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The Holy Eucharist

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

WELCOME TO SAINT BARNABAS

We're an Episcopal church where you can be real, meet God, and follow Jesus as your living Lord. We're so glad 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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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Méditation, Op.57 no.4

Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911

Please stand to sing the processional hymn.

Hymn 523

Glorious things of thee are spoken

'Abbot's Leigh'

Please remain standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All 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.**

Gloria in excelsis deo

David Bednall

All sung together.

Fast and lively

Org. *f* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9 - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp* praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

27
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. Org.

32 *f*
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* *rit.*
A - - men, a - - men, a - - men.

Collect of the Day

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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.

A reading from the Book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated as the choir sings the appointed psalm.

Psalm 145: 1-8

Margaret Burk

- 1 I will magnify thee, O God, my King :
 and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee :
 and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised :
 there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another :
 and declare thy power.

- 7 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship :
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious, and merciful :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

Glory be to 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.

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 21-30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn

Come, labor on
'Ora Labora'

1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20: 1-16

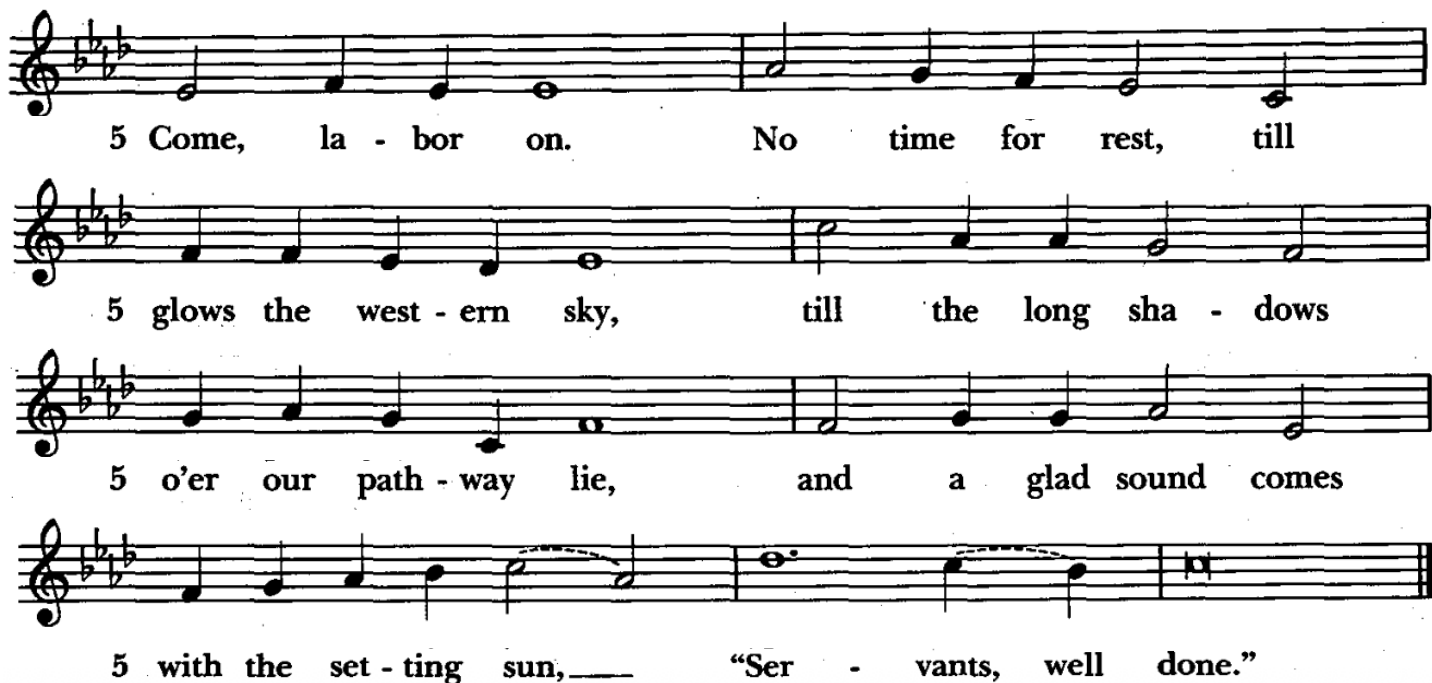
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But

he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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



Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp

Please stand to say the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All 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.

Please kneel or remain standing for the prayers.

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, then bids the Confession.

Confession

Please kneel or sit.

