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The Holy Eucharist

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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

Adagio from Oboe Concerto in D minor

Alessandro Marcello 1673-1747

arranged for organ by Marnus Greyling

Please stand to sing the processional hymn.

Hymn 450 (omitting * verses)

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

'Coronation'

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Ezekiel

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

All The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the appointed psalm.

Psalm 25: 1-8
Joseph Barnby/John Foster

- 1 Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee :
 O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
- 2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed :
 but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
- 3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord :
 and teach me thy paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me :
 for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies :
 and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

- 6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth :
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord :
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement :
and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
- 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 2: 1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

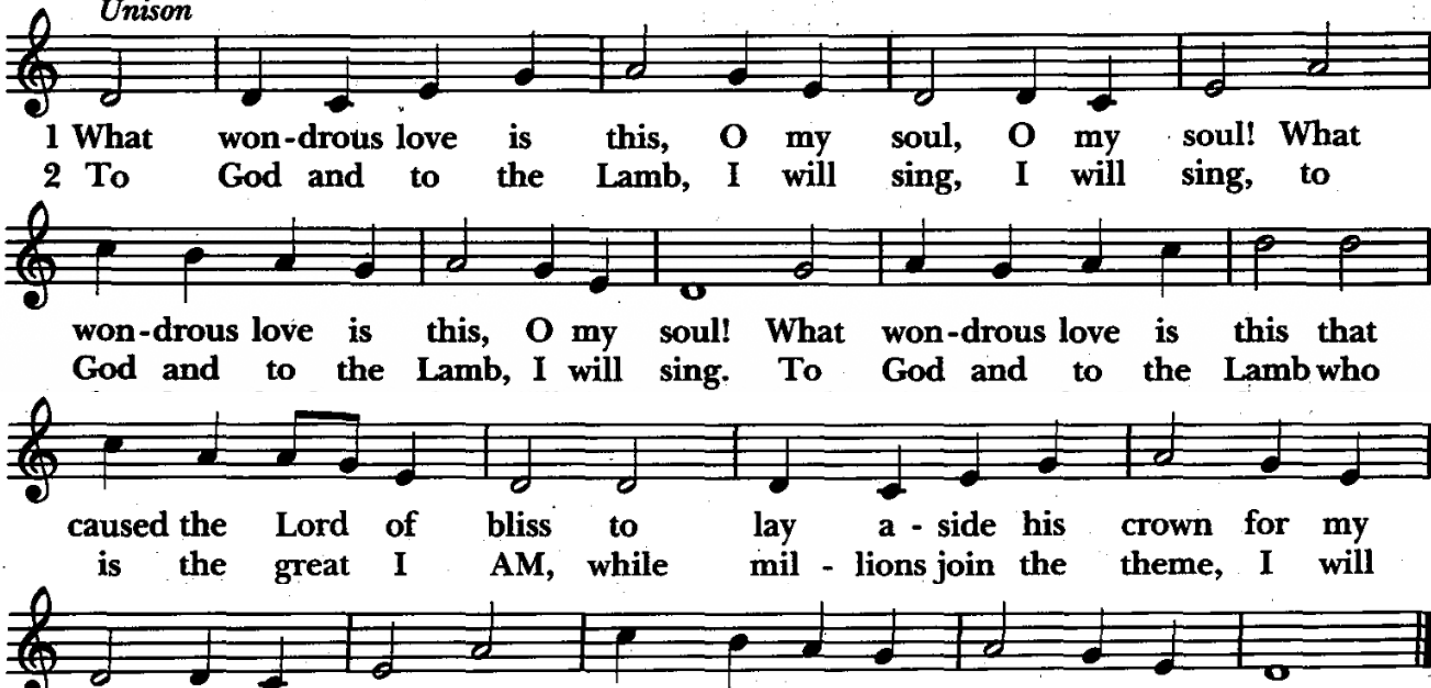
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn

What wondrous love is this
'Wondrous love'

Unison



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21: 23-32

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of

God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Unison



3 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 on. And when from death I'm free I'll
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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

Christus factus est

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,
et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.

*Christ became obedient for us
even unto death, death on the cross.
God therefore exalted Him
and gave Him a name
which is above all names.*

Text: Philippians 2: 8-9

Music: Felice Anerio c.1560-1614

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 Bedhall

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

BCP 364

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 The Song of Christ's Glory

Christ Jesus was in the form of God
but he did not cling to equality with God.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant
and was born in the likeness of men.

Being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name above every name
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the Glory of God the Father.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Text: The South African Daily Office

Music: Philip Moore 1943-

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 477

All praise to thee
'Engelberg'

Dismissal

All Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praeludium in F Major, BuxWV144
Dieterich Buxtehude 1637-1707

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, October 27 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 October dinner at Pacific House, Tuesday, October 27. 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 WHERE LED BY	Monthly · Wednesdays, 5pm, 60 min, from Oct 14 Greenwich Library Café, lower level Phoebe Oler
Queer Bible Study For queer people and those who love them, ages 18 and up, without testing the room first. ASK drop in, no commitment	WHEN WHERE LED BY TEXT	Monthly · Wednesdays, 6pm, 60 min, from Oct 14 Greenwich Library Café, lower level Phoebe Oler <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 WHERE LED BY	Monthly · after the 10am service, 30–45 min, from Oct 11 St. Barnabas 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 WHERE LED BY	Eight sessions across the year, plus a Saturday morning retreat The Rectory Justin Crisp
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TEENS Teen Bible Study Students 8th grade and up, especially those already confirmed. ASK commit to most sessions	WHEN WHERE LED BY	Sundays, monthly · 11:15–12:30, with lunch St. Barnabas Phoebe Oler
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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 Sept 17

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 Sept 13

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.

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** · 4:00pm

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

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Eucharistic Ministers	Caralyn Stevens John Townsend
Director of Music	Marnus Greyling
Saint Barnabas Choir	Christi Bye Barbara Zay Sarah Bleasdale Megan Friar Matthew Zay Alan Rasmussen John Rose
Crucifer	Dylan Christy
Readers	Roger Bullard Sarah Bleasdale
Intercessor	Cleve Callison
Ushers	Mary Ellen LeBien Harry Fisher
Coffee Hour Host	Caralyn Stevens

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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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