

# SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH

GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



THE HOLY EUCHARIST • 10AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

# The Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

Heil'ge Jesus, wat my lewe wil heilig  
*Jacobus Kloppers*

## Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding  
*Merton*

## 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.**

## Kyrie eleison

*Stephanie Martin*

*Sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy.*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

**A** shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72, vv. 1-7, 18-19

*Thomas Attwood*

*Sung by the choir*

- 1 Give the King thy judgements, O God :  
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
- 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right :  
and defend the poor.
- 3 The mountains also shall bring peace :  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
- 4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right :  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
- 5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth :  
from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool :  
even as the drops that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish :  
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel :  
which only doeth wondrous things.
- 19 And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever :  
and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

## **Second Reading** Romans 15: 4-13

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

**W**hatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might

confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**



All stand as you are able.

## Hymn

Sleepers wake!

*Wachet auf*



1. "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a-stounds us, the shout of ram-part -



guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in sight. Al-le - lu - ia!



Your lamps pre-pare and has - ten there, that you the wedding feast may share."

## **Holy Gospel    Matthew 3: 1-12**

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

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

**I**n those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to

flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Hymn

*Wachet auf*



3. Lamb of God, the heav'ns a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



sing be - fore — you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: Through them we stream to



join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light: Al - le - lu - ia!



There - fore we sing to greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

## 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 joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus:

Come to your Church as Lord and judge. Help us to live in the light of your coming, and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for all those who govern and hold authority in our nation and in the nations of the world. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We remember especially those commended to our prayers. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death, that at the last, we may live and reign with you in your new creation. Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect and then bids the Confession. All sit or kneel.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
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 Lord. 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**

Today's plate offering will support **Project Feliz Navidad**, a program to provide a community Christmas meal to all Episcopal parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba, including our companion parish, San Marcos, Holguín. The project was begun by the Friends of the Episcopal Church in Cuba in 2022. In the last three years all 52 Episcopal parishes in Cuba have been able to host a Christmas meal thanks to the program. Loose cash and checks not designated for stewardship or another St. Barnabas program will be passed on to Project Feliz Navidad. Thank you for your generosity.

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory anthem

Rorate Coeli  
*Josef Rheinberger*  
1839-1901

Rorate caeli desuper  
et nubes pluant iustum.  
Aperiatur terra  
et germinet salvatorem.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness:  
let the earth open,  
and let it bring forth a Savior.

*All stand as you are able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

BCP 367

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Stephanie Martin*

*Sung by the choir*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
  
Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Sabaoth.  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
  
Blessed is he who cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*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). To receive a blessing rather than the sacrament, please indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## Music at Communion

Ave verum corpus

*William Byrd*

*c.1540-1623*

Ave verum corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum,  
immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine.  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie,  
O Jesu fili Mariae,  
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail to the true body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
which truly suffered  
on the cross for mankind;  
and from whose side  
water flowed with the blood.  
Grant that we may taste you  
at the hour of our death.  
O gentle, o sweet,  
loving son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

## The Blessing

*All stand as you are able.*

## Hymn 72

Hark! The glad sound!

*Richmond*

## Dismissal

## Postlude

Hark! The glad sound!

*George Dyson*

*Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour.*

### Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Betty, Blake, Elizabeth, Emily, Debra, Diane, Dominic, Heather, Henry,  
Janet, Joan, John, Judy, Lila, Linda, Liz, Marie, Nicole, Nina, Patrick,  
Paulette, Sable, Sue Ann, and Tatiana

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

## Advent & Christmas At-a-Glance

### DECEMBER

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| December 7  | Collect pageant costumes, 11AM after church   |
| December 7  | Children's Holiday Movie Night! 4-6PM Pizza, popcorn, and childcare is on the church!   |
| December 14 | Christmas Pageant & Celebration, during the 10AM service  |
| December 24 | 2PM Children & Families Christmas Eve service <i>with music &amp; crafts!</i><br>5PM & 9:30PM Traditional Christmas Eve service <i>with 30-minute prelude at 4:30 &amp; 9PM</i> |
| December 25 | Christmas Day service, 10AM   |

### 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 **4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade** and is led by Rev. Phoebe during the 10AM service. Youth 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Boy Scout Wreath Sale Today, December 7

Christmas wreaths will be available for sale following the 10AM service **today**. Proceeds will support Boy Scout Troops 37 & 38, which meet at St. Barnabas under the leadership of Scoutmaster John Stratton. Decorated wreaths will be \$30, undecorated wreaths will be \$25. For orders in excess, please be in touch with John Stratton at church.



## St. Barnabas is Partnering with Inspirica's Holiday Wishes Toy Drive



This Advent and Christmas, we are participating again in Inspirica's annual Holiday Wishes Collection, which provides toys for nearly 2,000 children in need in our community. Children have made wish lists and will be given toys at Inspirica's toy distribution parties over the next month. Our contact at Inspirica has informed us that they are very short on gifts this year. There are a few ways to help:

- **Purchase a toy online** from the Holiday Wishes Amazon wish list:



- **Bring a toy** from the Holiday Wishes Amazon wish list (or a similar item) to church and leave in the marked bins. Toys should not be wrapped, so that they can sort items into age brackets.
- **Stay tuned about a wrapping party.** Unfortunately, Inspirica has not received enough toys to schedule a wrapping party for us. They will let us know if the need arises.

