

SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



THE HOLY EUCHARIST • 10AM
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 28, 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.

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Hymn 79

O little town of Bethlehem
St Louis

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading Isaiah 61: 10- 62: 3

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the

nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

Psalm 147, vv. 11-21

Sung together

Forest Green

His pleasure's not in horse's strength, nor in the legs of man;
The Lord delights in those who fear, who trust His loving plan.
Extol the Lord, Jerusalem, and praise your God, Zi-on!
He strengthened all your bars and gates—within you bless'd your sons.

The Lord grants peace within your walls; with wheat He satisfies.
He sends forth His command on earth; His word runs swift and flies.
He spreads the snow like wool around, and scatters frost like ash.
He hurls His hail like pebbles—who can stand His icy blast?

He sends His word and so melts them; stirs wind so waters flow;
Declares His words to Jacob and His laws for them to know.
No other nation has received His laws or known His ways;
He's done this all for Is-ra-el; O to the Lord be praise!

Second Reading Galatians 3: 23-25; 4: 4-7

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent

his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

All stand as you are able.

Hymn 93

Angels, from the realms of glory
Regent Square

Holy Gospel John 1: 1-18

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his

own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

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

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light.

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Wonderful counselor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal your love and fill us with the Spirit of truth. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew the communities in which we dwell. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace, and give rest to those who have died. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect.

Father, at Christmas angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and all the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 101

Away in a manger
Cradle Song

All remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

BCP 367

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

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

The Blessing

All stand as you are able.

Hymn 109

The first Nowell

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Dismissal

Postlude

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

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Betty, Blake, Elizabeth, Emily, Debra, Diane, Dominic, Hallie, 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.

