



The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

December 21, 2025
Fourth 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 dedicated to
the Glory of Almighty God in memory of missing loved ones this Christmas season.*

8:30 AM: Holy Communion

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Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird ~ Sidesperson: Shirley McKenzie

10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist

Liturgy from Church of England Contemporary Eucharist

Hymns from Common Praise



Processional Hymn 95 “O Come, Divine Messiah”

“Venez, Divin Messie”

Lighting of the Advent Candles (see handout)

Liz Othen

A Bidding Prayer for Advent

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and listen to your word with eagerness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Amen**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins, and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect of the Day: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

David Parker

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows

how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Angela Wards

Refrain: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Refrain**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **Refrain**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Refrain**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Refrain**

Choir Anthem: "Come, Messiah, Come"

Schrader

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Janet Sims

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn "Your Kingdom Come"

(Irish)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 1:18-25

The Rev. Marcus Herrell

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just

when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The 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

Angela Wards

When the intercessor says, "Hear us, O Lord," please respond "Lord, grant us peace."

We pray for our Diocese: St. Mark, Innisfail: The Rev. Gordon Pontifex; Ministry Development Team.

We pray for members of our parish family: Adam Kubiak, Selima Maharaj, Tristan, and Radner; Susannah Kurian; Samantha Lafreniere.

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

We pray for those affected by the terrorist incident at the Hannukah event in Sydney, Australia.

Holy God, in Jesus Christ, you reveal yourself to the world, even when we are blind to your grace. Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst, so that we may see your world anew; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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 91 “People, Look East! The Time Is Near”

(Besançon)

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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.

On the night he gave up himself for us, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen**

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 117 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Es ist ein’ Ros)
Communion Hymn 110 “Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us” (Wachet auf)
Communion Hymn 94 “Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near” (Wait for the Lord)

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 108 “Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding” (Merton)

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 Rt. Rev. Christopher Haroper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator. ELCIC: Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship. MOR: The Rev. Sue Keonig, Director, and team of Northern Province Racial Justice and Healing.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King on St. Lucia: The Rev. Dr. Eleanor Glasgow-Layne.

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for December 28: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Livestream link for the 10:15 AM service:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/bucd6cutqqc>

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

You are invited to write the name of a loved one(s) on the back of a Christmas stars, found in the in the chapel and narthex, and hang them on the Christmas tree in the chapel.

The St. Barnabas Venturers and our 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.

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

Our Alongside Hope Advent project is 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 (family service with Holy Eucharist), 5:30 PM (outdoor service with Holy Eucharist), and 7:30 PM (candlelight Holy Communion); on Christmas Day at 11:00 AM (Holy Communion).

The Holy Eucharist service on Wednesdays at noon is on hiatus until January 7.

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 last day in the office before Christmas is Tuesday, December 23; she returns on Tuesday, January 6. Kersi 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.

To include a name in the intercessory prayers for the month of January, please email office@stbarnabas.ca by December 22.

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