



# The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent

*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 by  
Janet Sims in loving memory of her husband Alan Sims.*

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## 8:30 AM: Holy Communion

*The Book of Common Prayer – Page 67*

*Collect – Page 97*

*Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird ~ Sidesperson: Michael Rutherford*

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## 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist and Baptism

*Liturgy from The Book of Alternative Services*

*Hymns from Common Praise*

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**Processional Hymn 108 “Hark, A Herald Voice Is Sounding”**

**(Merton)**

Prayer for Second Sunday of Advent (see handout)

Alethea Iwanicka

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.**

There is one body and one Spirit,

**There is one hope in God’s call to us.**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Liz Othen

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm

Lisa Mitchell

**Refrain: In his time shall peace and justice flourish.**

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. Refrain

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. Refrain

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **Refrain**

Choir Anthem: "Where Is the Saviour"

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2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-13

John Bird

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Gradual Hymn 103 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (Winchester New)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 3:1-12

The Rev. Kersi Bird

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kersi Bird

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*Dresden George Slater*

*Ozymandias Benedict Zabel*

*Tyson Harley Zabel*

Celebrant: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors: I present *Tyson* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Parents and sponsors: I present *Dresden, Ozymandias* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Mature candidates, parents, and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Mature candidates, parents, and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Mature candidates, parents, and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Mature candidates, parents, and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Mature candidates, parents, and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Mature candidates, parents, and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Will all you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Dresden, Ozymandias, and Tyson in their life in Christ?

**We will.**

The Intercession

Lisa Mitchell

Let us now pray for Dresden, Ozymandias, and Tyson who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for our Diocese: Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey: The Rev. Daniel Hughes; Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House: The Lay Ministers and Wardens; Companion Diocese Committee.

We pray for members of our parish family: Margaret Klarholm, Linda Klemanz, Liz Knafla.

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

## Thanksgiving over the Water

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, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

We give you thanks for you have called Ozymandias, Dresden, and Tyson to new life through the waters of baptism.

Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

## The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under**

**Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

### The Baptism

*Dresden, Ozymandias, Tyson*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own forever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised *him/her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him/her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him/her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

### The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, and proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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.*

**Offertory Hymn 106 “There’s A Voice in the Wilderness”**

**(Ascension)**

The Prayer over the Gifts: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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 God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.



On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, 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.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. 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 48 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Picardy)

Communion Hymn 70 "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" (Maryton)

Communion Hymn 84 "Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour" (St. Osmund)

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; 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 101 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**

**(Crüger)**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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We pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church: ACC: The Primate Archbishop Shane Parker and the staff of the Primate's office. ELCIC: National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and the national staff. MOR: The Rev. David Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent: The Rev. Hanif Johnson.

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for December 14: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

Livestream link for 10:15 AM service: <https://www.youtube.com/live/0LYLCiixinw>

Sunday school will be held today.

Healing prayers will be held after both services today in the chapel.

We are looking for adults and children to take part in the Christmas nativity play with lessons and carols on December 14 at 10:15 AM. The acting roles are non-speaking - to become involved, speak to Kersi or email [priest@stbarnabas.ca](mailto:priest@stbarnabas.ca).

The 6<sup>th</sup> Calgary St. Barnabas Venturers and the St. Barnabas Outreach committee are running a Christmas food drive for the Calgary Food Bank for our December project. There is a decorated box in the narthex for the community to drop off non-perishable items. The need is great, and we are thankful for all donations received and for this partnership with our scouting community.

We would appreciate contributions of Christmas baking for coffee hour on December 21. Bring a traditional favourite or something new!

From the Alongside Hope World of Gifts brochure, we have chosen to support women in rural Colombia to buy beehives. See the poster in the chapel; envelopes are available for your donation.

Our Christmas Eve services are at 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM (outdoors), and 7:30 PM; and on Christmas Day at 11:00 AM.

The newsletter is now available on our website. Go to the home page of the website, go to About, Newsletter, click on Weekly Newsletter; or click on <https://www.stbarnabas.ca/about/newsletter>.

We will hold an Advent service on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM for parishioners and friends who may find it challenging, due to mobility or health issues, to attend a morning service. A teatime will follow. RSVP by contacting the office (403) 283-3035 or email [office@stbarnabas.ca](mailto:office@stbarnabas.ca).

Volunteers are required to assemble Christmas gifts for homebound parishioners on December 13 at 10:00 AM and/or to deliver them on December 14. If you can help, please speak to Janets Sims.



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Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird; Organist/Music Director: Margaret Kosa; St Barnabas Choir; Lay Assistant: Lisa Mitchell; Crucifer: Matthew Jones; Readers: Alethea Iwanicka, Liz Othen, John Bird; Sidespersons: Butler Team; Altar Guild: Marilyn Croot, Carolyn McLennan; Coffee Hosts: Abra Morrell, Katie Barg; Rector's Warden: Phil Field; Assistant Rector's Warden: Les Parsons; People's Warden: Jill Stroud; Assistant People's Warden: Denver Barg