



The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

*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 David and Jenny James
in loving memory of Berta and Jack Milne, and Louie and Fred James.*

8:30 AM: Holy Communion

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Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird

10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist and Baptism

Liturgy from The Book of Alternative Services

Hymns from Common Praise

Processional Hymn 247 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (Ascension)

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.

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, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Penny Holloway

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

"This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm 93

Angela Wards

The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Archie Adams

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Gradual Hymn 309 “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”
(Praise the Lord)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke 24:44-53

The Rev. Marcus Herrel

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kersi Bird

Alpha Reflection

The Rev. Marcus Herrel

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bridget Mimi Beldman

Lindsay Anne-Marie Beldman

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

Parents and sponsors: I present Bridget, Lindsay to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized?

Lindsay: I do.

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

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.

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.

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

Lindsay, parent, and sponsors: I renounce them.

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

Lindsay, parent, and sponsors: I renounce them.

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

Lindsay, parent, and sponsors: I renounce them.

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

Lindsay, parent, and sponsors: I do.

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

Lindsay, parent, and sponsors: I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Lindsay, parent, and sponsors: I do.

Will all you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Bridget and Lindsay in their life in Christ?

We will.

The Intercession

Angela Wards

Let us now pray for Bridget and Lindsay 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 hearts 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 Good Shepherd, Calgary: The Rev. Captain Derwyn Costinak, The Rev. Margaret Hogarth; Indigenous Ministries.

We pray for members of our parish family: Jill Stroud and Lisa Mitchell; Lesley Stuart; Joyce Sudsbury.

We pray for those in need of God's healing gifts: David, John, Andrew, Doug, Thomas, David, Gwyneth, Don, Jeff, Chrissy and family, Joan, Rosemary, Jack.

We pray for those who have died; we pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Wilson.

We pray for our baptism candidates: Bridget and Lindsay.

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 Bridget and Lindsay 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

Bridget, Lindsay, 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 *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *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. Alternatively, you may e-transfer your offering to office@stbarnabas.ca.

Offertory Hymn 482 “Come and Journey with Saviour” (Beach Spring)

The Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake 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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

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.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

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.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and 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.

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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 57 “Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist” (Song 1)
Communion Hymn 84 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour” (St. Osmund)
Communion Hymn 85 “Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless” (St. Agnes)

Prayer after Communion: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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 379 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (Darwall)

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. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario. ELCIC: The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod. MOR: The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John, Belair: The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis; Mothers' Union Diocesan President Mrs. Hermione St. Bernard

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for May 24: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Livestream link for 10:15 AM service:
https://youtube.com/live/R_DKTwpGmyA

Sunday school will be held on May 24th.

The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson will join us for a service of confirmation on Sunday, June 7th. Confirmation classes, open to those 12 years and older, are held in the lower hall at noon on Sundays. Please speak to Kersi if you would like to be confirmed.

A potluck lunch to celebrate St. Barnabas Day will be held following the confirmation service on June 7th.

Do you speak a different language? Please contact the office if you would like to pray or do a reading in that language during the 10:15 AM service on Pentecost, May 24.

Registration has begun for our summer drama camp for children aged 8 to 12 years old. The camp will run from August 10 to 14 and is fully subsidized, with lunch and snacks provided. Registration fee is \$20. Register online at <https://www.stbarnabas.ca/>. Please email the registrar at clerk@stbarnabas.ca if you have any questions.

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