

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026 - 10:00 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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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude

LEVAS 184 vss. 1, 3

Blessed Assurance

Knapp

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Gloria S-280

Gloria in excelsis

Powell

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 89:1-4, 8-15

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 Your love, O God, for ever will I | sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your | faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for | ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the | heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my | servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for | ever, *
and preserve your throne for all gene | rations.' "
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal | shout; *
they walk, O God, in the light of your | presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your | Name; *
they are jubilant in your | righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their | strength, *
and by your favor our might is ex | alted.
- 18 Truly, God is our | Ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our | Sovereign.

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Romans 6:14-23

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit

Hymn 655 vs. 2

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

Matthew 10:24-39

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 655 vs. 3

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

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 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost *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, 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, and Marybeth Kennedy. Please name any others on your heart, either silently or aloud.

Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those

good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or 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 WLP 776

No Saint on Earth

Song 1

Doxology 380 v. 3

Praise to God

Old 100

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Hymn 318 vss. 1-2

Here, O My Lord

Nyack

Hymn 304 vss. 1-3

I Come With Joy

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 608

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

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, June 28

- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
- 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, June 29

- 10:00 AM Serenity Seekers Al-Anon - Richardson Room (until 11 AM)

Tuesday, June 30

- 10:00 AM Barnabees Craft Group - Richardson Room

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

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

Sunday, July 5

- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
- 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:

10:00 a.m.

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| Acolytes | TBD |
| Lectors | Michael Dugger, Debora Okoth |
| Chalicer | Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger |
| Usher | Ken Mittelholtz |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | Lisa Verstandig, Laura Strange |
| Flower Guild | TBD |
| Counters | Meagan Morrison-Crabill, Sam Batten |
| Altar Guild | Grace Robbins, Kristen Anderson |

Participants in the services on July 5 are:

10:00 a.m.

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| Acolytes | TBD |
| Lectors | Luke Strange, Theresa Merchant |
| Chalicer | Theresa Merchant, Cindy McLaughlin |
| Usher | Robin Erskine |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | Margot Donnelly and Camille Mittelholtz |
| Flower Guild | TBD |
| Counters | Katie Westerlund, Ed Ing |
| Altar Guild | Jocelyn Leatherwood, 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.