

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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 473 vss. 3,4

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Psalm 25:1-8

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in | you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to | shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their | schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O | God, *
and teach me your | paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and | teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day | long.
- 5 Remember, O God, your compassion and | love, *
for they are from ever | lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans | gressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O | God.
- 7 Gracious and upright are | you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your | way.
- 8 You guide the humble in doing | right *
and teach your way to the | lowly.

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Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 359 vss. 1-2

God of the Prophets

Toulon

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 359 v. 5

God of the Prophets

Toulon

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, especially Jack, Sharon, Kathleen, Eileen, Maria and Bob, Kevin and family (friends of Linda), Arlie (family of Theresa), Vanessa (friend of Leigh), Stan and Gwen (family of Kate), 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

Simple Gifts

arr. J. Coates

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 key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). 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." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

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.**

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.

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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.

Hymn 343

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St. Agnes

Hymn 316

This is the Hour of Banquet and Song

Canticum

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 522 vss. 3-4

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Austria

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.



Caritas Team

The Caritas Team continues its work of care for all within the parish. If you or another parishioner you know is in need of a phone call or card, please contact the on-call person listed below.

Current Caritas Team ministries include:
Prayer Chain ▪ Sending Cards ▪ Phone Calls

The Parish Administrator also can inform the Caritas team when need for one of these ministries comes up (email to stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com).

On-call this week is Grace Robbins, 703-283-4481, gracejonesrobbins@msn.com

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
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 28

10:00 AM	AA Serenity Seekers – Library
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Tuesday, September 29

10:00 AM	Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room
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Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4 *Shrine Mont Weekend*

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
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
Chalistic

TBD
Cindy McLaughlin
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger

10:15 a.m.

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

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

Participants in the services on October 4 are:

8:00 a.m.

Vestry Leader/Closer
Acolyte
Lector
Chalistic

TBD
Michael Dugger
Dave Wright, Michael Dugger
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger

10:15 a.m.

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

Katie, Adam, Laura, Theresa
Luke Strange, Kate Lauderdale
Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin
Ken Mittelholtz
Tim & Diana Greer
TBD
TBD
John Westerlund, Norma Ricketts
Kathleen Stark
Jocelyn Leatherwood, Kristen Anderson, Sharon Jones

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.