



Saint Barnabas' ✕ San Bernabé

“Ver a Cristo en Todos - See Christ in All”

Third Sunday of Advent



Prayer for St. Barnabas ✕ San Bernabé

*O Lord and Heavenly Father send your Holy Spirit upon the Church of
St. Barnabas ✕ San Bernabé*

*to inspire us, guide us, and give us strength to do your will, that we,
as individuals and as a congregation, will witness fully to the Truth that is Jesus.
Send us to those in need, place us in their lives, and make us such a beacon of your love
for all humankind, that we will pierce the present darkness of the world and bring people
from all nations to Christ Jesus, in whose Holy Name we pray. Amen*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Processional Hymn: “*Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night*” [H#640 v. 1, 2]

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Celebrant may say

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*

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
People ***Christ, have mercy***
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you***
Celebrant Let us pray

The Third Advent Candle Is Lit

Celebrant We light the third candle of Advent. We look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone. God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent of their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.

People ***Shine on us, O God of justice; Guide our path through gloom of night; Bear within us Wisdom's glory; Come to us, O Christ.***

Celebrant Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant says the Collect

Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to

proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; *to comfort all who mourn;* ³*to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.* They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,* he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 15 - The Song of Mary

From Luke 1:46-55

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

*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.*

Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Sequence: “*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*” [H#76 v. 1, 3]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 1:6-8, 19-28

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²² Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the

Lord,” as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?”²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know,²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Gospel Response: *(H#436 v.3)*

The Sermon **The Rev. Canon Antonio Munoz**

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.*

The Prayers of the People Form III *The Leader and People pray responsively:*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; (**Mike Wince, Ellen Hinson, Marlow Deantoni and Diana Soraya**)
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Healing Prayers for Alma, Claudia, Brenda, Betty, Rosalba, Edgar, Linda, Gene, Alyce, Lee, Ken, Lolita, Kennard, Jack, Sondra, Willie, Ana, Belinda, Bill, Justina, Steve, Mary, Erika Enríquez, Maricela Castro, Cecilia Munoz, Padre Tony and Karen Munoz, Leonor Rivera, Nina, Marlene, Catherine, Jason, Emmett, Cayden, Darryl, Tom, Julie, Barbara, Chance, Chad, Virginia Argueta, Concha Felipe, Elaine, Bob, Amie, Joey, Javier Mejía, Fernando Escobedo, Paul Vaden and family, Niyan Xiao y Ping Chin, Ann, Garza Family, David, June, María Barrios, Maggie, Telma, Connie, Aaron, Nita and victims of hurricane Eta. Also prayers for our Nation's School Children and Teachers, and to have Peace in our Country.

*Also thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life, those celebrating their Birthdays, Anniversary of their Marriage, and/ or their Baptism. *

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the Men and Women in our Police, Fire Departments, First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, National Guard and the Armed Forces of our Country at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace: strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them: and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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.***

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Special Blessing

Announcements

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

December 20th during the distribution of Communion through the parking lot, we will have 3 stations to celebrate in a special way the Posadas and our traditional Nativity.

In the First Station you will find a small Inn to ask for a lodging by playing the horn of your car. In the Second Station you will meet the Wise Men who travel to see the Child God Born. Sound the horn of your car to give them encouragement. And finally, in the Third Station you will find Mary and Joseph along with some shepherds and animals (among them, Father Tony). You will receive Communion and we hope that you will sound the horn of your car to encourage Mary and Joseph for the birth of their Son Jesus.

We hope you like the Idea and if you want to come help us decorate we will be there early on Sunday the 20th at 8 am. Communion begins at 11.

Thank you very much and God bless you always. Remember to take care of yourself and your family.

Please remember to send your contributions to the church. They can be mailed to 1200 N. Shiloh Rd. Garland, Tx. 75042 or dropped in the mail slot in the red church door on the south side by the USPS mail box.

Send Christmas Cards to the Church and we will display them on our Christmas Card Tree. You can mail or put thru the mail slot on the church door by the USPS mailbox

Offertory Sentence

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*

Offertory Hymnal: “*Prepare the Way, O Zion*” (Hymn #65 v. 1,2)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love, which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit + upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

+Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Barnabas our Patron, your daughters **Diana Soraya** and **Ellen Hinson**, and your sons **Mike Wince** and **Marlow Deantoni**, all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

*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. Then may be sung or said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

- and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- and/or* This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- People** *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament;
I love you above everything else and I wish to receive you now into my soul; since
at this time I cannot receive you sacramentally, come spiritually to my heart.
Lord, I am not worthy that you enter my house, but only one word of yours will
be enough to heal my soul. The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ, save my soul for Eternal life. Amen.*

During the ministration of Communion, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung

Communion Meditation: “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (Hymn #56 v. 1,6)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his Second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen*

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

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Dismissal: “*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came [H#265 v. 1, 2]*