

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**  
**The Feast of St. Barnabas                      June 11**

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*Officiant 1* Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.  
*Acts 11:24*

*Officiant 2* When Barnabas came and saw the grace of God, he was glad;  
and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast  
purpose. *Acts 11:23*

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant 1* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence*

*Officiant 1* 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.

*Officiant 2* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant 1* Lord, open our lips.

*Officiant 2* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant 1* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit:

*Officiant 2* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant 1* God is the Rock of our salvation:

*Officiant 2* Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100    Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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## Psalm 112

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*

**and have great delight in his commandments!**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*

**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*

**and their righteousness will last for ever.**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*

**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*

**and to manage their affairs with justice.**

For they will never be shaken; \*

**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*

**their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*

**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, \*

**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**

**they will hold up their head with honor.**

The wicked will see it and be angry;

they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*

**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Officiant 1* **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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

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.

*Officiant 1* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of Faith**

*1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21*

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
**by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;**  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
**we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.**  
The ransom that was paid to free us \*  
**was not paid in silver or gold,**  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \*  
**the Lamb without spot or stain.**  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
**so that we might have faith and hope in God.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**  
**Amen.**

Officiant 2 **A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew**

*Matthew 10:7-16*

Jesus said to the twelve, “As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

“If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

Officiant 2 The Word of the Lord

Officiant 1 Thanks be to God

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant 1*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant 2* The Lord be with you.

*Officiant 1* And also with you.

*Officiant 2* Let us pray.

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.

## Suffrages (from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

V. Make your ways known upon earth, O God,  
R. **your saving power among all peoples.**

V. Renew your Church in holiness,

R. **and help us to serve you with joy.**

V. Guide the leaders of this and every nation,

R. **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,

R. **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Make us instruments of your peace,

R. **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

*Officiant 1* Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being 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 *Collect of the Day*

*Officiant 2* Holy and humble Spirit, we thank you for Barnabas who went to seek for Saul; grant us the integrity and perception to recognise the one you choose. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. *Collect of the Day, A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Officiant 1* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Grace*

*Officiant 2* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

*Prayer for Mission*

## **The Peace and Greetings**

*Officiant 2* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Officiant 1* **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

*One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.*

## **Closing Prayers**

*Officiant 2* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant 1* 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.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*Officiant 1* Let us bless the Lord.

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant 1* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Romans 15:13*