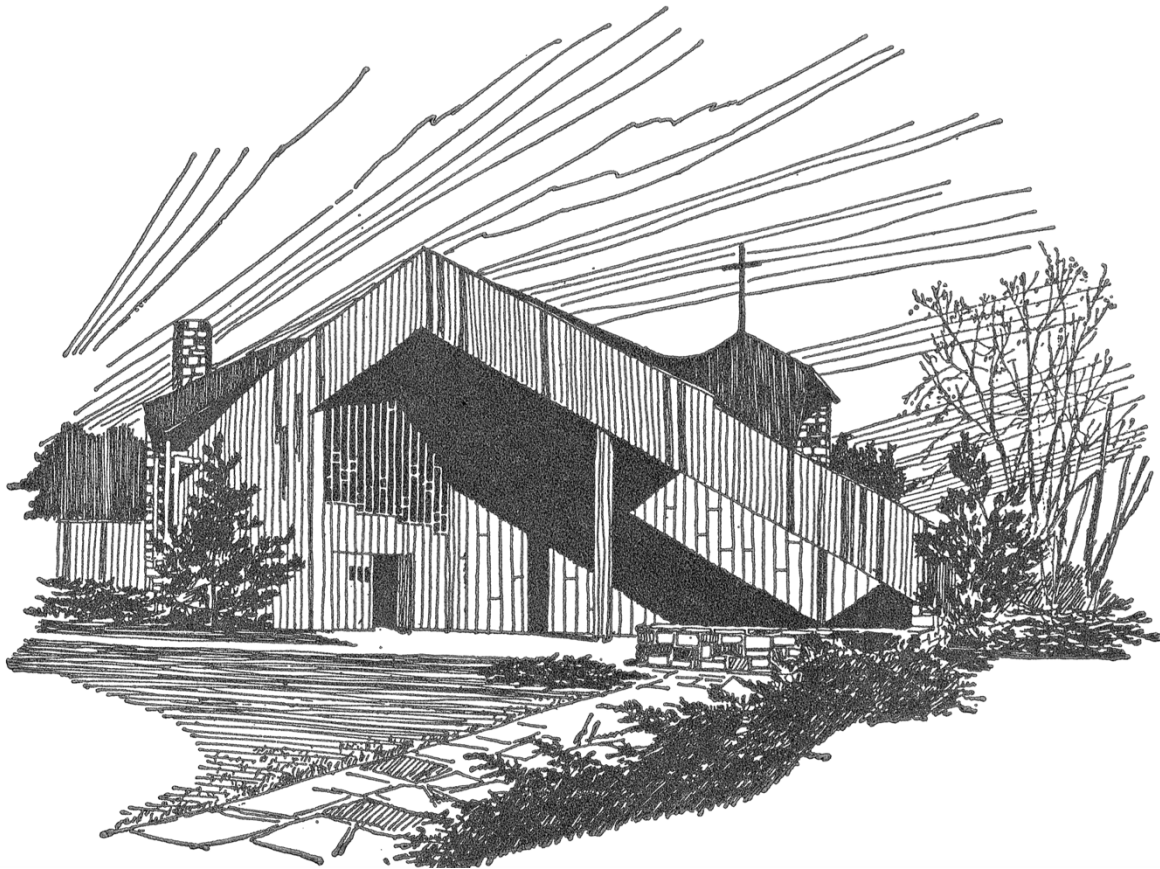


SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH  
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



THE HOLY EUCHARIST • 10AM  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 5, 2026

# 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.

# The Holy Eucharist

Hymn 366, vv. 1-4

Holy God, we praise thy Name  
*Grosser Gott*

## 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.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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.*

## First Lesson Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

**T**he servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given

him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was

old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right

way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated.*

## **Canticle** Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

*Anglican chant*

*Sung by the cantor*

- 8 The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.
- 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved speaks and says to me:  
'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
- 11 for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.
- 12 The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.
- 13 The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

