

# St. Barnabas

## EPISCOPAL PARISH

March 23, 2025

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist

*A bell tolls, and we invite you to quiet your hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.*

### THE PRELUDE

“God moves in a mysterious way”

C. S. Lang

## *The Liturgy of Gathering*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### THE GATHERING HYMN \*

#### What Wondrous Love is This H-439

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is this, O my  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing

soul! What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while  
on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.  
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray: **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.**

## THE KYRIE

### Lord, Have Mercy



## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

**Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk

and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.”

*A brief silence, then:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 63: 1-8**

*Deus, deus meus*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \***  
**that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live \***  
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**When I remember you upon my bed, \***  
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My soul clings to you; \***  
**your right hand holds me fast.**

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate**  
**Word, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*A brief silence, then:*

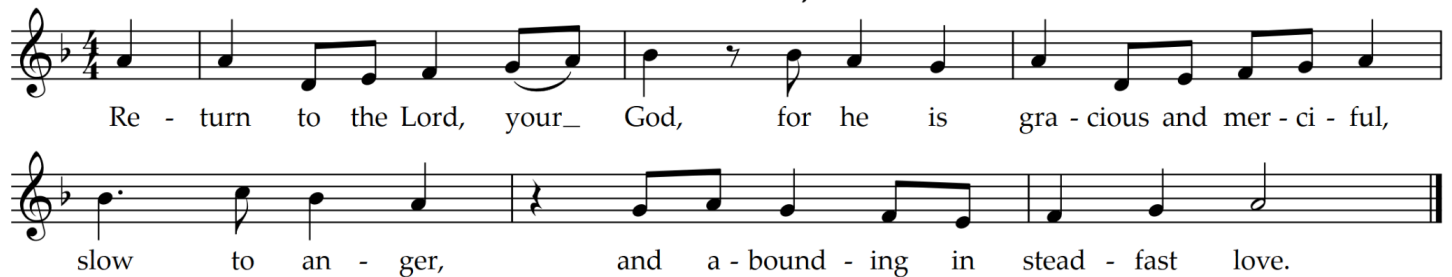
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \*

### Return to the Lord, Your God



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 13:1-9*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think

that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*A brief silence, then:*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE HOMILY**

Stephanie Kopsch

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died.  
 The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once. \**

### O Lord Hear my Pray'r WLP-827

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r. Come and lis - ten to me. O

*Officiant:* During this Season of Lent, we offer these prayers to you, merciful God, trusting that you expect us to reach out to you and that you will lovingly receive what we offer.

*Between each petition, we will pause for a few moments to hold each prayer in silence.*

*Reader:* For the church of God, that it may be faithful to the Gospel and find ways to speak truth to power.

*Silence*

For our island home, that our leaders and each of us may be open to what needs to be done to cherish and protect our world.

*Silence*

For all who seek a deeper faith—especially those in the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church, for Presiding Bishop Rowe and our Bishop Kym—that they may lead us through a Holy Lent.

*Silence*

For the leaders of the world, that they may follow your guidance to discover ways to come together seeking peace.

*Silence*

For our country, that those in positions of power may discharge their duties faithfully and be mindful of the needs of all the people.

*Silence*

For those courageous people in our nation and around the world who are standing up for truth and justice.

*Silence*

For all of us at St. Barnabas, that we may lovingly care for each other.

*Silence*

For all the ways we at St. Barnabas seek to reach out to those in need, especially Casa de Paz in their service to immigrants in our community, particularly those detained at the ICE center in Aurora.

*Silence*

For those in any need for whom we have been asked to pray, especially The Hayes family, Dennis, Marty and Diana, Larry, Selah, Atlee, Meghann and Kai, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster and those we name aloud or in silence.

