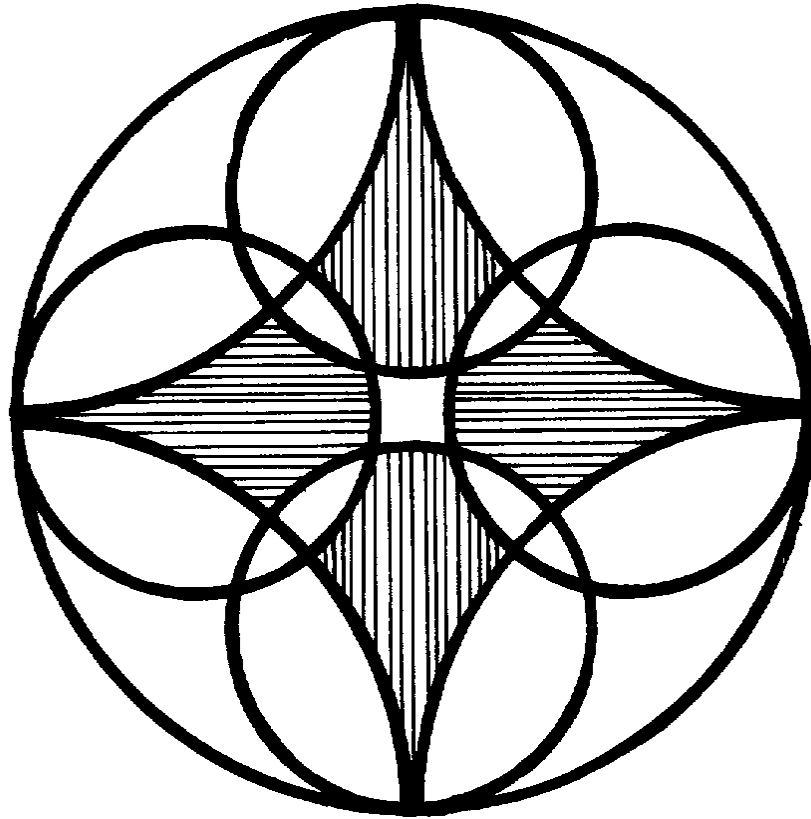


The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025 - 10:15 a.m.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
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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.

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025**

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

A Penitential Order, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 690

Guide Me, O Thou Great Spirit

Cwm Rhondda

(St. Barnabasians are encouraged to substitute "Spirit" for the transliterated personal name of God which did not include the letter "J" in Hebrew.)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Deacon or Celebrant then 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.**

Trisagion S-102

Holy God

Archangelsky

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

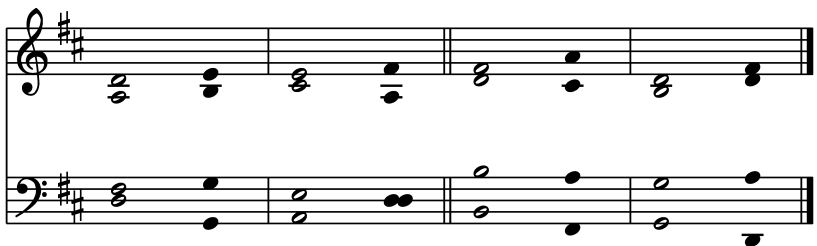
While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for | given *
and whose sin is put a | way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom God imputes no | guilt *
and in whose spirit there is no | guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a | way, *
because of my groaning all day | long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and | night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of | summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to | you *
and did not conceal my | guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to | God;" *
then you forgave me the guilt of my | sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of | trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not | reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from | trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of de | liverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should | go; *
I will guide you with my | eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under | standing, *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay | near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the | wicked, *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most | High.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in | God; *
shout for joy, all who are true of | heart.

