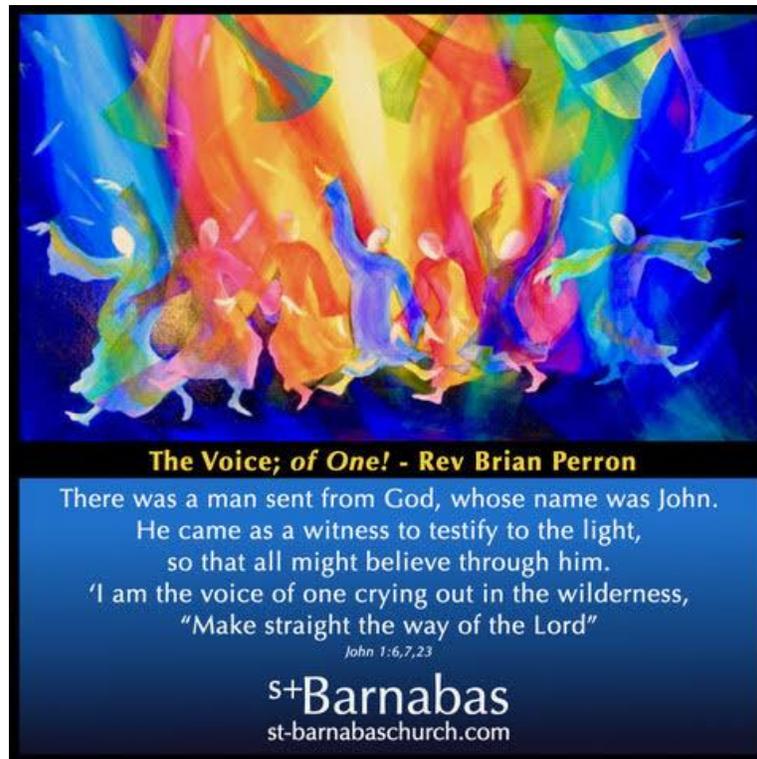


Sunday, December 13, 2020 | dimanche, le 13 décembre 2020

We encourage you to follow along with the service bulletin that continues below.



This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' *Matthew 11:10*

Car c'est celui dont il est écrit: Voici, j'envoie mon messager devant ta face,
Pour préparer ton chemin devant toi. *Matthieu 11:10*

Welcome:

Announcement regarding Holiday Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

The corporation of St-Barnabas is getting the building ready for holiday services.

We are taking into account safety and sanitization procedures.

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4 pm in Memorial Hall, which is designed for easy access during daytime

7 pm in the Church – (due to Covid, the elevator will not be accessible)

Christmas Day, December 25th

10 am in the Church – (due to Covid, the elevator will not be accessible)

It is Covid mandatory... to sign up for a service you would like to attend as there is a maximum of 25 individuals per service. **Please send us an email:** barnabas@bellnet.ca



Process of reopening: St-Barnabas was open again today, December 13th, for our 10 am service. We were pleased to welcome within our maximum of 25 parishioners and guests. **Please let us know by email: barnabas@bellnet.ca, if you plan to attend our December 20th service. Include a list of the people who will be attending with you and remember to bring your masks. We have room for you...**

In the meantime, for reasons of safety, there should be no entry into our church facilities without prior agreement from management.

Church Offering Envelopes: If you no longer require a box of envelopes, please let us know. If we do not hear from you, we will prepare a box for you and we expect to distribute it at the end of the year. Thank you to all who continue to support our church financially.

More announcements and updates follow at the end of the service

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Advent Three - LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: Joy

During this season of Advent we become aware of our need for preparation, an ongoing process of seeking God through and beyond the liturgical season of Advent. In the lighting of the five candles represented in the advent wreath we will acknowledge five important elements within our life; Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Jesus, the Christ. The joy of Christ is a spiritual happiness discovered by being alive with God, a joy that resides deep within the heart. Joy comes from developing a foundation built from seeking understanding in the word of God through the gospel and Spirit of Christ. Let us give praise to God for our joy in Christ: **The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.** *Matthew 13:44*

We light these three candles in the hope and peace while finding joy through the promises written and delivered to us by the prophets in the word of God.

