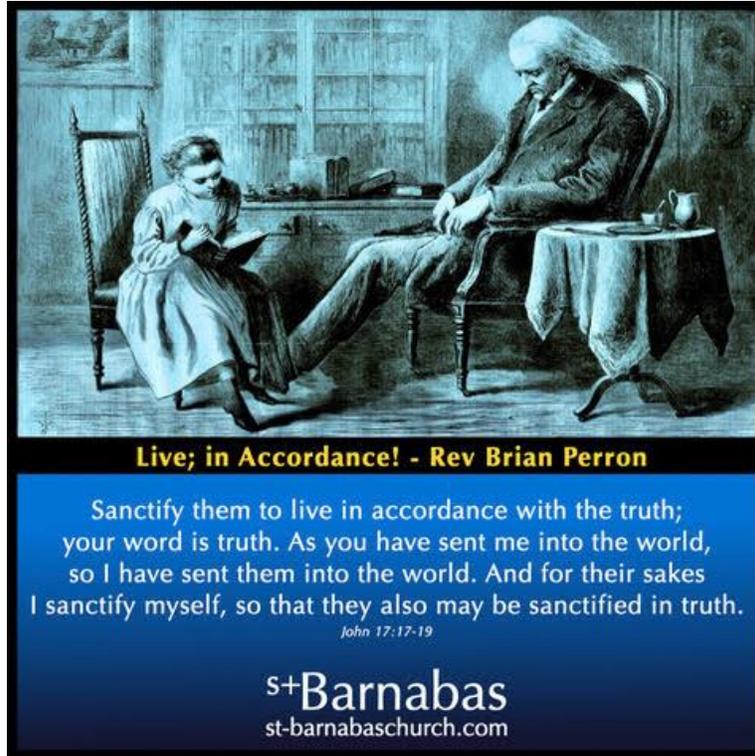


Mid-Week | Morning Prayer
December 16, 2020 | le 16 décembre 2020

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



"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!
I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Psalms 119:9-11

Comment le jeune homme rendra-t-il pour son sentier? En se dirigeant d'après ta parole.
Je te cherche de tout mon cœur: Ne me laisse pas égarer loin de tes commandements!
Je serre ta parole dans mon cœur, Afin de ne pas pécher contre toi. Psaumes 119:9-11

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



More announcements and updates follow at the end of the service

Our Opening Worship - All My Hope On God Is Founded <https://youtu.be/W3LCGh02Vew>

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he shall renew;
he, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
all that human toil can fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us his gifts of love;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading to our home above:
love shall stand at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from Earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son:
hear Christ's call, one and all –
we who follow shall not fall.

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Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Call: *Who is it that you seek?*

Response: **We seek the Lord our God.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your heart?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your soul?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your mind?*

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: *Do you seek Him with all your strength?*

Response: **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

The Song of the Multitude in Heaven Revelation 19.1, 2, 5-7

Alleluia!

To our God belong victory, glory, and power, for right and just are his judgements.

Praise our God, all you who serve him, you who fear him, great and small.

Alleluia! The Lord God almighty has claimed his kingdom.

Let us rejoice and triumph and give him praise: the time has come for the wedding-feast of the Lamb.



I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

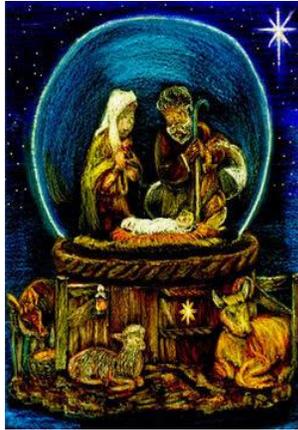
Isaiah 44:3-8

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Today's Scripture Readings: Isaiah 44:1-8 God's Blessing on Israel

¹But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! ²Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. ³For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. ⁴They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. ⁵This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel. ⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come?* Let them tell us* what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.



And of Zion it shall be said,
'This one and that one were born
in it'; for the Most High himself
will establish it. The Lord records,
as he registers the peoples,
'This one was born there.'
Singers and dancers alike say,
'All my springs are in you' Psalm 87

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Psalm 87 *The Joy of Living in Zion*

On the holy mount stands the city he founded; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.

Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia*— '*This one was born there,*' they say.

And of Zion it shall be said, 'This one and that one were born in it'; for the Most High himself will establish it.

The Lord records, as he registers the peoples, '*This one was born there.*'

Singers and dancers alike say, 'All my springs are in you.'



For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:6-8

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1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built* into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him* will not be put to shame.'⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a

holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

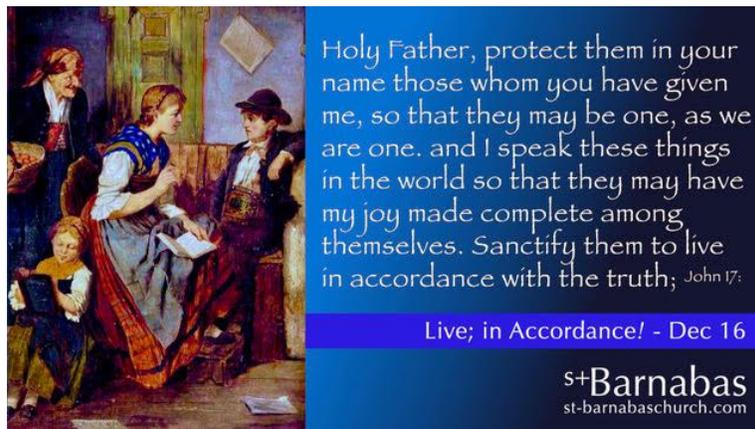
Our Gospel Hymn – O For A Thousand Tongues - Chris Rice <https://youtu.be/S0GwS3pgbuI>