*Silence*

For those now held completely by you, we pray for their peace and healing for our grief, especially Robin, Harry, and those we name aloud or in silence.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:* We offer all these prayers in the confident knowledge that you are responding in your love for all of creation. **Amen.**

*The refrain, Oh Lord Hear my Pray'r WLP-827, is sung once more. \**

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A brief silence is kept.*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All share a greeting of peace.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING OF VESTRY MEMBERS

*Celebrant:* Dear People of God at St. Barnabas, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. This morning, we are commissioning three newly elected members of St. Barnabas' in the Name of God and of this congregation to serve as Members of the Vestry.

*David Ford:* As Clerk of the Vestry, I present to you Sis Flor, John Graves, and Carolyn Wulfram to be admitted to the ministry of St. Barnabas's Vestry.

*Celebrant:* You have been called to be members of St. Barnabas's vestry. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

*Candidates:* I will.

*Celebrant:* Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

*Candidates:* I will.

*Celebrant:* And will you, People of God, accept and welcome Sis' and John's and Carolyn's leadership for the good of the Body of Christ?

***Congregation: We will.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the newly elected Members of the Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, you are commissioned as Members of the Vestry.

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Liturgy of the Meal*

### The Presentation of the Bread and Wine



## Offertory Music

*Jesu, grant me this, I pray*

C.H. Kitson

Choir

## The Presentation of the Gifts

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## The Offertory Hymn\*

### The Glory of These Forty Days H-143

The \_ glo - ry \_ of these \_ for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for  
Christ, through \_ whom \_ all things \_ were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note, then continues with a melody. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### The Preface and Proper Preface

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## *The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only-begotten One, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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 Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## *Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

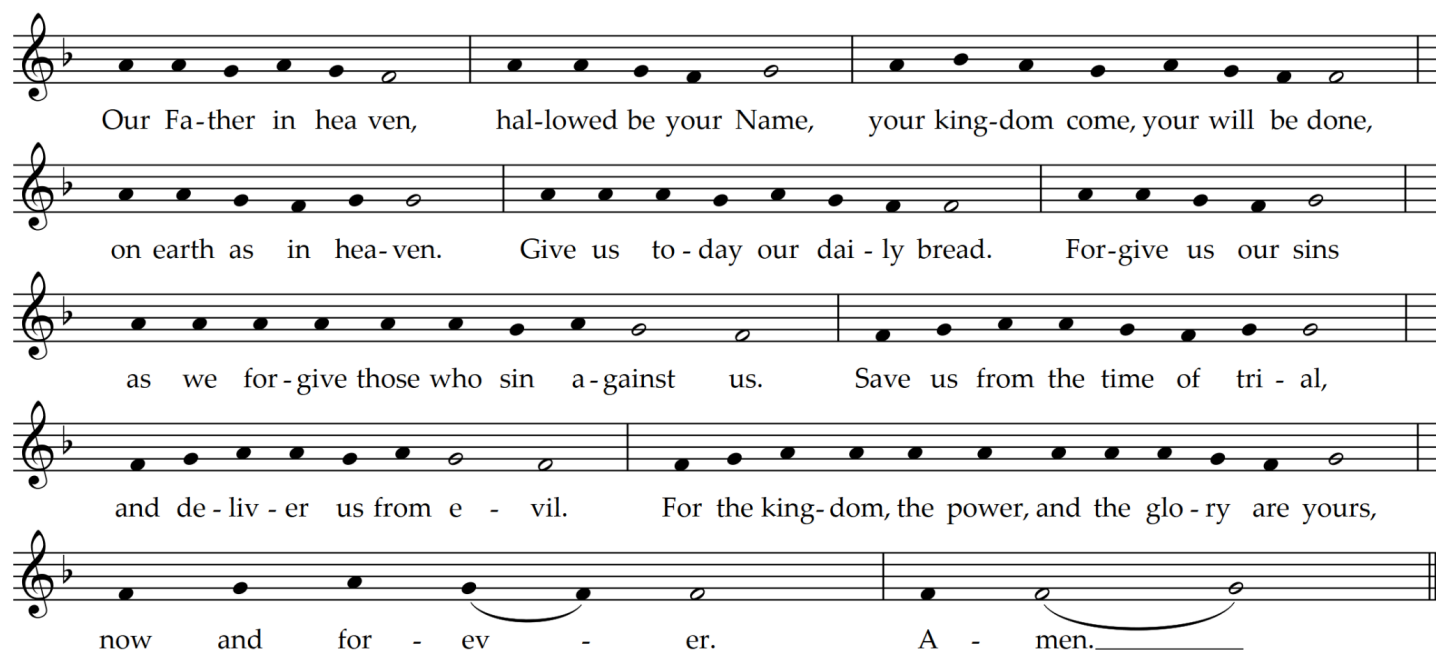
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. +Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Robin, blessed Harry, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through you Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.*

