

The Church of St. Barnabas, Irvington

in the Episcopal Diocese of New York



A Service of Morning Prayer
for the Feast of St. Barnabas
June 14th, 2020 at ten o'clock

Before the Service

The son of Consolation! Of Levi's priestly line,
Filled with the Holy Spirit and fervent faith divine,
With lowly self-oblation, for Christ an offering meet,
He laid his earthly riches at the Apostles' feet.

Maude Coote (1852-1935)

When each of us can hold firm to our own cup, with its many sorrows and joys,
claiming it as our unique life, then too, can we lift it up for others
to see and encourage them to lift up their lives as well . . . The wounds of our
individual lives, which seem intolerable when lived alone, become sources of
healing when we live them as part of a fellowship of mutual care.

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)

It's work to do the emotional labor of pointing out problematic racist thinking,
policies, actions, and statements while desperately trying to avoid bitterness and
cynicism. It's work to stay open to an organization to learn new skills without
drinking in the cultural expectations of body size, personality, interests and
talents most valued according to whiteness.

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness.

Austin Channing Brown

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

A Service of Morning Prayer

When life's circumstances prevent us from attending Church.

Prelude

"Communion"

Louis Vierne

Opening Sentence

We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to
share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

The Invitatory and Psalter

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

[Alleluia.] The Lord is glorious in his saints, St. Barnabas being most blessed
amongst them: Come, let us adore him. [Alleluia.]

Jubilate *Psalms 100*

Officiant and People:

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting;

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Then follows in union

Psalm 112

1 Hallelujah!

**Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!**

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

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

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

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

**6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

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

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

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

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

At the end of the Psalms is said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading the book of Acts

[11:19-30; 13:1-3]

Those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the

church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [10:7-16]

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve, "As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town." "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Mary D. Glasspool, Bishop Assistant

The Apostles' Creed

said in unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Intercessions

Officiant

As we pray for God's church throughout the world let us also pray that, like St. Barnabas, we may be a source of strength and encouragement to those we meet in our daily life and work.

Biddings

Let us pray for the healing of the nations in a world bruised and torn apart by war, oppression and injustice. We pray also for all those who are seeking to bring peace and reconciliation in our own nation and an end to racial injustice.

Amen.

Let us pray for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit at this time. Especially for whom we have been asked to pray, among them... May God's all embracing love reach out to them through his appointed people so that we are brought into fellowship with them, our brothers and sisters in need. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all those who are recently departed... and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them... we commend them to your mercy that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. **Amen**

Lord of Life and Love, you have called us to serve you; give us the grace and strength to respond to your call and fill us with your ubiquitous and audacious love. We ask these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Divine Encounter

God of healing and hope, in Jesus Christ you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the novel coronavirus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. **Amen.**

The Reverend Sam Wells; St Martins in the Field, London

A Collect for the Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Greetings and Announcements

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Look mercifully on this your family gathered in their own homes as well as in places of recovery and places of protest, that by your great goodness they may be justly governed and rightly preserved for evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Chaconne”

Louis Couperin; trans. Joseph Bonnet

Musical Notes

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) was born in Poitiers, France, and was nearly blind due to congenital cataracts from the beginning of his life. He showed a great

talent for music from an early age and became one of the most prominent organists and composers of organ music of his day. He was appointed organist of Notre Dame, Paris, in 1900. One of the most memorable things about Vierne's life was his death – of a heart attack at the console of the great organ of Notre Dame, as he was about to end a recital that he was giving. (If you have to go, what more dramatic way to do so?)

During Vierne's life, there was a movement in the music world to expand the harmonic vocabulary of music; in short, there more double flats and sharps in the composing. He, too, was always experimenting and expanding harmony. The piece "Communion" heard this morning is an elegant and lovely in the French manor. The harmony is complicated, but it doesn't sound it. At the end there is a little coda (tail ending) where an organ flute takes off into the heavens – very impressionistic, and very Debussy, a contemporary.

Louis Couperin (1626-1661) was a French Baroque composer and performer and established himself in Paris as a harpsichordist, organist, and violist. The "Chaconne" was originally a dance form in $\frac{3}{4}$ time, which in this piece is a theme with interludes between statements of this theme. The arrangement by Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944) turns Couperin's basically simple piece into quite a grand one. Bonnet was based in Paris but lived also in America and Canada. He founded the organ department at the Eastman (the Eastman of Eastman Kodak film) School of Music in Rochester, NY. At one point Bonnet took over Vierne's position as organ teacher at L' École César Franck.


Donald Butt

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