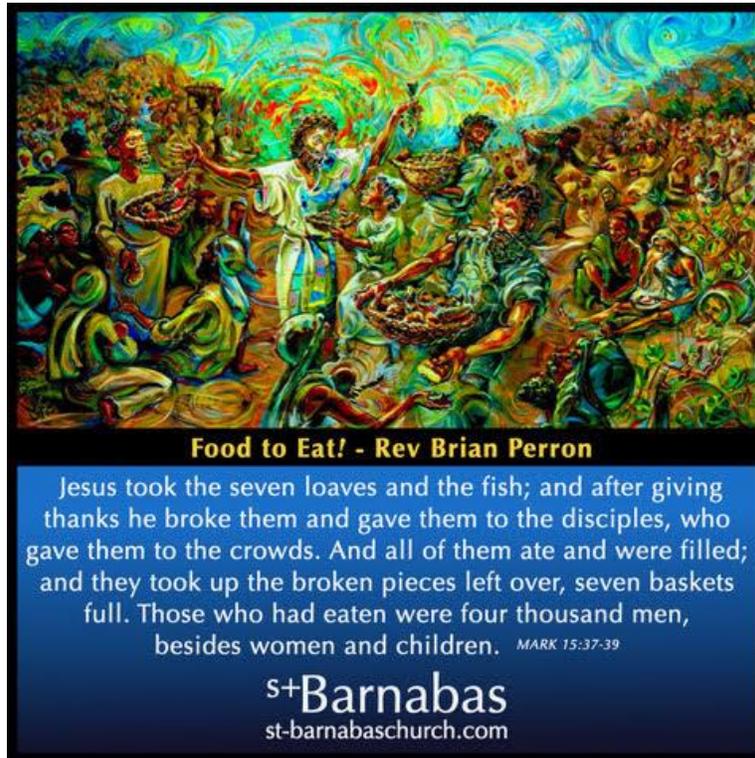


Mid-Week | Morning Prayer  
December 2, 2020 | le 2 décembre 2020

*We encourage you to follow along with the service bulletin that continues below.  
Announcements and updates follow at the end of the service.*



But Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." *John 4:32*

Mais Jesu leur dit: «J'ai à manger une nourriture que vous ne connaissez pas.» *Jean 4:32*

Welcome:

See the announcement at the end of this bulletin regarding our Holiday Services

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Our Opening Worship - Brother James' Air ("The Lord's my shepherd") - Psalm 23

<https://youtu.be/HKpMeKUK03M>

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness,

Ee'n for His own Name's sake.  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff they comfort still

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head with oil thou dost anoint,  
And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my father's heart always  
My dwelling place shall be.  
And in my heart forevermore,  
thy dwelling place shall be.

#### 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.**

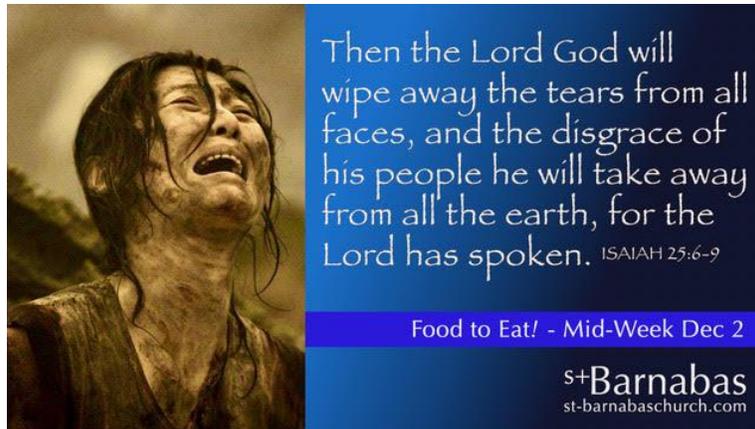
#### The Song of the Multitude in Heaven *Revelation 19.1, 2, 5-7*

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.**

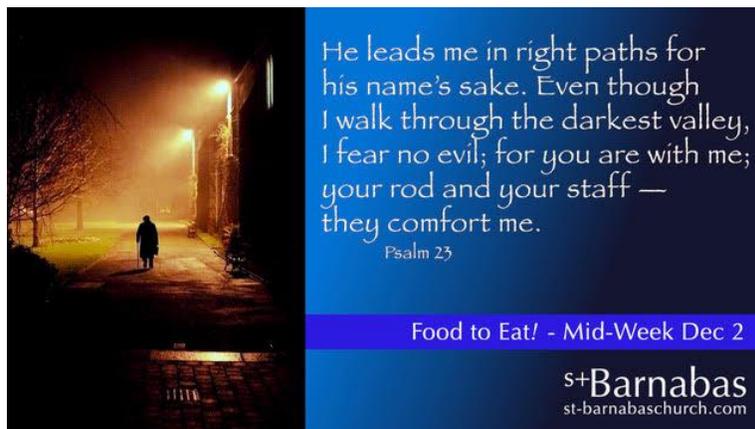
Alleluia! The Lord God almighty has claimed his kingdom.

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



Today's Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.