All **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

Please stand for the peace.

All **The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Rejoice in the Lord alway,
and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing:
but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Text: Philippians 4: 4-7

Music: Anonymous (16th century)

Please stand for the Eucharistic prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

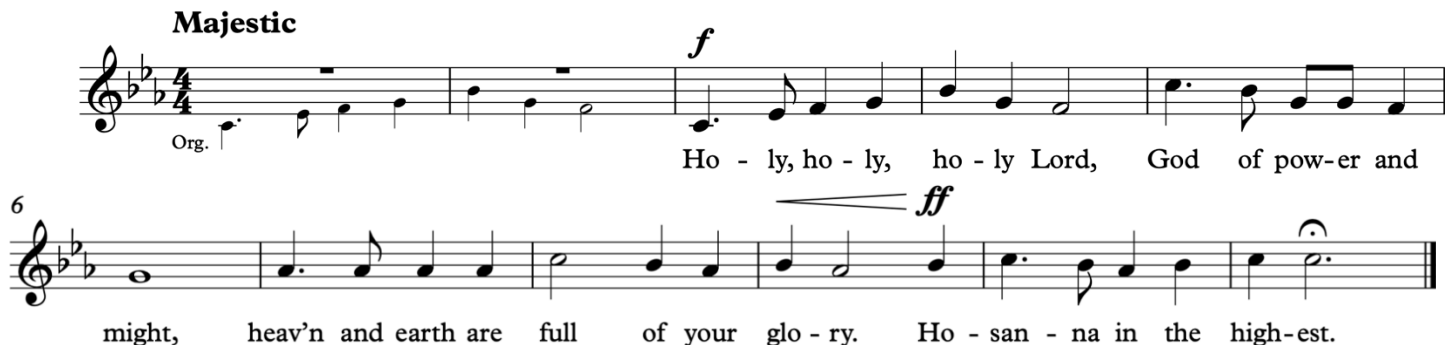
The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sanctus & Benedictus

David Bednall

All sung together.

Majestic



Org. *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

6 *ff* might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Slower

Org. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

4 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

During the Eucharistic Prayer, the congregation responds

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
 Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

David Bednall

All sung together.

Slowly and gently

Org. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

7 world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

13 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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.

Communion Anthem

Never weather-beaten sail

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
 Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
 Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
 O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!
 Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise,
 cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
 Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only see:
 O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to Thee!

Text: Thomas Campion 1567-1620

Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry 1848-1918

Prayer after Communion

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.

The Blessing

Please stand to sing the recessional hymn.

Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
'Cwm Rhondda'

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Festival Voluntary
Flor Peeters 1903-1986

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

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

Those in the Armed Forces:

Crawford, Henry, Logan, Parker, Peter, Mary Rose, and Morgan.

ONGOING

Children & Youth

Children's Church and **Youth Church** meet every week during the 10AM service. Children's Church is our Sunday School program for kids **pre-K to 3rd grade** led by Dr. Jewelle. Youth Church is our youth formation program for kids **4th-8th grade**. **Teens 8th grade and up** are encouraged to volunteer with Dr. Jewelle, help lead worship, serve at Pacific House, and attend Teen Bible Study. Reach out to Rev. Phoebe for more information.

Join St. Barnabas at Pacific House Tuesday, September 22 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. Please join the St. Barnabas faithful at our September dinner at Pacific House, Tuesday, September 22. 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!*

Three kinds of rooms, and you can join more than one. Groups for teens and for parents sit in a shaded panel.

be **real**

For the curious, unconvinced, or simply new: rooms that meet you where you are.

Contemporary Seekers

Come as you are, where you are, outside church.

ask drop in, no commitment

WHEN	Monthly · Wednesdays, 5pm, 60 min, from 14 Oct
WHERE	Greenwich Library Café, lower level
LED BY	Phoebe Oler

Queer Bible Study

For queer people and those who love them, without testing the room first.

ask drop in, no commitment

WHEN	Monthly · Wednesdays, 6pm, 60 min, from 14 Oct
WHERE	Greenwich Library Café, lower level
LED BY	Phoebe Oler
TEXT	<i>Parables for the Queer Soul</i>

Sunday Seekers

For anyone already at St. B on Sunday who wants somewhere to put the big questions.

ask drop in, no commitment

WHEN	Monthly · after the 10am service, 30–45 min, from 11 Oct
WHERE	St. Barnabas
LED BY	Phoebe Oler

meet **god**

For those seeking a more personal relationship with God: rooms built for encounter, not just information.

