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The Holy Eucharist

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Improvisation on CRIMOND

Eric Thiman 1900-1975

Please stand to sing the processional hymn.

Hymn 663

The Lord my God my shepherd is

'Crimond'

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

Franz Schubert

All sung together.

Con brio

Organ *f*

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est and

5 peace — to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heavn'ly King al -

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

13 *Slower mf* praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

18 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

24 take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy

30 *p* on us; (Organ) you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa -

37 **rall.** — — — — — **Tempo primo** ther: re - ceive our prayer. *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

43 you a - lone are the Lord; you a - lone are the Most High,

47 Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the



Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 1-9

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Please remain seated as the choir sings the appointed psalm.

Psalm 23

Maxine Thevenot

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd :
therefore can I lack nothing.
 - 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture :
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
 - 3 He shall convert my soul :
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
 - 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
 - 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
 - 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
- 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 4: 1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

'Schmücke dich'

Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of
sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor; there with
joy thy prais-es ren - der un - to Christ, whose grace un bound - ed
hath this won - drous ban-quet found - ed. High o'er
hath this won - drous ban-quet found - ed. High o'er
all the heavens He reign-eth, yet to dwell with Thee he deign - eth.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He

sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Je - sus, bread of life, I pray Thee, let me glad - ly here o -
 bey Thee; Nev - er to my hurt in - vit - ed, be Thy
 love with love re - quit - ed. From this ban - quet let me meas - ure,
 Lord, how vast and deep its treas - ure; through the
 gifts Thou here dost give me, as Thy guest in Heaven re - ceive me.

Sermon

The Reverend Phoebe Oler

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. The people kneel or sit.

Confession

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

A Prayer of St Columba

Be, Lord Jesus,
a bright flame before me,
a guiding star above me,
a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me;
today, tonight and for evermore. Amen.

Text: St Columba of Iona 521-597

Music: Richard Pantcheff 1959-

Please stand for the Eucharistic prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

All The Lord be with you.
 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

Franz Schubert

All sung together.

Moderato *mp*

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

11 *mp*
might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

19 *mf*
might. — Heav - en and earth are full, — full of your glo -

28 *mp*
-ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

37 *mf*
Ble - ssed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -

45 *mp* **4**
-sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All 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.

Communion Anthem

O for a closer walk with God

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper 1731-1800

Music: David McGregor 1995-

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 481

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
'Gopsal'

Dismissal

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

All

Postlude

Fanfare of St Boniface
Richard Pantcheff 1959-

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Alex, Andrew, Betty, Blake, Catherine, 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	WHEN WHERE LED BY	Eight sessions across the year, plus a Saturday morning retreat The Rectory Justin Crisp
Two groups. One full; one has places.		

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

Sun 11 Oct **Evensong** · 4:00pm

Sun 18 Oct **Youth Sunday** · 10:00am

Fri 23 Oct **Awe & Wonder** · 5:30pm

Sun 25 Oct **Stewardship Kick-off
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
Awe & Wonder** · 5:30pm

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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Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Justin E. Crisp
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Eucharistic Ministers	Susan Jackson John Townsend
Director of Music	Marnus Greyling
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Acolytes	Lizzy Blank Maclaine Newman
Crucifer	William Eddy
Readers	Harry Fisher Megan Friar
Intercessor	Kevin Ray
Ushers	Mary Ellen LeBien Jinny Sammis
Coffee Hour Host	Alice Duff

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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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