Holy Eucharist

June 11, 2023

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Proper 5A, commemorating our Patron, St Barnabas

Prelude

Opening Hymn

By all your saints still striving

Hymnal 232



Presider: Blessed be God, + Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

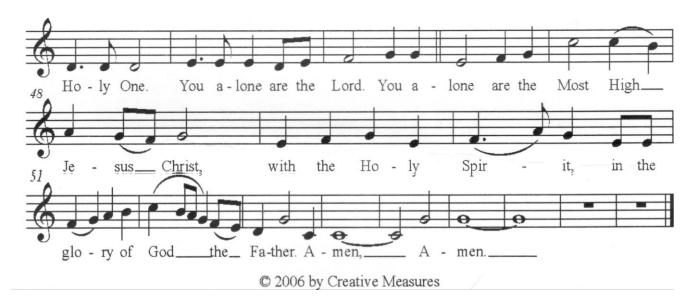
People: and blessed be God's dominion, now and forever.

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following is sung, all standing as they are able





Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

First Reading Hosea 5:15--6:6

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

[Thus says the LORD:] 15"I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

6:1'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

he will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that water the earth.'

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-15

to be prayed responsively

⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *

for I am God, your God.

⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.

⁹I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, * nor he-goats out of your pens;

- ¹⁰For all the beasts of the forest are mine, * the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- ¹¹I know every bird in the sky, * and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- ¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, * for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- ¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, * or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and make good your vows to the Most High.
- ¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; *

I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

Second Reading

Acts 11:19-30;13:1-3

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to

their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.



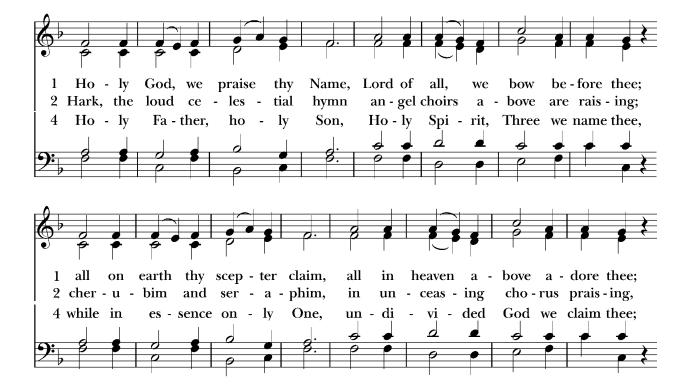
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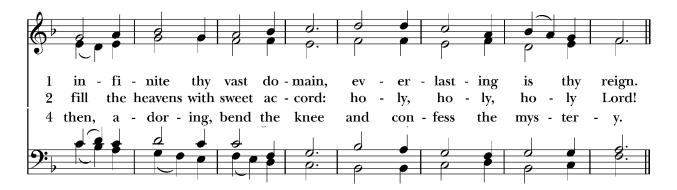
All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy name

Hymnal 366





All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

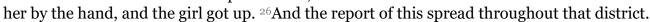
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who

had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Marion VanLoo

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Presider Sisters and brothers, children of God, being united in the Triune One, and being filled with the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church in all the world, for its members, and its mission. Lord, as our patron, Barnabas, labored hard and long for the wellbeing of your Church in its earliest days by his missionary journeys, help us joyfully to take up the work to which you have called us. We pray that your church may embody the love which Christ has for it; bless us in all our varied ministries. St Barnabas, join us as we pray: **Lord, hear our prayers for the Church.**

Let us pray for the Nation and all in authority. Lord, we face challenges as we walk Jesus' way of love as citizens of this country. As St Barnabas sold all that he had and gave generously for the relief of the poor, we pray that you will speak through your Spirit to those in authority; that they turn outward with care and concern toward your marginalized ones, that all may experience your abundance and your justice in this land in peace. St Barnabas, join us as we pray: **Lord, hear our prayers for the Nation.**