Let us pray in joy:

Lord God creator, strengthen our faith, that in joy with hope we may be prepared to love one another, and come to know your joy in the return of our Lord, Jesus the Christ.

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Opening Hymn - When the King Shall Come Again https://youtu.be/0Y00bCK_y_E

When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing:
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert trees take root
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration.

Rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning;
valleys, this is your new birth,
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these
seeks and saves the fearful.

Deaf ears hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping.

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

So 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.

2 Cor 5:17-19

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MORNING PRAYER -

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Will you not give us life again,

That your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

And grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest

THE INVITATORY

The kingdom of God is at hand: O come, let us worship.

The Song of Mary - Luke 1:46-55 - Canticle 18

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour 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.



The 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 broken-hearted... For 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. *Isaiah 61:1,11*

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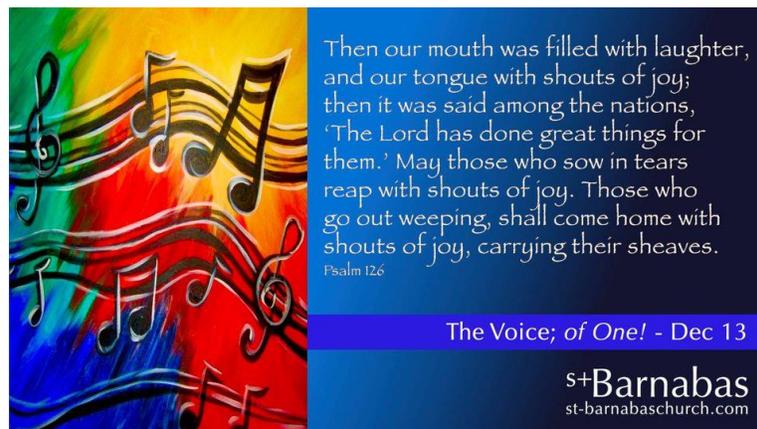
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Proclaiming the Word - A reading from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 *The Good News of Deliverance*

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 broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to 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. ¹⁰I 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

Thanks be to God



Psalm 126 A Harvest of Joy

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'**

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with
shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; 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. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

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A READING FROM 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 *Finding the JOY!*

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May 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. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn - Joy Shall Come Even to the Wilderness <https://youtu.be/PExNRqK3PPA>

Joy shall come, even to the wilderness,
and the parched land shall then know great gladness;
as the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom,
deserts like a garden blossom.

For living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow;
for living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow;



'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'" John 1:23-27

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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28 *The voice of one for One*

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²²Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³He said, 'I am *the voice of one* crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord", as the prophet Isaiah said.' ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

²⁵They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor one Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶John answered them, 'I baptize with water. *Among you stands* whom you do not know, ²⁷*the one* who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: *The Voice; of One!* – The Reverend Brian Perron

Anthem of Reflection - O Come, Divine Messiah <https://youtu.be/MKtO8tr93Bc>

Chorus: O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.
Dear Savior haste;
Come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
Come break the captive fetters;
Redeem the long-lost fold. (Chorus)

You come in peace and meekness,
And lowly will your cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we your Godhead see. (Chorus)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*
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.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**"O Lord, you have taught us that without *love*, whatever we do is worth nothing:
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is
accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen."**

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body.* Colossians 3:15

THE COLLECT

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us
waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER Rejoicing in the presence of God, let us pray as Jesus taught

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

God Creator, allow our being to be always full, full of Joy in Jesus the Christ, always
ready to bring Joy for our neighbor; always ready to testify to our neighbor, in the
power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - Prepare the Way, O Zion <https://youtu.be/kJEBNa4PZE4>

Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, fore told in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, peace, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Saviour's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in ev'ry place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

Amen.

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And a Postlude - All Bells In Paradise <https://youtu.be/P8TyKNyCHes>

This is a time for us to meditate in quiet reflection and prayer.