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

## The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem\*

### Jesus, Lamb of God



Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er  
of our sins: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Invitation To Communion

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Receive who you are, and become what you receive.

*Please be seated.*

*This is the table of God. As Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place a wafer into your hand. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.*

### **The Music During Communion**

Impromptu in A-flat, Op. 90 No. 4

Franz Schubert

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### **THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS** (Occasional)

*N.* in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

### **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...Eternal God,

**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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

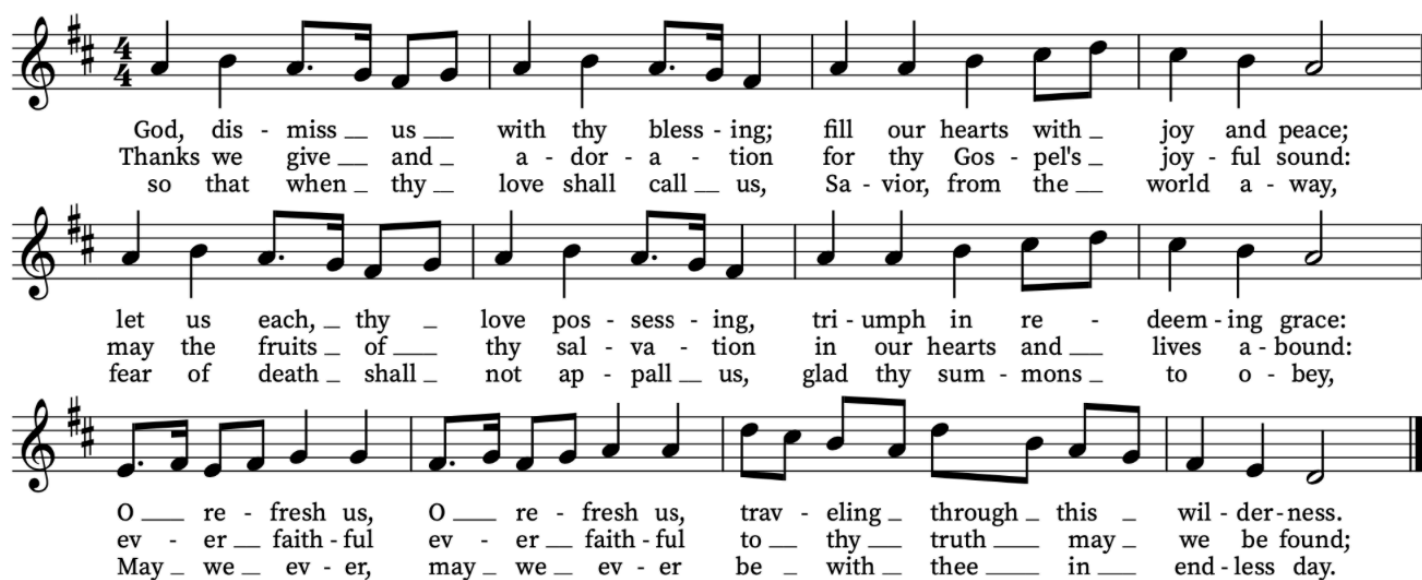
## *The Liturgy of Sending*

### **THE BLESSING\*\***

On this Lenten journey, may God our tender parent, + God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, guide you and bless you on all your ways. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING HYMN

