

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 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	<i>Spires</i>	F. Binckes
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Hymn 416	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
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Opening Acclamation

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
<i>People</i>	Glory to God for ever and ever.

Hymn S-280	<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	Powell
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The Collect

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

People

Psalm 80:7-14

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 7 Restore us, O God of | hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be | saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of | Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
- 9 You prepared the | ground for it; *
it took root and filled the | land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its | shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its | boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the | Sea *
and its branches to the | River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its | wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its | grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this | vine; *
preserve what your right hand has | planted.

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Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God

based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit

Hymn 546 vss. 1-2

Awake, My Soul

Siröe

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 546 vss. 3-4

Awake, My Soul

Siröe

Sermon

The Rev. James Hughes

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, 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 Maria MacFarlane, 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

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

arr. D. Palmer

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 Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him 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-

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

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

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

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

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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.

LEVAS 106

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

T. Dorsey

LEVAS 114

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Negro Spiritual

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 448 vss1-3, 6

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

W. Held

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 4	<i>Shrine Mont Weekend</i>
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	FACETS – Richardson Room
5:00 PM	Celebration of Life for Maria Macfarlane
5:30 PM	Ladies’ Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)
Monday, October 5	
10:00 AM	AA Serenity Seekers – Library
Tuesday, October 6	
10:00 AM	Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room
Wednesday, October 7	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM	AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room
Thursday, October 8	
10:00 AM	Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM	Ryder’s Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
Friday, October 9	
6:00 PM	TGIF – The Bolin-Shellito residence
Sunday, October 10	
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:

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes	Katie, Adam, Laura, Theresa
Lectors	Luke Strange, Kate Lauderdale
Chalicians	Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin
Usher	Ken Mittelholtz
Coffee Hour Hosts	Tim & Diana Greer
Flower Guild	Molly Newling
Flower Delivery	Hugh Agnew
Counters	John Westerlund, Norma Ricketts
Caritas	Kathleen Stark
Altar Guild	Jocelyn Leatherwood, Kristen Anderson, Sharon Jones

Participants in the services on October 11 are:

8:00 a.m.

Vestry Leader/Closer	Dave Wright
Acolyte	Theresa Merchant
Lector	Michael Dugger, Theresa Merchant
Chalician	Theresa Merchant, Michael Dugger

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes	Noah, Ciaran, Leah, Cindy
Lectors	Hugh Agnew, Kate Lauderdale
Chalicians	Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin
Usher	PJ Kennedy
Coffee Hour Hosts	Ken & Camille Mittelholtz
Flower Guild	Dana Wiseman
Flower Delivery	Nancy MacLachlan
Counters	Meagan Morrison-Crabill, Sam Batten
Caritas	Molly Newling
Altar Guild	Mary Yeaman, Grace Robbins, Molly Newling

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.