

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026 – 10:15 a.m.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
*Serving our community, the world, and each other
through the love of Jesus Christ.*

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Welcome! We are a diverse community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us, strengthened, nurtured, and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some of us were received into it as adults, and some of us are discovering it for the first time. We come from various occupations, family configurations, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. We have found hospitality here, and invite you to join us.

Our religious tradition is best known for the beauty of its Anglican music and liturgy. Contemporary issues are tested by the standards of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The conscience of the individual is highly respected, and corporate worship is the means by which Christ shapes our moral values, nurtures and guides our spiritual formation, shapes the character and community of the faithful, and equips us for mission and ministry. If you are not currently active in another congregation, please accept this invitation to worship with us, and to make our church your own.

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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Hymn 551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

Festal Song

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Hymn S-278

Gloria in excelsis

Mathias

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 I will exalt you, O holy | God, *
and bless your Name for ever and | ever.
- 2 Every day will I | bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and | ever.
- 3 Great are you, O God, and greatly to be | praised; *
there is no end to your | greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to a | nother *
and shall declare your | power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your | majesty *
and all your marvelous | works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous | acts, *
and I will tell of your | greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great | goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous | deeds.
- 8 You are gracious and full of com | passion, *
slow to anger and of great | kindness.

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Hymn 523 v. 3

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Abbot's Leigh

Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 523 v. 4

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Abbot's Leigh

Sermon

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito

The Nicene Creed

(Note that in Greek the word for "believe" is the same as the word for "trust")

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 Prayers of the People *by Debora Okoth, Seminarian*

Gracious Father, we pray for the Universal Church; we pray for St. Barnabas', and for all its members and its mission; equip your people for the work you've called them to do, and let the gospel go forth with power, in word and in deed.

Lord, have mercy.

God of justice and peace, we pray for the leaders of the nations and all peoples of the earth. Grant them wisdom to govern with integrity, that peace and justice may prevail, and your people may live in harmony.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, we pray for the welfare of the world, for places torn by war, poverty, and disaster. Comfort the displaced, feed the hungry, and bring an end to violence and oppression. Pour out your Spirit on a world in need of hope, and use your people as agents of your peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Father, we lift up our community before you. Bless our schools, our neighbors, and those who serve this community. Where there is need, provide; where there is brokenness, restore. Help us be a light and a help for the community.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, we pray for those who are sick, the weak, the despairing, all who suffer and those in any trouble. May they find health, peace and everlasting grace in you.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father in Heaven we bring before you all those in particular need Jack, Sharon, Kathleen, Eileen, Arlie (family of Theresa), Sarah and Chris (friends of Leigh), and Iglesia San Juan Bautista. Please name others on your heart, either silently or aloud.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for all our forebears who have gone on to glory, and for the wisdom and goodness that they passed down to us during their earthly pilgrimage. We especially remember Larry Stark, Oliver Fortune, Marybeth Kennedy, James Welch, Eric Moe, Robert (Bob) Sullivan, and Kathryn (Kathy) Wiley. Please name any others on your heart, either silently or aloud.

Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant says

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries

All those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are invited to be recognized.

Watch over your *child/children* [____], O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants [____ and ____ etc], that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory

To the Glory of Our King

R. Leaf

Doxology 124 v. 5

To God the Father

Puer Nobis

**To God the Father, heavenly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant *People*
'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy,
because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and
death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that
when he shall come again in power and great triumph to
judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to
behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S-128

Mathias

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Blessed Barnabas, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

Music by Colin Brumby

4 *mf*

Our Fath-er which art in heav'n. Hal-low-ed be thy name.

9 Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth, As it is in hea-

17 ven. Give us this day our dail-y bread. And for-give us our tress-pass-es,

25 As we for-give, for-give them that tre-pass a-gainst us.

33 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion: But de-li-ver us from e-

41 vil: For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, For e-ver and e-

48 ver. A - - - - - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

WLP 761 vss. 1, 3

Hymn 343 vss. 1, 3, 4

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Holy Manna

St. Agnes

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank you that you do feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and you do assure us thereby of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are indeed members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 470 vss. 1, 2

There's a Wisdom in God's Mercy

Beecher

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
2:00 PM Vietnamese Language School – Education Wing
4:30 PM Ryder’s Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM Ladies’ Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Monday, September 21

10:00 AM AA Serenity Seekers – Library

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 AM Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 AM Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room

Thursday, September 24

10:00 AM Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM Ryder’s Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)

Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
2:00 PM Vietnamese Language School – Education Wing
4:30 PM Ryder’s Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM Ladies’ Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Participants in the services today are:

8:00 a.m.

Vestry Leader/Closer
Acolyte
Lector
Chalicer

TBD
Theresa Merchant
Michael Dugger, Theresa Merchant
Theresa Merchant, Cindy McLaughlin

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes
Lectors
Chalicer
Usher
Coffee Hour Hosts
Flower Guild
Flower Delivery
Counters
Caritas
Altar Guild

Joey, Leah, Blue, Cindy
Camille Mittelholtz, Hugh Agnew
Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin
Tim Greer
Nancy and Keith Peyton, Linda Hartman
Margot Donnelly
Hugh Agnew
Robin Erskine
Beth Harper
Mary Yeaman, Sharon Jones, Maria Bottlick

Participants in the services on September 27 are:

8:00 a.m.

Vestry Leader/Closer
Acolyte
Lector
Chalicer

TBD
Cindy McLaughlin
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger
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Michael, Ronan, Amos, Cindy
Ellen Riddle, Beth Harper
Theresa Merchant, Michael Dugger
John Westerlund
Theresa Merchant & Godly Play
Molly Newling
Nancy MacLachlan
Art Hamerschlag, Ken Mittelholtz
Grace Robbins
Grace Robbins, Linda Hartman, Mary Yeaman

Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Piscataway Conoy Nation, whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home, and that was taken from them. We give thanks for them and their care for this land. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we are charged with stewardship of the Earth, and are all members of our Creator's family. We ask God to help us learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.