Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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 574 vss. 1, 4 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* *St. Petersburg*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Hymn S-280 *Gloria in excelsis* Powell

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-17

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.
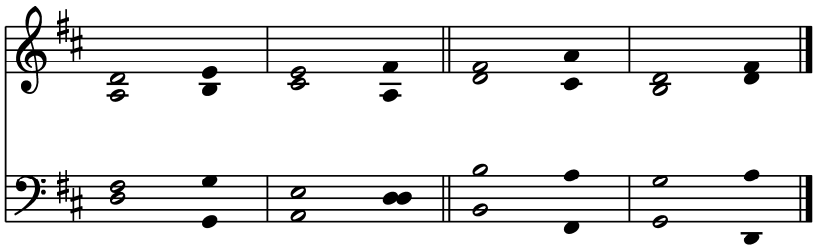
"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



1 Hear my teaching, O my |people; *
incline your ears to the words of my |mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a |parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient |times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have |told us, *
we will not hide from their |children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O |God, *
and the wonderful works you have |done.

5 You gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for |Israel, *
which you commanded them to teach their |children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un|born, *
that they in their turn might tell it to their |children;
† 7 So that they might put their trust in |you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your com|mandments.

† *Second half of the double chant*

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All stand in body or spirit

Hymn 686 v. 1 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* *Nettleton*

Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 686 v. 2 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* *Nettleton*

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 Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our Bishops and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Jack, Sharon, Kathleen, Eileen, Bob, Cindy, Deborah, Danielle (friend of Mark), Kevin and family (friends of Linda), Jennifer (family of Anne), Arlie (family of Theresa), Vanessa (friend of Leigh), Stan and Gwen (family of Kate), and Iglesia San Juan Bautista. Are there others?

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the ministries of our congregation, including the Bazaar, the Women of St. Barnabas', FACETS, ACCA, Children and Youth Ministries, the Building and Grounds Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Vestry. Are there other thanksgivings?

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially Maria MacFarlane, Larry Stark, Oliver Fortune, Marybeth Kennedy, James Welch, Eric Moe, Robert (Bob) Sullivan, and Kathryn (Kathy) Wiley. Are there others?

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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.
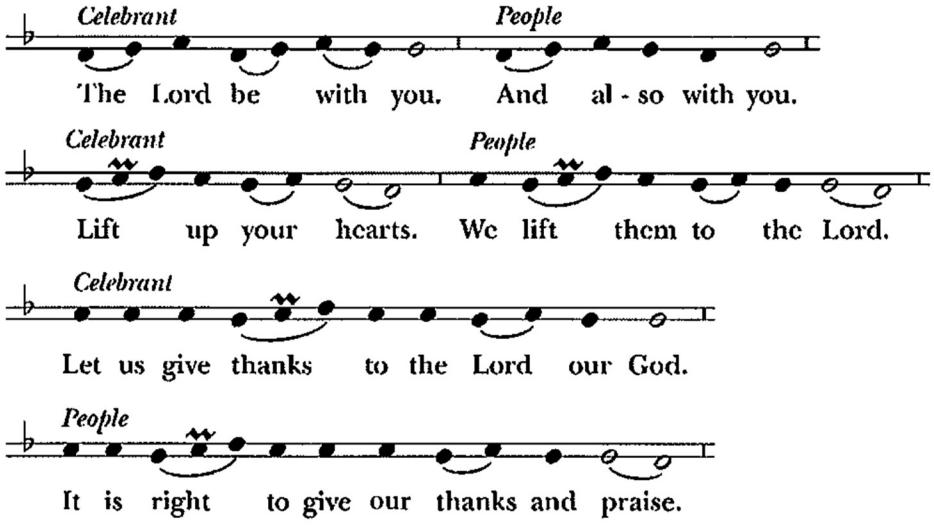
Offertory Hymn 707 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* *Hollingside*