Silence is kept

Let us pray for the welfare of the world. Lord, you have given us this planet on which to live. Help us with your Spirit of inspiration and wisdom as we strive to better care for it, preserving this good gift for all who live now, and for those who are to come. As our Patron, was known as "son of encouragement," who lived in readiness to lay aside his prejudices; give us that spirit of respect among nations and their peoples, that your will for this place may be done. St Barnabas, join us as we pray: **Lord, hear our prayers for the World.**

Silence is kept

Let us pray for the concerns of our local community. Lord, we crave your insight into the ways in which we can respond in love to the needs of those who live in this city of Chelsea, and in the area surrounding it. As St Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, give us hearts and wills to do what you would have us do for the good of our neighbors, supporting them in trouble and showing your love to them. St Barnabas, join us as we pray: **Lord**, **hear our prayers for our community**.

Silence is kept

Let us give thanks for all the blessings and mercies we have received. As children of God, we have been granted everything that is truly good. We return our thanks to you, Lord [especially for ______]. Let us, with our Patron, never fail in giving thanks to you, Holy One. St Barnabas, join us as we pray: **Lord, we give you thanks and praise.**

Let us pray for those who suffer, and those in any trouble. Lord, those who are in pain and face trouble are many. They need your comfort, your assurance, your care, and the knowledge of your love. As our Patron, in his kindliness of heart, was known as "son of consolation," may we join him in caring, and asking your mercy on the sick, and on those for whom we are concerned, [especially ______] and for all who have asked our prayers. St Barnabas, join us as we pray: Lord, hear our prayers for the sick and the suffering.

Let us pray for those who have died. Lord, your only Son took on a human body, and suffered the pains of death along with every person. You know the heartbreak and sadness that death brings. Comfort and console those who are bereaved. Welcome into your dominion those who have died, [especially ______]. Show them the light of your love that will never dim. As St Barnabas showed that love to all among whom he worked, help us to stand with those who grieve now. St Barnabas, join us as we pray: **Lord, hear our prayers for the departed.**

Presider: For what other persons and situations shall we pray today?

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant, our patron Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the wellbeing of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All then kneel as they are able. The Presider says to the people

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

A Priest stands and says

Now there is rejoicing in heaven, for you were lost and are found. You were dead, and are now alive in Christ Jesus our Lord. Abide in peace. The Lord has + put away all your sins. **Amen**.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

Covenanting God, you declared your wonders in the heavens, but made known your character in calling a people. You shaped your people's life through Deborah and Elijah, Miriam and Hosea, and all the prophets.

Then in Jesus you made yourself fully known to us, and in his death and resurrection you healed the past through forgiveness, and released the future through the gift of life eternal.

In the power of the Spirit, you brought into being your church, calling Barnabas and many new apostles to the work you set aside for them. We are never closer to you, and to them, than when we gather at this table. You delivered us, and we honor you.

We long to gather at your heavenly banquet, with angels and archangels, with Saint Barnabas and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:





The Presider continues

Revealing God, you came among us in the flesh and blood of Jesus, and you come among us now, in the materials of daily sustenance and in joyful celebration.

Send down your Holy Spirit + that these gifts of friend and neighbor may become your church,

and these offerings +of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Embodied God, you met us in the body and blood of your Son Jesus, and you meet us now in the body and blood we see on this altar.

Show us your face, and the faces of one another, in the body and blood of your church, that we, your people, as was our patron, Barnabas, may be filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. May we be taken by you, blessed through you, broken for you, and given for the life of your world.

Through this sacrament of thanks and praise, inscribe your church into the life of your Trinity, that we may have the creativity of the Father, the passion of the Son, and the empowerment of your Spirit.

Bring us, as you brought Barnabas, to your presence on the last day, and hasten that time when every tear is dried from every eye, all secrets are transformed to your glory, all oppression is healed by your grace, and you are all in all. **AMEN**.

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time, or ever before; you who have tried to follow, and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

May God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen**.

May God the Son who, in bursting the grave, has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen**.