## **Second Reading** Romans 7: 15-25a

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

**I** do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within

me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is

good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin

that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

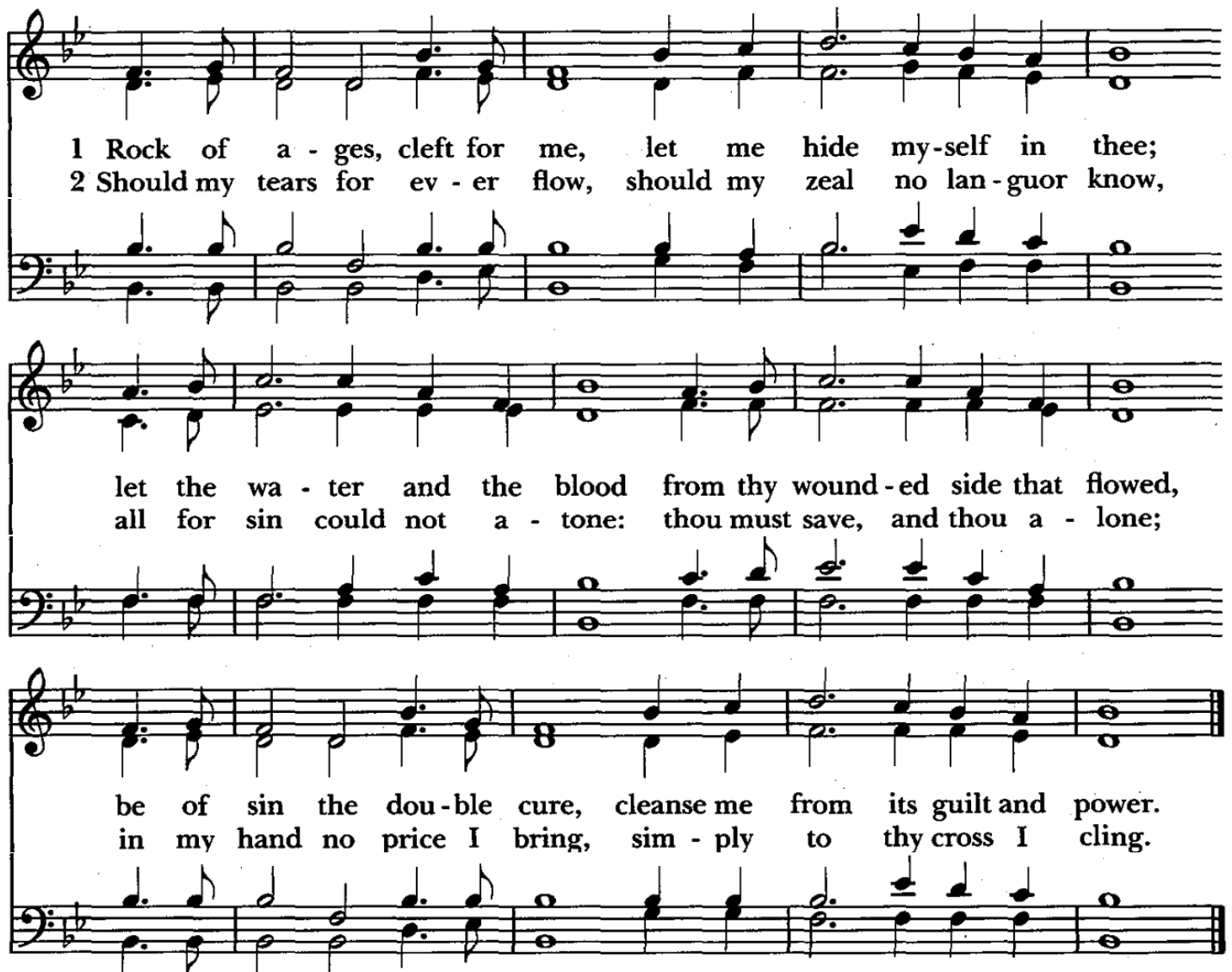
People

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as you are able.*

## Hymn

## Rock of ages



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.

