



The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

December 28, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas

*It is the mission of St. Barnabas Anglican Church to use
the gifts that God has given us in Christian service to others.*

*In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the peoples of the Treaty 7
Territory and the Metis Nation of Alberta as we share this land.*

*Welcome to St. Barnabas Anglican Church. The altar flowers have been donated in
remembrance of Neil McKenzie from Shirley and family.*

8:30 AM: Holy Communion

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Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird

10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist

Liturgy from *The Book of Alternative Services*

Hymns from *Common Praise*

Processional Hymn 143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Regent Square)

Children’s Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are
hidden.**

**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**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

John Bird

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Psalms 148

Katie Barg

Refrain: Alleluia.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **Refrain**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Refrain

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; **Refrain**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Choir Anthem: "The Holly and the Ivy"

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

Patricia Knowles

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gradual Hymn 137 "What Child Is This"

(Greensleeves)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 2:13-23

The Rev. Marcus Herrel

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father

Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kersi Bird

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

The Intercession

Katie Barg

We pray for our Diocese: Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary: The Very Rev. Dr. Chris Dowdeswell, The Rev. Jim McDermott, The Rev. Eyad Ajji; The Refugee Committee.

We pray for members of our parish family: Rachelle Langlois; Matthew LaRacque, Emily Marasco, Gwendolyn, Cassandra; Junxian and Ryan Li.

We pray for those in need of God's healing gifts: Dot, Marilyn, Don, Gwyneth, family of Tahir, Douglas, Jeff, Sharon, Diane, David.

The Confession: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Monetary offerings for the ministry of the parish can be placed on the plate located by the entry doors to the sanctuary. To add to the offering during the offertory hymn as the sidesperson brings it to the altar to be blessed, please catch the attention of the sidesperson as the plate is brought forward. You may e-transfer your offering to office@stbarnabas.ca.

Offertory Hymn 145 “Good King Wenceslas” (Tempus Adest Floridum)

The Prayer over the Gifts: God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please proceed to the base of the chancel steps as directed by a sidesperson; if you are unable to do so, remain seated in your pew and a priest will bring communion to you. After consuming the wafer, you will be offered wine in two kinds – the common cup or a small glass. Alternatively, you may touch the base of the chalice or receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn 122 "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Cranham)

Communion Hymn 125 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (Polish Carol)

Communion Hymn 127 "O Come, Little Children" (Ihr Kinderlein, Kommet)

Prayer after Communion: Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

All your works praise you, O Lord.

And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn 123 “Once in Royal David’s City”

(Irby)

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



We pray for Christ’s Holy Catholic Church: ACC: Henrieta Paukov, Director, and the staff of General Synod Communications and Information Resources; Ama Attia, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and the Staff of Financial Management and Administration. ELCIC: Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications. MOR: Mike Riess, Executive Director, and staff of Interprovincial Board of Communications for the Moravian Church.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada: The Ven. Michael Marshall; St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada: The Rev. Coleridge Brooker.

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for January 4: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Livestream link for the 10:15 AM service:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Gz0ORrBEBRk>

Sunday school will be held on January 11th and 25th.

There will be a brief training session for lay assistants and readers after the 10:15 AM service on January 11.

Alpha begins on February 25 for 11 weeks. Email Rev. Marcus at deacon@stbarnabas.ca for more information or to register. *Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Alpha. Open our eyes to the friends, neighbours, and colleagues who are already drawing toward you, and give us the courage to extend a personal invitation on your behalf. Amen.*

Gloria's returns to the office on Tuesday, January 6. Kersi also will not be in the office, however, will check the phone daily for emergencies.

To be included in the 2025 tax year, cash donations must be received by December 31; e-transfers must be completed by December 31; and cheques must be dated by December 31. If you are new or have recently moved, please ensure that we have your correct mailing address.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) will be held on February 8. Please consider serving as a member of parish council. If you are the head of a ministry, please submit your report to office@stbarnabas.ca by January 13.

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