Psalm 23 *The Divine Shepherd*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

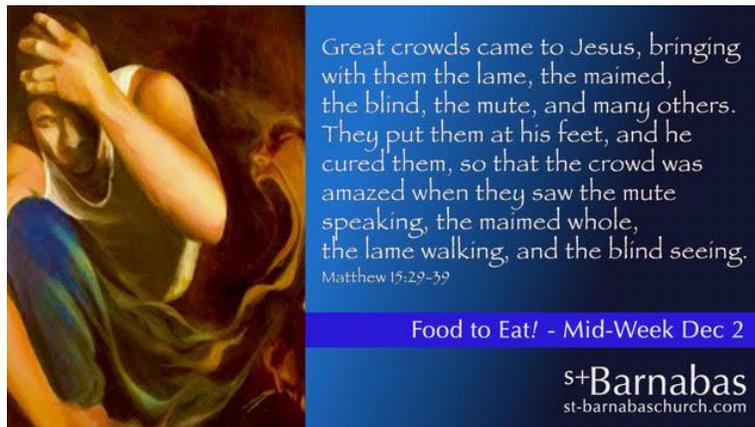
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Our Gospel Hymn – The Lost Are Found <https://youtu.be/9gIi8IAPdw0>

Everlasting  
While earthly ages fade  
In mercy  
Our God, Your kingdom reigns  
Lord over everything  
You are near  
All of the universe at Your feet  
In the Savior  
Injustice brought to right  
For Your glory  
That Your name be lifted high  
Lord over everything  
You are near  
All of the universe at Your feet  
Lord over everything  
You are near  
All of the universe at Your feet  
The lost are found  
The blind will see  
The lame will walk  
The dead will live  
And You are God  
Forever You will reign



The Gospel of Christ – Matthew 15:29-39 - *Jesus Cures Many People*

<sup>29</sup>After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. <sup>30</sup>Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, <sup>31</sup>so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

### *Feeding the Four Thousand*

<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.' <sup>33</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' <sup>35</sup>Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, <sup>36</sup>he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>37</sup>And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces leftover, seven baskets full. <sup>38</sup>Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>39</sup>After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

### Sermon Food to Eat! - Rev Brian Perron

**Ezekiel 3:** <sup>1</sup>He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

### Anthem of Reflection – God Will Wipe Away All Tears <https://youtu.be/itzjyk7tq0c>

God will wipe away all tears  
God will bring you home  
To the place he has prepared for you  
You shall never be alone  
Storms may gather, evening fall  
Daylight turn to shade  
And when your earthly work is done  
Do not fear, be not afraid.

There's a time for everything  
A time to be born  
There's a time to dance, to laugh  
A time to weep, a time to mourn  
Every plant that fades and dies  
Is part of the Lord's plan  
When we die, we live anew  
In God we are reborn.

Lovely is your dwelling place  
O Lord God of hosts  
How my soul clings to you  
Close to the living God  
Like the sparrow finds a home  
The swallow finds a nest  
So I'll find a place with God  
With him I shall be blessed.

God will wipe away all tears  
And death shall be no more  
Alpha and Omega  
Beginning and the end  
Though we walk in death's dark vale  
No evil shall we fear  
God is there, our Shepherd, Lord  
Our Comforter is here.

### Today's Meditation

All Scripture is breathed out by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be competent and thoroughly equipped for every good work. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

### 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 - *Be still for the presence of the Lord* <https://youtu.be/ZuqvUQ4m90U>

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.  
Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith, receive from him.  
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Postlude - Psalm 23 - Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy [https://youtu.be/Mo3HgtT\\_OiE](https://youtu.be/Mo3HgtT_OiE)

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want  
In green pastures He makes me lie down  
He restores my soul and leads me on for His Name  
For His great Name

Surely goodness, surely mercy  
Right beside me all my days  
And I will dwell in Your house forever  
And bless Your Holy Name

You prepare a table right before me  
In the presence of my enemies  
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night  
Is at my door, I'll trust you Lord

Surely goodness, surely mercy  
Right beside me all my days  
And I will dwell in Your house forever  
And bless Your Holy Name

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
I will fear no evil

And even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death

You are on my side, oh-oh-oh

Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil

Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death

You are on my side

Surely goodness, surely mercy  
Right beside me all my days  
And I will dwell in Your house forever  
And bless Your Holy Name



## Announcements

### **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. Please note: due to Covid, the elevator will not be accessible.

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**7 pm in the Church – (the elevator will not be accessible)**

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am in the Church – (the elevator will not be accessible)**

It is highly encouraged 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](mailto:barnabas@bellnet.ca)**

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday service, include a list of people who will be attending with you and remember to bring your masks. We have room for you! Visit our website for more safety guidelines & updates: [http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas\\_home](http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas_home)

### **ECS – (Ecumenical Community Services) – 40<sup>th</sup> Christmas Baskets Campaign:**

This year, more than ever, please help St-Barnabas as we host the preparation and distribution of all ECS baskets from our Memorial Hall. Due to pandemic restrictions, we ask you to consider a financial contribution at this time, that will be especially and gratefully accepted this year; payable to **St-Barnabas St-Lambert RE: ECS** by cash, cheque or online: [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). Thank you for your support!

### Your Tithes and Offerings

*We thank each & everyone one 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 new [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](mailto: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*



Thank you for all you do  
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