade and up can volunteer to serve alongside Rev. Phoebe. YC is a religious formation program and youth group.



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

# Starting today, Sunday, September 14:

We have added a new service of Holy Eucharist at 8 am in the style of Rite I (i.e., the Traditional Language of the 1928 prayerbook). It is a beautiful liturgy that captures the heart of our poetic tradition. There is no music, but the spoken text is art itself. Plus, the sun will shine through the stained glass to adorn the altar in a vast rainbow of hues.

# Also debuting today, Sunday, September 14: Our 9AM Sunday Forum

We are also adding a Sunday Forum at 9AM on Sundays, between the services in the parish hall. This is your chance to spend 40 minutes learning about faith with Father Justin or Rev. Phoebe, and the occasional guest speaker. Father Justin kicked us off today, Sunday, September 14 with "The Word of God vs. the Words of God: What Is the Bible and How Does God Speak?" Next week, David Zahl will lead the forum. Childcare is provided during the 9AM Forum in the nursery.

## Changemakers!

A family outreach program hosted by St. Barnabas' Children's Church & YC. Changemakers will provide an opportunity for children to cultivate a regular spiritual practice of giving and families to discuss the connection between faith and outreach. Each child will be given a Changemaker's box on September 14<sup>th</sup> to collect spare change throughout the year. We will teach the children about two of our partner organizations, Pacific House and Inspirica, as well as host family service events. At the end of the "school program" year, we will collect, count, and donate all the coins we received to the organization that the children have voted to support. Contact Dr. Jewelle and Rev. Phoebe if you have any questions!

# Father Justin & Dr. Jewelle's New Podcast Launched This Week! For Better, For Verse

Fr. J and Dr. J launched a new podcast following them as they take on the spiritual journey of reading the whole Bible in a year. This fall, they (and we!) will gear up for that year-long quest by closely reading the Gospel of Luke. Each week, Justin and Jewelle will discuss their reactions to and take on an excerpt from Luke.

In their first episode **Is God Obsessed?!**, Fr. J and Dr. J introduce their quest and take a deep dive into the first chapter of the gospel of Luke. Together, they discuss God's miraculous intervention in the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth, giving them a child in their old age after many years of longing and praying. This rich story about faith, trust, doubt, and disbelief will inspire and challenge you as it did Justin and Jewelle.

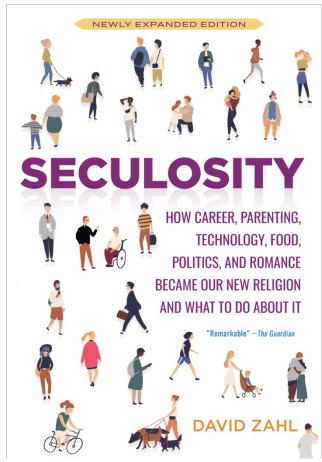
Scan the QR code below to watch the episode on YouTube



# At the Forum Sunday, September 21:

David Zahl, writer, editor, and contemporary theologian, will visit St. Barnabas to lead a forum entitled "Performance Almighty: Looking for God When Replacement Religion Is Everywhere." David will also preach on this during the 10 am service. David Zahl is the founder and director of Mockingbird Ministries (www.mbird.com) and serves on the staff of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, VA. This event is sponsored by Courage & Faith, a joint venture of St. Barnabas and Christ Church.

This will officially launch Rev. Phoebe's 2025 contemporary theology book group, featuring Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What To Do About It by David Zahl. Adults are invited to reflect on Seculosity once a month immediately after church, 11:15–12. (Childcare is provided in the nursery). The first book group date will be October 12th. David will be selling books after church on September 21st or books can be pre-ordered on (www.mbird.com).





# Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation group for 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders!

This year Rev. Phoebe and Father Justin will co-lead a confirmation class once a month after church 11:15-12:30. Chicken Joes will be provided for lunch! The dates are as follows: October 5<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The confirmation rite will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> or May 30<sup>th</sup> TBD by the diocese.

Confirmation is a sacramental rite for young people to learn more deeply about the Episcopal tradition with their peers and then make a public commitment to continue growing in their faith. Baptism is required to participate in the sacramental rite, but all are welcome to attend the class for faith formation. Please contact Rev. Phoebe: poler@stbarnabasgreenwich.org to sign up or receive more information.

## Beginning later this fall:

Small Groups with Father Justin, Rev. Phoebe, & Jewelle

As part of our year-long theme to **Grow in Grace**, we will debut three small group opportunities hosted by Justin, Phoebe, and Jewelle.

- 1. **Father Justin's Bible Study, Once Monthly. Begins Thursday, September 25, 8AM at Coffee for Good.** This group, open to all, will follow the readings from the Gospel of Luke treated in the podcast. Come get caffeinated as well as inspired by the Word.
- 2. Moms Bible Study with Jewelle, Once Monthly, at the Rectory. Begins Friday, September 26 at 6:30PM. Jewelle will gather the moms of our community to share life, process the joys and challenges of parenting, and dive more deeply into the readings from Luke from the podcast.
- 3. **Rev. Phoebe's Book Group, Once Monthly, in Rev. Phoebe's Office. Begins Sunday, October 12 at 11:15AM.** Dive into Seculosity with Rev. Phoebe to explore how replacement religions are everywhere in our culture. Grab a cup of coffee and bring your book!



## **Leaders in Worship This Morning**

Preacher The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp

Celebrant The Reverend Phoebe Oler

Altar Guild Amanda Spyrou

Caralyn Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers Caralyn Stevens

John Townsend

Director of Music Marnus Greyling

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Will Doreza

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Acolytes Harlan Bye

Baden Bye

Readers Harry Fisher

Megan Friar

Intercessor Sarah Bleasdale

Ushers Bruce Morrison

Jinny Sammis

Coffee Hour Host Alice Duff

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