### Christmas Pageant

**It is almost time for our beloved Christmas Pageant, and we are inviting all children of the congregation to participate!** After the 10AM service today, parents can pick up their children's pageant costumes in the Children's Church room. If you are unable to pick up your child's costume this Sunday, do not worry; you can pick it up last-minute the day of the pageant from 9:30-10AM. No practice is necessary—we would be thrilled for your family to join us the morning of.

If you pick up your costume today, please bring your children dressed in their costumes to the 10AM service *next Sunday*, December 14. The children will have special seats reserved at the front of the church. The directions for the pageant will be in the bulletin, and we will have "head shepherds" and "head angels" to guide the children.

## Join us for our *new* 2pm Children & Families Christmas Eve Service as we say, “Happy Birthday, Jesus!”

**Celebrate the joy of Christmas with a fun, family worship service featuring crafts, carols, and storytelling led by Dr. Jewelle, Marnus, and Rev. Phoebe, Christmas Eve, 2PM.** We'll sing, hear the Christmas story in a way kids can understand, and enjoy hands-on activities that let the entire family worship together. We will pray together and celebrate a special Eucharist, translating our regular worship practices into kid-friendly ones, making this a great opportunity for young ones to learn more about our faith and traditions.

And of course... no birthday is complete without goodies, and this party is no exception. Cupcakes and candles are included! Make this sweet and memorable celebration a part of your family's Christmas tradition and start your Christmas together in wonder and gladness.

### *Father Justin & Dr. Jewelle's Podcast* **For Better, For Verse** *New Episode! “The Hardest Parables”*

In this episode, Justin Crisp and Jewelle Bickel delve into several parables from the Gospel of Luke, exploring themes of ethics, wealth, and the nature of God's kingdom. They discuss the complexities of the parable of the dishonest manager, the contrasting fates of the rich man and Lazarus, and the transformative encounter of Zacchaeus with Jesus. The conversation emphasizes the importance of understanding how Jesus taught as much as what Jesus taught, as well as the urgency of recognizing the kingdom of God in our lives.

*Help Justin & Jewelle out by watching the podcast on YouTube, subscribing to the podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify, rating the podcast, leaving comments, or sharing with your friends!*

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## Small Groups

**Father Justin's Bible Study**, Biweekly. **Our next meeting at Coffee for Good will be Thursday, December 18 at 8AM.** This group, open to all, follows the readings from the Gospel of Luke treated in the podcast.

**Rev. Phoebe's Book Group**, Once Monthly, in Rev. Phoebe's Office. Next group will meet **January 18 at 11:15AM**, immediately following the 10AM service. (Childcare provided in the nursery.) We will conclude our study of *Seculosity* by David Zahl.

### **A Special Note from Jenny Callison on “The Dual Focus of Advent”**

As you sang “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending” last Sunday, you may have asked yourself, “Wait a minute! This is Advent, when we’re supposed to be preparing for the birth of Jesus. Why does this hymn talk about the crucified Jesus? Why are we rapturously gazing at glorious scars?”

Yes, this is Advent, and during this season we exist simultaneously in two places in time. We await the birth of the Christ child, but we await his coming again in glory—a second Advent.

One of our hymns this Sunday refers to both. The first three verses of “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” (Hymn 59) refer more strongly to Christ’s first coming as child who will free us from sin and wake us to the light. But verse 4 looks forward to the second coming, when His love and mercy will save us for all time.

Many Advent hymns in our hymnal focus on this second Advent, drawing imagery from Jesus’ parables. The lesson is that we must always be prepared for his return, for “we know not the day nor the hour.” There’s the story of the wise and foolish virgins: the former stocking up on oil enough to last through a long wait for the bridegroom; the latter having no extra supplies and therefore missing out on the wedding feast (Hymn 62). There’s also the parable of the homeowner and the thief: If the owner knew when the thief would break into his home, Jesus points out, he would stay awake and be ready to defend it.

So, while we commemorate the birth of Jesus and the signs that signaled his special nature and his mission on earth, we also prepare for a time in the future when he will return, “Crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.” (Hymn 73)

–Jenny Callison

## Leaders in Worship This Morning

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Officiant & Preacher   | The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp  |
| Altar Guild            | Mary Ellen LeBien<br>Jane Nickerson   |
| Eucharistic Ministers  | Caroline Hoffman<br>Susan Holey   |
| Director of Music      | Marnus Greyling   |
| The St. Barnabas Choir | Christi Bye<br>Barbara Zay<br>Sarah Bleasdale<br>Megan Friar<br>Kevin Ray<br>Matthew Zay<br>Alan Rasmussen<br>John Rose |
| Crucifer               | Wolfie Mueller  |
| Acolytes               | Charlotte Mueller<br>Dylan Christy  |
| Readers                | Kathryn Minckler<br>Alan Rasmussen  |
| Intercessor            | Jinny Sammis  |
| Ushers                 | Bob Jenks<br>Brett Holey  |
| Coffee Hour Host       | Maribeth Smith  |

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### R E C T O R

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp

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*Director of Operations*

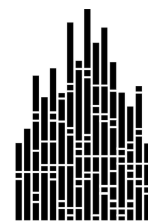
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