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

Chorus: And if I had a thousand tongues
Still I could never sing enough

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name (Chorus)

Jesus, the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life, and health, and peace (Chorus)



The Gospel of Christ – John 17:6-19

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name those whom you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that* you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except

the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete among themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷*Sanctify them to live in accordance with the truth; your word is truth.* ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Sermon *Live; in Accordance!* - Rev Brian Perron

Anthem of Reflection – Somewhere In Your Silent Night <https://youtu.be/nT-5cP4BeoI>

All is calm and all is bright
Everywhere but in your heart tonight
They're singing carols of joy and peace
But you feel too far gone and too far out of reach

Somewhere in your silent night
Heaven hears the song your broken heart has cried
Hope is here, just lift your head
For love has come to find you
Somewhere in your silent night

From heaven's height to manger low
There is no distance the Prince of Peace won't go
From manger low to Calvary's hill
When your pain runs deep
His love runs deeper still
He has always loved you, child
And He always will

Somewhere in your silent night
Heaven hears the song your broken heart has cried
Hope is here, just lift your head
For love has come to find you
Somewhere in your silent night

Lift your head
Lift your heart
Emmanuel will meet you where you are
He knows your hurt
He knows your name
And you're the very reason that He came

Somewhere in your silent night
Heaven hears the song your broken heart has cried
Hope is here, just lift your head
For love has come to find you

Somewhere in your silent night

Love will find you

Love will find you

Love will find you

Today's Meditation

"When you cease from labour, fill up your time in reading, meditation, and prayer: and while your hands are labouring, let your heart be employed, as much as possible, in divine thoughts."

David Brainerd

Prayers for others

Heavenly Father, bless the work that is done, and the work that is to be.

Heavenly Father, bless the servant that I am, and the servant that I will be.

Thou Lord and God of power, shield and sustain us this day.

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.

Canticle

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Amen.

The peace of all peace be ours this day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Closing Hymn - Make Room <https://youtu.be/uYHpJnfy2lQ>

Family hiding from the storm

Found no place at the keeper's door

It was for this a Child was born

To save a world so cold and hollow

The sleeping town did not know

That lying in a manger low
A Savior King who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows

Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story
You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart

Shepherds counting sheep in the night
Do not fear the glory light
You are precious in His sight
God has come to raise the lowly, so...

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For God to write His story
You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart

Mother holds the Promise tight
Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight and the burden's light
For in His hands He holds tomorrow

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Postlude - Truth Be Told - Matthew West <https://youtu.be/IWxI6HRcEz0>

Lie number 1 - you're supposed to have it all together

And when they ask how you're doing
Just smile and tell them "never better"

Lie number 2 - everybody's life is perfect except yours
So keep your messes and your wounds
And your secrets safe with you behind closed doors

Truth be told
The truth is rarely told

I say, "I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine"
But I'm not I'm broken
And when it's out of control I say it's under control
But it's not

And you know it I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
When being honest is the only way to fix it
There's no failure, no fall
There's no sin you don't already know
So let the truth be told

There's a sign on the door saying "come as you are"
But I doubt it If we lived like it was true
Every Sunday morning pew would be crowded
But didn't you say the church should look more like a hospital
A safe place for the sick and the sinner and and sick and the scarred and the prodigal

Truth be told
The truth is rarely told

Am I the only one who says...
Can I really stand here unashamed
And know that you love for me won't change?
Oh God If that's really true
Then let the truth be told

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[More Announcements](#)

[Process of reserving a place on Sunday](#)

[Please let us know preferably by email: \[barnabas@bellnet.ca\]\(mailto:barnabas@bellnet.ca\)](#), if you plan to attend our December 20th Sunday service, include a list of 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. Visit our website for more safety guidelines & updates: http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas_home

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

This year, more than ever, St-Barnabas has been very generous in allowing us to work alongside ECS who provide that much needed extra food during these times and season to our neighbours and community. Even during these pandemic restrictions, **many of you have come forward with financial contributions.** All have been especially and gratefully

accepted this year; Thank you to St-Barnabas St-Lambert RE: ECS - [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#)

Your Tithes and Offerings

Thank you each and everyone of you who have found a way that is comfortable for you to give. 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](#). Your ongoing donations are critical at this time. *Complete confidentiality is assured, as all donations are received and processed only by our Church Treasurer.*

Church Offering Envelopes

St-Barnabas Giving Envelope boxes are being reordered. Recently, many parishioners have decided to give to our church using online technology and no longer require a box of envelopes. However, everyone who gives will retain a designated number, although in some instances, your number may change. **Please let us know if you no longer need a box of envelopes**, otherwise one will be ordered for you and we will distribute it at the end of the year. Thank you to all who continue to support our church financially.

[Thank you for your ongoing generosity](#). Remember your tithes and offerings are how you give to God; given to the church of your choice as one called to be good stewards with your offerings. The work of the church continues well beyond the Sunday morning as we, the Church, reach out to our neighbours. [Speaking of Neighbours...](#)

Les Jardins Intérieurs

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

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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