I have traveled many moonless nights
Cold and weary with a babe inside
And I wonder what I've done
Holy father, you have come
And chosen me now to carry your son

I am waiting in a silent prayer
I am frightened by the load I bear
In a world as cold as stone
Must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now, be with me now

Chorus: Breath of heaven, hold me together
Be forever near me, breath of heaven
Breath of heaven, lighten my darkness
Pour over me your holiness for you are holy
Breath of heaven

Do you wonder as you watch my face
If a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am
For the mercy of your plan
Help me be strong, help me be, help me (Chorus x 3)
Breath of heaven, breath of heaven, breath of heaven

Our lectionary readings for next week, Sunday December 20th: "*Let it be!*"
[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38](#)

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More announcements

Process of reopening: (See above welcome announcement) Visit our website for more information, guidelines & updates: http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas_home

"Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished" Matthew 12:44

ECS – (Ecumenical Community Services) – 40th Christmas Baskets Campaign:

This year, more than ever, please help St-Barnabas as we work alongside the ECS, who provide that much needed extra food during these times and season to our neighbours and community. Due to pandemic restrictions, your financial contributions will be especially and gratefully accepted this year; payable to **St-Barnabas St-Lambert RE: ECS** by cash, cheque or online [e-Transfer](#). Thank you for your support!

Your Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your faithful offerings to St-Barnabas... We understand these are new and different ways, and yet we are pleased to say that St-Barnabas has been able, because of you, to maintain itself financially during these difficult times. May you be blessed as you continue to safely give to God by supporting the work of your church by donating online through links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It's easy; by [e-Transfer](#) or [St-Barnabas CanadaHelps](#), or [PayPal link](#), and as always through Canada Post to: [95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7](#). *Please prayerfully support us financially more than ever during this season of advent and preparation.* Your ongoing donations are critical at this time. *Complete confidentiality is assured, as all donations are received and processed only by our Church Treasurer.*

Les Jardins Intérieurs

We are now broadcasting twice a week on the corporate TV Channel of Les Jardins: **Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm and Saturday mornings at 9:15am.**

The work of the church continues well beyond the Sunday morning as we the Church reach out to our neighbours.

Stay connected through our social media links:

Listen to our on-line messages posted on our [St-Barnabas website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as in the emails that we send twice a week. I encourage you to share these posts and this bulletin with your families and friends, as words and thoughts of encouragement. Also, if you hear of individuals in need of something, let us know; we will see what we can do with members who have put their names forward to help in a safe and manageable way.

Share your stories

Send us an email at barnabas@bellnet.ca of what you have been up to, and to share your experiences of getting through this isolation. Share your stories with us to brighten the lives of others, and stay safe.

Keep in touch

So stay tuned and reach out to members you feel concern for, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to minister to those shut-in and alone at this time. Be safe, 'Stay Home', for your sake and for the well being of others, and... wash your hands!

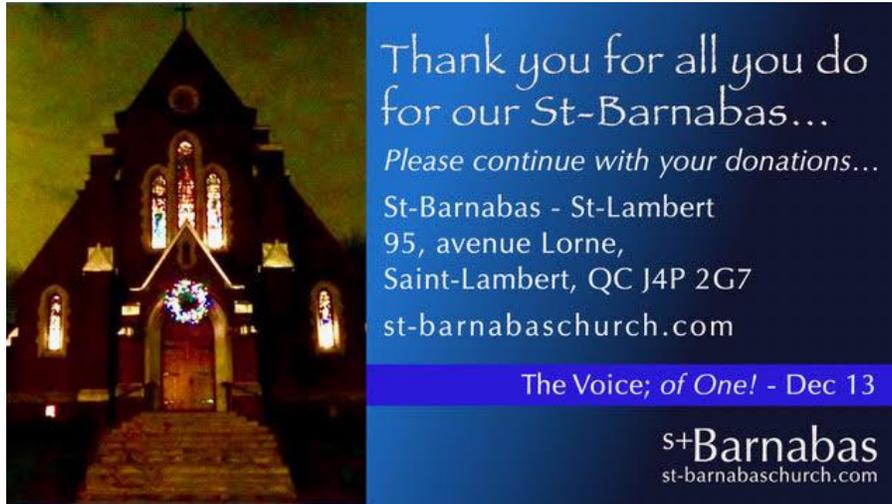
God bless you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

Brian and Joyce

The Reverend Brian Perron
St-Barnabas St-Lambert

A Word of Happiness for 2020

I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws.
Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest days, signposts between me and you,
signalling that I am God, your God. *Ezekiel 20 :20*



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