### God, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing H-344



God, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's joy - ful sound:  
so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the world a - way,  
let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace:  
may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound:  
fear of death shall not ap - pall us, glad thy sum - mons to o - bey,  
O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er be with thee in end - less day.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Rosamunde*, Overture

Franz Schubert

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## **Welcome to St. Barnabas!**

**We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.**

**Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.**

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

## *Those In Need of Prayer*

The Hayes family, Dennis Kennedy, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Selah Kay, Atlee Witt, Meghann and Kai, the Alden family, Brian Reid, Greg Roosevelt, Kate, Jill Schlegal, Margaret Noteman, Darryl Searuggs, Rob, Jane Schmitz, Irene Shepard, Matt and Suzy Stolwyk, Frank Baker, Ellen Janasko, Spencer Mize, Skyler Spettle, Deb Sawtelle, Scott West, Lan Peng and stepson Jackson, Kathy Mordeaux, Betsy Wier, Rachel Lee Nakamoto, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, all victims of gun violence, the people in the Middle East, and those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster.

### **New to the prayer list**

Rachel Lee Nakamoto

## **Those who have died**

Robin Rainwater, sister-in-law of Karen Hoffman;  
Harry Raymond Chance Jr.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

## *This Week's Parish Schedule*

### **Sunday, March 23: The Third Sunday In Lent**

- 9:20 am: Children's Spiritual Formation in the Godly Play Room
- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall
- 11:30 am: Search Committee in the Foster Chapel

### **Tuesday, March 25**

- 12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch in Grant Hall

Wednesday, March 26

- 10:00 am: Bible Study and Holy Eucharist in the Brady Room
- 6:00pm Vestry Meeting in Grant Hall

Thursday, March 27

- 6:00pm: Benedictine Way
- 7:00 pm: Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 30: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:20 Children’s Spiritual Formation
- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist (sung)* in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall

*Birthdays*

Louis Brennan	March 26
Ed Wolfrum	March 26
Rachel Sefton	March 27
Toni Potter	March 28
Katherine Chadd	March 29

*Announcements*

MARCH GIVING-2-OTHERS

Casa De Paz is the recipient of all Giving-2-Others donations during the month of March. The agency uses volunteers to welcome newcomers, asylum seekers, and immigrants who have been released from the Aurora ICE detention facility. Upon their release, people are offered healthy meals, access to telephones and computers, clothing and hygiene items; this supports their reunification with loved ones. Casa De Paz also offers encouragement and support by writing to people currently in detention. They also provide monetary support to purchase items from the commissary and make phone calls.

The need is especially great at this time, given the situation for immigrants in our country. They rely on donations to help them stay in touch with their families and to purchase small necessities while detained. Commissary prices are very high and the agency can purchase these items for the detainees at a much better price. For more information, go to [www.casadepazcolorado.org](http://www.casadepazcolorado.org).

Please be generous by giving an earmarked check to St. Barnabas for Giving-2-Others. Thank you for your generosity.

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THE FORUM TODAY

11:00 IN GRANT HALL

Following on Bishop Dan Edwards’ presentation last Sunday about spiritual practices and virtues in this time of political division. We will engage in a lively discussion regarding the extent to which citizens should be concerned about recent actions taken by the Trump administration and its plans for the United States. What actions, if any, can or should be undertaken by individuals, churches, groups or organizations in response to such governmental actions and plans? Jana Everett and Larry Volmert will kick off the discussion. Are current developments just an amped up version of typical political conflicts, or are we confronting something darker and more sinister and, if so, is an especially strong response called for? Is democracy at risk? What concerns, if any, should we have about Christian nationalism? What role can we play in response? Please join us with your thoughts and questions.