## **Holy Gospel**    Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

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

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

**J**esus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things

from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Hymn

Toplady

3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Justin E. Crisp

*All stand as you are able.*

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

## The Prayers of the People

With one heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord:

That the power of your Spirit may strengthen us to love and to serve you more each day. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

That the wisdom of your Spirit would bring about the increase of cooperation and understanding among people, leaders, and nations. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

That the peace of your Spirit would keep us confident in your love wherever you may call us. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

That the gifts of your Spirit would be apparent in the lives of our families and children. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

That the healing of your Spirit would descend upon all in need of it, to bring them reconciliation and wholeness, healing and hope. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

That the life of your Spirit, given us by the risen Christ, would keep your whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

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

**Most merciful God,  
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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says the Absolution.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

## **Offertory**

*All stand as you are able.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**     Prayer C     BCP 369

**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**

What wondrous love is this  
*American folk hymn c.1835*

**Prayer after Communion**     BCP 365

## **The Blessing**

*All stand as you are able.*

**Hymn 544**

Jesus shall reign

*Duke Street*

**Dismissal**

**Please Remember These People in Your Prayers**

Betty, Blake, Chase, Elizabeth, Emily, Debra, Diane, Dominic, Hallie, Heather, Henry, Janet, Joan, John, Judy, Lila, Liz, Mariana, Melody, Marie, Nicole, Nina, Paulette, Sable, and Shirley

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

## COMING UP

### Small Groups

**Father Justin's Bible Study**, Biweekly. Our next meeting at **Coffee for Good** will be **Thursday, July 9 at 8AM**. This group, open to all, follows the podcast.

**Rev. Phoebe's Book Group**. Next group meets **in August after the 10AM service**. (Childcare provided in the nursery). Stay tuned for exact date and book announcement!



This special program is a time for kids to grow in our faith while playing games, making crafts, and telling stories during the 10AM service. **All ages are welcome and meet in the Children's Church room.**



### Abraham and AI

**Father Justin is sharing his summer sermons on Abraham and AI as a podcast! Share them with friends or family, and keep up to speed spiritually in your summer rhythm.** In Father Justin's third sermon, he tackles God's command to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Two crucial moral lessons transcend time. First, we learn that true morality isn't something we invent ourselves or mechanically derive from rules. Rather, it flows from our personal relationship with a transcendent God who reveals right and wrong to us. Second, Abraham knew God's character so intimately that even when commanded to do the unthinkable, he trusted God would provide a way forward. As we face unprecedented ethical questions about AI, we need Abraham's faith: listening for God's guidance and trusting in His ultimate provision. We need the moral insight that comes only through relationship with God, making this the most urgent spiritual task of our century.

### Join St. Barnabas at Pacific House Tuesday, July 28 at 5:15PM

Each month, St. Barnabas provides and serves food to the residents of Pacific House, a shelter for housing insecure men in Stamford. Our June dinner is all ready full of volunteers--thank you to all! Please join the St. Barnabas faithful at our July dinner at Pacific House, Tuesday, July 28. We meet at 5:15PM at the shelter: 597 Pacific Street, Stamford.

*Please sign up online to confirm what you can bring or how you can serve so we can avoid duplications. Thank you for serving!*



This summer, Valkyrie, the dog in charge, has a challenge for the children (and children at heart) of the parish. Each week, Val will offer a new verse for you to memorize. Come back the following Sunday or whenever you are next in town and repeat the verse to Dr. Bickel for bragging rights and a special surprise! **Verse of the Week (July 5): "The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul." Psalm 23: 1-2**



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## **Leaders in Worship This Morning**

Preacher & Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp
Altar Guild	Kathryn Minckler
Eucharistic Minister	Jenny Callison Susan Jackson
Pianist	Richard Weidlich
Soloist	Alan Rasmussen
Readers	Kathryn Minckler Alan Rasmussen
Intercessor	Cleve Callison
Ushers	Jinny Sammis Kathryn Minckler
Lemonade Hour Host	Louise Vanderlip

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We would love to get to know you, and to support you in your spiritual life. You can use this QR code to share your information with us, sign up for our e-news, or request a call from a priest or member of the staff. We look forward to hearing from you.



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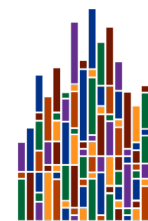
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