May God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into St Barnabas, and all his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Closing Hymn Lord, you give the great commission WLP 780





Dismissal

Minister Go forth into this world. Don't be afraid. Don't be ashamed to be people of love. And go forth into this world and help us to change it from the nightmare it often is, into the dream that God intends.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) **and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

June 11 The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

June 11 St Paul's, Brighton; Ascension, El Siebo, St Matthew's, Jalongo, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Karyn, Rob, Joan, Patricia

and our continuing prayers for: Bob, Carlos, Robert, Selenah, Jim M, Mardi

Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to <u>Nancy</u> who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive** is next Sunday, **June 18**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

Upcoming Commemorations

June 11 Barnabas, Apostle and Missionary

- 12 Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902
- 13 Gilbert Keith Chesterton: Apologist and Writer, 1936
- 14 Basil of Caesarea, Bishop and Theologian, 379
- 15 Evelyn Underhill, Mystic and Writer, 1947
- George Berkeley, 1753, and Joseph Butler, 1752, Bishops and Theologians
- 17 Marina the Monk, Monastic, 5th century



June 11, 2023 - Proper 5A

Explore the Way of Love: PRAY

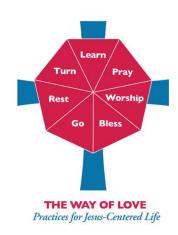
Our day-to-day lives can be hurried and busy. We have so many things to do and so little time to do them. With devices and media asking for our time, so much to do and hear and say – it can make us feel overwhelmed and isolated. It can make our relationships

challenging, as we struggle to connect.

The practice of the Way of Love, following in the footsteps of Jesus, tells us that God wants to break through the noise and busy-ness of the world and be able to have a relationship with us – with you. Not as a distant god in a far-off sky, or as a theory or an ideal or a metaphor, but a presence, dwelling with us, here and now. And the way to make that connection is to Pray.

As the Psalmist tells us: "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Jesus taught us that it is nourishing and strengthening to intentionally take time to pray. The daily practice of making time and space to speak with God, to listen to God, or to simply be with God, clears a pathway for God to enter our lives.

Jesus told us how we can talk with God: We can praise God and thank God for all that has been done. We can tell God about our troubles, and God will listen. We can ask God for healing and forgiveness, and God will help restore us. We can ask God for protection, and face the world with courage. Or we can simply receive God's spirit, in faith that when we make space to pray, God is with us.



We can pray alone and know that we are not alone in this world. We can pray together, whether just two or three of us or a whole community, and find a whole new level of connection with those who are on the journey with us. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Way of Love is not a static practice, in which we read a book of rules and perform the exercises to become improved people. It is a dynamic practice, and part of the active process of transforming our lives is opening up the channels of communication with God, giving and taking, talking and listening, like electricity flowing through a cable or streams that connect a river to the sea. We create a connective flow with a God who loves and cares about us, who and where we are on a daily basis, and wants to know how you are doing today.

Are you making a commitment to incorporate the regular practice of prayer into your life? Is there a place where you can gather with others in the presence of the divine?

Learn more about the Way of Love at *episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove*. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Praying at *iam.ec/ewol*.

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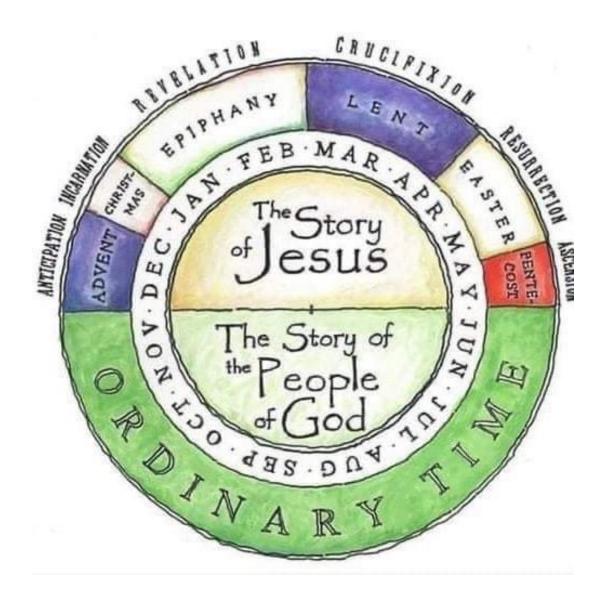
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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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