

The Church of St. Barnabas

15 North Broadway - Irvington-on-Hudson, NY



The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 11, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to The Church of St. Barnabas

Visitors

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us in-person or virtually via our streaming service, particularly if you are new to the area and searching for a church home. Please know that we consider your presence a gift to God and we appreciate your engagement with parish life during these trying times.

About today's Worship service

The liturgy as we have received it down the ages, is a recollection of God's saving hand in history, an enactment of Christ's presence in our midst, and an invitation to lay claim to future-oriented hope, healing and love even the midst of the pandemic.

About Communion

As we begin limited in-person Eucharistic gatherings you will notice that there are some changes to the way communion is administered, reflecting Bp. Dietsche's specific guidelines. You will notice that communion is distributed in "one kind" (the bread only). It will be sometime before the cup is deemed safe to be re-introduced (the celebrant only, will receive the consecrated wine). You will also notice that the celebrant washes his hands with soap and water before distributing the bread, which is a robust and practical manifestation of the symbolic act of hand washing that takes place before the Eucharistic prayer begins. In addition to the use of soap and water, hand sanitizer will be applied by the celebrant before and during the distribution. As you will see, those receiving the consecrated host are also required to apply hand sanitizer beforehand, and to observe social distancing requirements before lowering their masks to consume the sacrament.

Staff

The Rev. Gareth C. Evans, Rector
Mr. Donald G. Butt, Music Director
Ms. Sue Stanley, Parish Secretary
Ms. Kelli Scott, Youth Group Leader
Ms. Hope Durot, Communications Intern
Mr. Ron Lillo, Sexton

Wardens: Rose Lawson and David Oakes

The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Voluntary on “Puer Nobis”

Aaron David Miller

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

All stand, as able.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

***People:* The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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

**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.**

Kyrie Confession

Please sit or kneel, as able.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

[4:32-35]

Please be seated.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

All stand, as able. Said in Unison

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, ***
when brethren live together in unity.
 - 2 It is like fine oil upon the head ***
that runs down upon the beard,
 - 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, ***
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
 - 4 It is like the dew of Hermon ***
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 - 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: ***
life for evermore.
- Glory be 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.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

[1:1-2:2]

Please be seated.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

[20:19-31]

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Alleluia, alleluia

People: Glory to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon

Please be seated.

The Rev. Gareth C. Evans, Rector

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as able facing the East Window, "Christ seated in Glorious Majesty."

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

An Affirmation of Faith

Outdoor Service only

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He was buried;
He was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterward he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please remain standing.

In joy and hope let us pray to the Lord.
That our risen Saviour may fill us [and ...] with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Lord.
Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...

we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter ...
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world ...
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day ...
we pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Please remain standing

Celebrant: Alleluia. The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you. Alleluia.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:14, 15*

Music at The Offertory (10am)

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” Georg Philipp Telemann
Sandra Summer-Parks, soprano

I know that my Redeemer lives. He lives for my rejoicing. I may be in sorrow, in labor, toil, and torment, and in the world be grieving, yet in my heart is comfort. I know that my Redeemer lives.

At the Presentation, the Doxology

Please stand, as able

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthem

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus Redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion

Post Communion Prayer

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Please Stand, as able

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Announcements

A Blessing for Eastertide

Book of Occasional Services

Please stand.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates us and forgives us and sustains us, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Chorale Prelude: "The Blessed Christ Is Risen"

J. S. Bach

In Gratitude

The altar flowers at the principal service are given in memory of Susan Robinson's family.

The chapel candle is given loving memory of Thomas Seay Lawson and Rose Gunter Lawson by their granddaughter Rose.

Assisting with worship

Screeners/Greeters for 10 & 11 AM:	Linda Pierpont
Lector 10 AM:	Susan Robinson
Lector 11 AM:	Frank Fleming
Altar Guild Set-up:	Maureen Connelly
Altar Guild Reset for 11 AM:	Barbara Wright
Altar Guild Clearing:	Barbara Wright

Notes on the Music

The term "voluntary" in the prelude title comes from 18th century English usage and simply means an offering.

“Puer Nobis” is the name of a hymn tune by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) to which a couple of sets of words are used in our **Hymnal 1982** – one at Epiphany (“What star is this?”) and the other at Easter (“That Easter day with joy was bright”). Think of the Easter words.

The piece begins with a perky, dance-like, little tune. Then the hymn tune comes along with sort of a reedy sound on the organ. The perky tune returns, but this time in a minor key, followed by the return of the hymn tune, also played in a minor key this time around. Well, what to do next? The answer is a device that composers often use – the music gradually builds, and both tunes are combined and play at the same time – the hymn tune in the pedal and perky tune in the hands. This combination makes for quite a triumphant ending of the piece.

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) is a church and concert organist and a well-known composer. He has a BA degree from the Eastman School of Music and completed graduate studies at the Manhattan School of Music, with studies with McNeil Robinson. (Neil was a performer in our organ recital series.) At the present time, Miller is Music Director at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis, MN.

The music at the offertory, “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” was, for many years, attributed to J. S. Bach and given cantata number 160 in his catalog of works. (The score, from which Sandy and I are working, has Bach as the composer.) However, in a review of the works of Telemann in the 1950’s for a new catalog for him, it was determined that it was Telemann, and not Bach, who was the composer of this piece. Bach and Telemann were close. Telemann was the Godfather to Bach’s son, Karl Philipp Emanuel, who was given Philipp as one of his middle names in honor of Telemann. Bach thought highly of Telemann’s music and often performed it.

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) came from a German family closely connected to the Lutheran church. His father was a clergyman, and his mother was the daughter of a clergyman. He showed an early talent for music but was discouraged from pursuing music as a career in favor of the study of law to please his mother. She disapproved of music. His interest in music prevailed, and through his life, he held numerous music posts in German cities and royal courts of the time – Leipzig, Eisenach, Frankfurt-am-Main, Hamburg. He was well-travelled and was a friend of G. F. Handel with Handel often using Telemann’s musical ideas in his own music. Telemann was a prolific composer with 1043 church cantatas, several settings of the Passion, operas, and orchestral suites. (By the way, this piece is in ABA – *da capo* form. Remember last Sunday’s Music Notes?)

The postlude, “The Blessed Christ Is Risen” is a choral-prelude from Bach’s *Orgelbuchlein*, the collection of organ pieces that Bach wrote based on the chorales sung in churches during the church year. In this chorale-prelude, the ascending scale passages in the inner parts and the wide leaps in the pedal part are thought to be Bach’s way of depicting the idea of resurrection.

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