



# The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*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.*

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*Welcome to St. Barnabas Anglican Church.*

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8:30 AM: Holy Communion

*The Book of Common Prayer – Page 67*

*Collect – Page 147*

Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird ~ Lay Assistant: Michael Rutherford

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10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist

Liturgy from Church of England Contemporary Eucharist

Hymns from *Common Praise*

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**Processional Hymn 505 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**(Slane)**

Children’s Prayer

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: Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for St. Patrick: Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to bring those who were wandering in darkness to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

John Bird

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?"

And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23

Ed David

**Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. Refrain

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Refrain

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Refrain**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Liz Othen

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**Gradual Hymn 3 "Morning Has Broken"**

**(Bunessan)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John 9:1-41

The Rev. Marcus Herrel

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

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

Ed David

We pray for our Diocese: Parkland Parish: St. Hilda, Arthurvale; St. David, Elnora; Holy Trinity, Pine Lake.

We pray for members of our parish family: Bev Pannett; Todd, Amy, Nate, Ty, and Zoe Pannett; Tracy Pannett and Michael Campbell.

We pray for those in need of God's healing gifts: Don, Evie, David, Sue, Stephen, Barry, Wendy, Gwyneth, Douglas.

We pray for Alpha: **Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Alpha, and we pray for the Holy Spirit to accompany both the Alpha team and participants and to direct us as we journey together. Amen**

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. Alternatively, you may e-transfer your offering to [office@stbarnbas.ca](mailto:office@stbarnbas.ca).*

**Offertory Hymn “I Cannot Tell Why He, Whom Angels Worship”**  
**(Londonderry Air)**

*See back page for lyrics*

Prayer over the Gifts: God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our 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 65 “Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread” (St. Columba)  
Communion Hymn 520 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (St. Columba)  
Communion Hymn 49 “Draw Near and Take” (Song 46)

Prayer after Communion: Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen**

**Choir Anthem: “Old Irish Blessing”**

**Agay**

**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 565 “Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah” (Cwm Rhondda)**

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: The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec. ELCIC: Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod. MOR: The people and ministers of Good Shepherd Moravian Church in Calgary.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. David and St. Paul, on Grenada: The Rev. Fr. Edward Mark.

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for March 22: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Livestream link for the 10:15 AM service:  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/iVgom7XA2uQ>

Sunday school will be held today and on March 29.

While our Alpha sessions have started, there is still an opportunity for those who are curious about faith to join us for supper, a video, and lively discussion. To register or for more information, email Rev. Marcus at [deacon@stbarnabas.ca](mailto:deacon@stbarnabas.ca).

The second discussion session for the Lent book is on Zoom on March 16 at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7825637683>

Our annual Soup Sunday in aid of Alongside Hope is today after the 10:15 AM service. Donations to Alongside Hope can be made by cash, by cheque payable to "Alongside Hope", or e-transfer to [etransfer@alongsidehope.org](mailto:etransfer@alongsidehope.org)

To participate in the Palm Sunday dramatic reading of the Passion, please contact Angela Wards or the office. Rehearsals are on March 22 after the 10:15 AM service and at 9:30 AM promptly on March 29, Palm Sunday. You will read from a script and costumes are not required! Thank you.

We traditionally prepare Easter baskets for our homebound parishioners. If you would like to participate in this ministry by organizing the project or by helping to prepare the baskets, please speak to Kersi or Marcus.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird; Gospeller: The Rev. Marcus Herrel; Organist: Margaret Kosa; St. Barnabas Choir; Crucifer: Penny Holloway; Lay Assistant: Ed David; Readers: John Bird, Liz Othen; Sidesperson: Anne Tapp; Coffee Hosts: Sue Little, Jackie Mootoo; Altar Guild: Angela Wards, Maria Batti; Rector's Warden: Les Parsons; Assistant Rector's Warden: Susan Marasco; People's Warden: Denver Barg; Assistant People's Warden: Angie Martinac

### **I Cannot Tell Why He, Whom Angels Worship**

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,  
should set his love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
when Betlehem's manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted  
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;  
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,  
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'