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2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit

Hymn 603 vs. 1

When Christ was Lifted from the Earth

St. Botolph

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your

son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 603 vs. 2

When Christ was Lifted from the Earth

St. Botolph

Sermon

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People

By The Rev. Terri C. Pilarski, from "Prayers and Meditations from the Women of: Anglican Women's Empowerment, Episcopal Church Women, and Episcopal Women's Caucus" for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

<https://episcopal16days.files.wordpress.com/2010/11/episcopal16days2010.pdf>

Concluding Collect adapted from BCP p.395

Let us pray for the Spirit of Wisdom to rest upon us
A spirit of understanding and knowledge
Grant us to live in harmony
God's mercy prevail

Let us pray for God's steadfastness to gird our spirit
May peace prevail like lamb and wolf
Grant us to live in harmony
God's mercy prevail

Let us pray, for voices crying out in the wilderness
Women living in fear, children hiding
Grant all a place of harmony
God's mercy prevail

Let us pray, repent of harm done to the innocent
Clear the chaff of abuse and hurt
Bear the Spirit of harmony
God's mercy prevail

Let us pray for the God of hope, joy and peace to fill
All hearts, one voice glorify
God, prepare the way
God's mercy prevail

At this time let us name those who are on our hearts, either silently or out loud.

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **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

Through Christ let us continually to offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's Name. And, do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Beecher

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Enriching Our Worship

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.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
 our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
 the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
 You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea
 when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures
 of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you,
 Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
 and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly
 beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Sanctus S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never
 been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
 you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.
 Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life,

to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Elizabeth, blessed Barnabas, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem: S-164

Agnus Dei

Schubert

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

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 827
Hymn 318

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*

*Taizé
Tallis*

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 559

Lead Us, Heavenly Father

Dulce Carmen

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

CALENDAR

- Sunday, March 30 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Adult Forum – Library (until 10:15 AM)
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
1:00 PM Oneness Mission Church (until 3:30 PM)
5:30 PM Ladies’ Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)
- Monday, March 31
10:00 AM Serenity Seekers Al-Anon – Richardson Room (until 11 AM)
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting - Zoom
- Tuesday, April 1
10:00 AM WOSB Business Meeting – Richardson Room
3:45 PM Annandale Safe Youth Project – Richardson Room (Until 6PM)
7:00 PM Education for Ministry Meeting – Zoom (Until 9PM)
- Wednesday, April 2
10:00 AM Wednesday Worship – Library
3:45 PM Annandale Safe Youth Project – Richardson Room (Until 6PM)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Lyles’ Room
- Thursday, April 3
10:00 AM Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
3:45 PM Annandale Safe Youth Project – Richardson Room (Until 6PM)
6:30 PM Ryder’s Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
- Friday, April 4
6:30 PM Icon Painting Retreat – Lyles’ Room (Until 9:30PM)
- Saturday, April 5
9:00 AM Icon Painting Retreat – Lyles’ Room (until 5PM)
1:30 PM Celebration of Life for Preston George – Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 6 *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Adult Forum – Library (until 10:15 AM)
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
12:00 PM Icon Painting Retreat – Lyles’ Room (Until 5PM)
1:00 PM Oneness Mission Church (until 3:30 PM)
4:30 PM FACETS – Kitchen, Richardson Room
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
Opener

Leigh Kennedy
Mark Patterson
Cindy McLaughlin
Cindy McLaughlin
Molly Newling

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes
Lectors
Chalistic
Usher
Coffee Hour Hosts
Counters
Altar Guild

Laura, Francine, Pauline, Cindy
Michael Dugger, Dawn Schaefer
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger
Robin Erskine
Theresa Merchant & Godly Play
Jeff Schaefer, Robin Erskine
Molly Newling, Jocelyn Leatherwood, Betty Jo Fortune

Participants in the services on April 6 are:

8:00 a.m.

Vestry Leader/Closer
Acolyte
Lector
Chalistic
Opener

Camille Mittelholtz
Michael Dugger
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Mark Patterson

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes
Lectors
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Counters
Altar Guild

Leah, Noah, Joshua, Michael
Cindy McLaughlin, Kathleen Stark
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger
Art Hamerschlag
Diana & Tim Greer
Art Hamerschlag, Ken Mittelholtz
TBD

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.