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*



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-130 Schubert

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
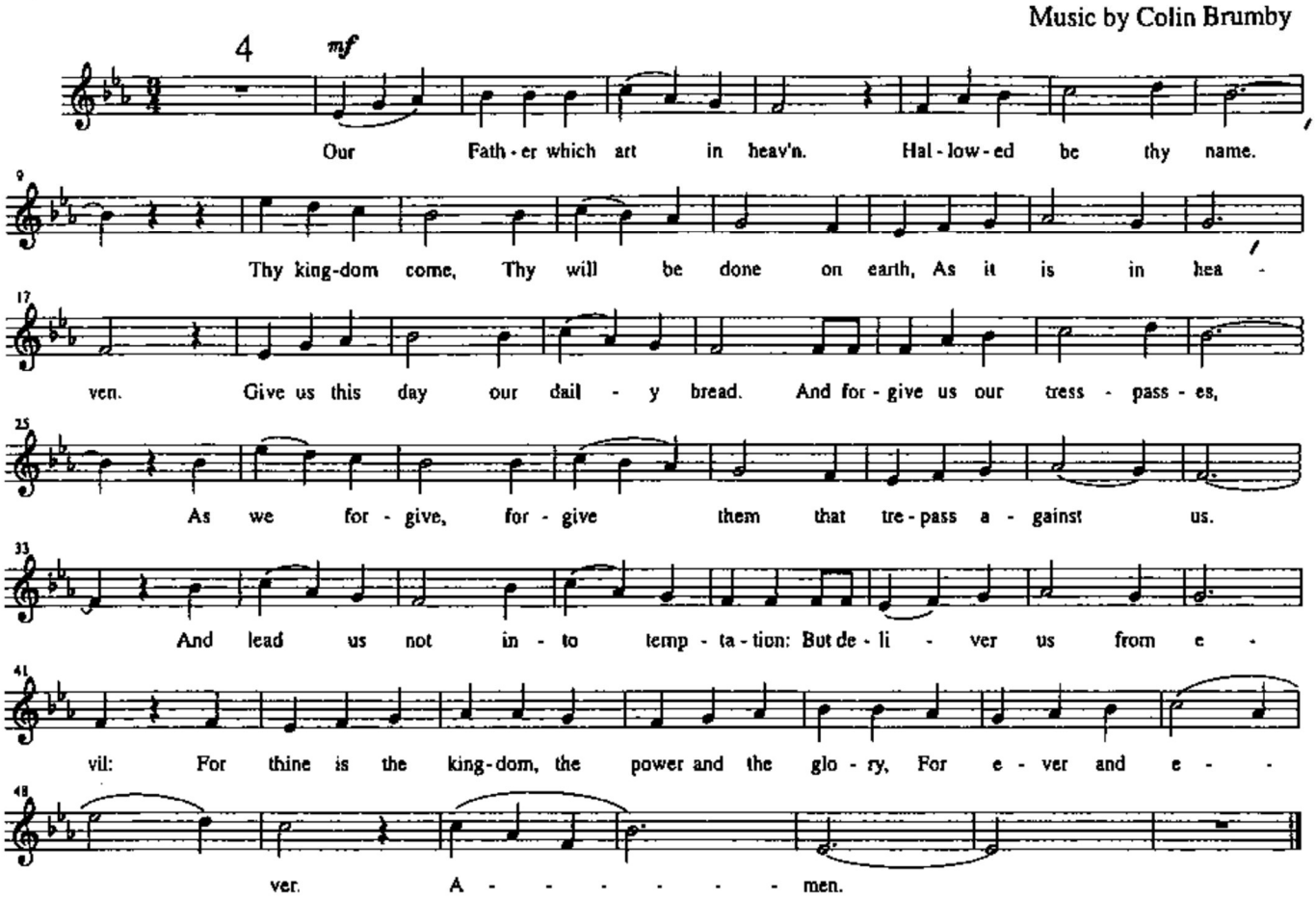
Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
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



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 567	*Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old*	*St. Matthew*
Hymn 304	*I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord*	*Land of Rest*

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 53	*Once he came in blessing*	*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

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, November 8	
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, November 9	
10:00 AM	AA Serenity Seekers – Library
Tuesday, November 10	
10:00 AM	Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room
Wednesday, November 11	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM	AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room
Thursday, November 12	
10:00 AM	Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
Friday, November 13	
7:00 PM	Reiki Friends – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
Saturday, November 14	
10:00 AM	WOSB Christmas Bazaar – Richardson Room, Kitchen, Narthex (until 3PM)
Sunday, November 15	*Ingathering Sunday*
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:

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes	Noah, Theresa, Katie, Cindy
Lectors	Luke Strange, Ellen Riddle
Chalicists	Cindy McLaughlin, Beth Harper
Usher	Ken Mittelholtz
Coffee Hour Hosts	Maria & Wayne Bottlick
Flower Guild	Kathleen Stark
Flower Delivery	Nancy MacLachlan
Counters	John Westerlund, Norma Ricketts
Caritas	Kathleen Stark
Altar Guild	Mary Yeaman, Molly Newling, Sharon Jones

Participants in the services on November 15 are:

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes	Joey, Amos, Ronan, Cindy
Lectors	Luke Strange, Beth Harper
Chalicists	Beth Harper, Ellen Riddle
Usher	John Westerlund
Coffee Hour Hosts	Kate & Kevin Lauderdale
Flower Guild	Molly Newling
Flower Delivery	Betty Jo Fortune
Counters	Art Hamerschlag, Ken Mittelholtz
Caritas	Kathy Schaefer
Altar Guild	Jocelyn Leatherwood, Kristen Anderson, Betty Jo Fortune

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.