Alpha

For those longing to know God, not just know about God.

ask eight sessions and the retreat

Two groups. One full; one has places.

WHEN	Eight sessions across the year, plus a Saturday morning retreat
WHERE	The Rectory
LED BY	Justin Crisp

TEENS

Teen Bible Study
Students 8th grade and up, especially those already confirmed.
ask commit to most sessions

WHEN	Sundays, monthly · 11:15–12:30, with lunch
WHERE	St. Barnabas
LED BY	Phoebe Oler

PARENTS

Parent-Teen Bible Study

For parents of teenagers — especially those in the Teen Bible Study. Follows the Teen Bible Study readings.

ASK drop in, no commitment

WHEN Monthly · 1 hr
WHERE Zoom or in-person
LED BY Phoebe Oler

follow **jesus**

For those deepening their walk with Jesus through steady habits: rooms that ask ongoing practices or new commitments.

Thursday Bible Study

For early risers who want Scripture before the day starts.

ASK drop in, no commitment

WHEN Every other Thursday · 8:00am, from 17 Sept
WHERE Coffee For Good, Greenwich
LED BY Justin Crisp
FOLLOWS *For Better, For Verse* podcast

The Sunday Seminar

For explorers of theology and history, who love to learn and teach.

ASK drop in, consider leading one session of your own

WHEN Weekly · Sundays 9:00am, between the services, from 13 Sept
WHERE St. Barnabas
LED BY Justin Crisp & Susan Jackson
AUTUMN How the Gospel came to England

TEENS

Confirmation Class

7th–9th graders coming through Youth Church.

ASK commit to most sessions

WHEN Sundays, monthly · 11:15–12:30, with lunch
WHERE St. Barnabas
LED BY Phoebe Oler

Curious about any of these? Email Father Justin at jcrisp@stbarnabas.org or Rev. Phoebe at poler@stbarnabas.org, or call Alessandra in the parish office, to sign up or for more information.

SEPTEMBER

Fri 18–Sat 19 Sep **Awe & Wonder Overnight**
Children & Youth 4–14 are invited to a night under God's starry sky.

OCTOBER

Fri 2 Oct **70th Anniversary Gala · 6:30pm**
 Round Hill Club

Sat 3 Oct **RHA Neighbor Day Family Fun Day · 11am–3pm**

Sun 4 Oct **Festival Communion · 10:00am**
Blessing of the Animals · 3:00pm
Festival Communion includes the Blessing of the Stuffed Animals.

Sun 11 Oct **Evensong · 5:00pm**

Fri 23 Oct **Awe & Wonder · 5:30pm**

Sun 25 Oct **Fall Concert · 3:00pm**
Blessing of the Goblins at the 10:00 service.

NOVEMBER

Sun 1 Nov **All Saints Day Service of Remembrance · 5:00pm**

Sun 22 Nov **Chorister Sunday**

Thu 26 Nov **Thanksgiving Day Service · 10:00am**

Sun 29 Nov **Advent I**

DECEMBER

Fri 4 Dec **Christmas on Lake Avenue · 7:30pm**

Sun 13 Dec **Christmas Pageant · 10:00am**
Pageant & Communion at the 10:00 service.

Thu 24 Dec **Christmas Eve — Family Service · 2:00pm**
Christmas Eve · 5:00pm
Christmas Eve · 9:30pm

Fri 25 Dec **Christmas Day · 10:00am**

Celebrate

SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH

70 Years

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

HORS D'OEUVRES & COCKTAILS | 6:30 PM
DINNER | 7:30 PM

THE ROUND HILL CLUB
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 21

Leaders in Worship This Morning

Preacher & Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp
Assisting	The Reverend Phoebe Oler
Altar Guild	Mary Ellen LeBien Jane Nickerson
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Samuel John Townsend
Director of Music	Marnus Greyling
Saint Barnabas Choir	Christi Bye Barbara Zay Sarah Bleasdale Megan Friar Kevin Ray Matthew Zay Alan Rasmussen Blake Brooks
Acolytes	Baden Bye Harlan Bye
Readers	Caralyn Stevens Alan Rasmussen
Intercessor	Kevin Ray
Ushers	David Harris Jinny Sammis
Coffee Hour Host	Susan Holey

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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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The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp

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Associate Rector

Marnus Greyling
Director of Music

Dr. Jewelle Bickel
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Director of Operations

Alessandra Arango
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