**Next Sunday, March 30:**We are pleased to have Ms. Cheryl Fleetwood from the Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU) Outreach and Engagement Action Team address our Forum on March 30 at 11-12am. CFCU includes about 60 Jewish, Protestant, Episcopal, and Catholic congregations statewide which work collaboratively with national gun control organizations in public education and advocacy, passing legislation (i.e. 'red flag' laws), providing victim support and working with at-risk youth. Ms. Fleetwood will summarize the mission and describe the accomplishments of CFCU over the past ten years and invite discussion regarding various ways that St. Barnabas parishioners can become involved in their areas of interest. John Graves and Ruth Pidick are currently the representatives from St. Barnabas. Hope to see you all there!"

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CARD MINISTRY

The Caring Ministry sends cards to members of St. Barnabas who are ill, face surgery, or have lost a loved

one. Each Sunday you can find cards to sign outside the sanctuary on the west wall to sign. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

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## **ACTION ALERTS FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Safeguard American Voter Eligibility

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act (H.R.22/S.128) was introduced early in this session of Congress. This legislation would require voters to present citizenship documentation in person to register to vote, would restrict voting rights through unreasonable barriers that will fall most heavily on marginalized communities. Please tell your members of Congress to reject the SAVE Act.

For more information on the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, & Advocate for Humanitarian Aid for Gaza visit

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/>

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## **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IMMIGRATION ACTION TOOLKIT**

The resources on the Episcopal Church website are from many organizations that are active in protecting migrants' rights from multiple perspectives. They address: What to Know, Ways to Help, and Additional Resources.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/immigration-action-toolkit/>

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## **COMMUNITY ADVOCACY**

Join a community conversation and take the survey. General obligation (GO) bond programs are used to fund new public parks, recreation centers, libraries, arts and cultural venues, roads, bridges, police stations, and other public facilities. Denver uses bonds to keep pace with public infrastructure needs. GO bonds must be authorized by voters. The Vibrant Denver bond program will not raise taxes.

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Citywide->

## **Programs-and-Initiatives/GO-Bonds/2025-Vibrant-Denver-Bond**

**The Denver Art Museum** On March 14, President Trump issued an Executive Order that would have devastating effects on the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a government agency that provides critical funding to museums and libraries in all 50 states. Urge Congress to save the IMLS.

<https://www.congressweb.com/aam/95/>

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## **AND AN INVITATION...**

During the weekend of March 29 and 30, the public has three opportunities to be with and learn from our Palestinian brothers and sisters from The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)

**Saturday, March 29 10 am to noon at Messiah Community Church, 1750 Colorado Blvd., Denver** <https://www.messiahdenver.org/>

**Sunday morning, March 30 at Our Saviour's Lutheran, 2000 S. Lemay Ave., Ft. Collins** <https://our-saviours.org/>

**8:30 am and 10:30 am worship with The Rev.**

**Gabi Aelabouni preaching**

**9:30am Meet and Greet**

**11:30 am to 1:00 pm luncheon and presentation; RSVP for lunch,**  
<https://signup.com/go/VyXahdA>

**Sunday evening, March 30 at 6 pm At Trinity Lutheran, 2200 Broadway, Boulder**  
<https://trinityboulder.org/>

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) operates in occupied East Jerusalem, the occupied West Bank, and Jordan. One of their commitments to their faith is to answer our call to be stewards of the land. Their Environmental Education Center (EEC) in Beit Jala, Palestine, hosts a



diverse array of educational workshops, activities, field trips, and school visits to educate Palestinian youth about the agricultural tradition, environmental justice, indigenous practices of the land, and the detrimental environmental effects of the ongoing Israeli occupation.

For more information about the weekend plans, please contact The Rev. Rebecca Aradah at (701)527-4342 or any of the host church offices.