

Mid-Week | Morning Prayer
Sept 30, 2020 | le 30 sept 2020

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



You Are... Witnesses! - Rev Brian Perron

Then Jesus opened their minds
so they could understand the Scriptures.
...and repentance for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name to all nations...
You are witnesses of these things.
Luke 24:45-48

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So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation.
They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. *Nehemiah 8:8*

Ils lisaient dans la Loi de Dieu et expliquaient au fur et à mesure, de façon posée et distincte, afin que chacun puisse comprendre ce qu'ils avaient lu. *Néhémie 8:8*

Welcome

Process of reopening: St-Barnabas reopened Sunday, September 6th, for our 10am services. We have been pleased to welcome our maximum of 25 parishioners and guests this week. *Please see the announcement at the end of this bulletin concerning procedures and guidelines if you plan to attend next week's 10 am Sunday service.*

Our Opening Hymn - Goodness Of God (Bethel Music) <https://youtu.be/-f4MUUMWMV4>

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God
I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
...

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.**

Declaration of faith

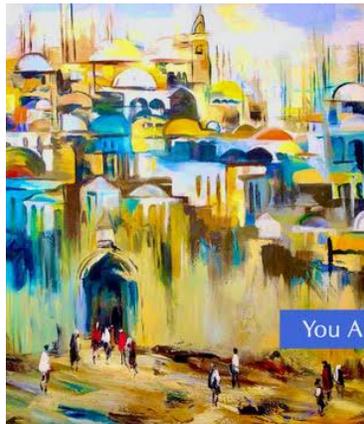
To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Today's Scripture Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-8

¹When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴*Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on*

his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam.



...all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. The priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. Nehemiah 8:1-2

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⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.



Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes for ever, to the end. Psalms 119

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Psalm 119 105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes for ever, to the end.

Our Gospel Hymn - Come Jesus Come - Stephen McWhirter <https://youtu.be/UViC6DIIcEa>

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray
Come Jesus come let today be the day
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade

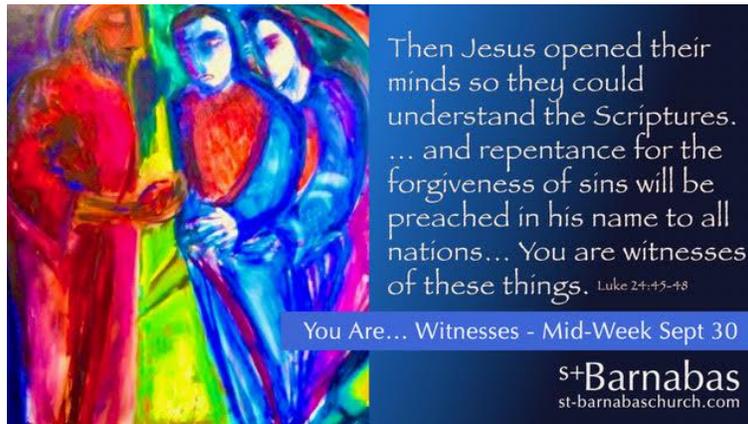
Chorus

Come Jesus Come we've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt and right every wrong
We need you right now come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home
Come Jesus come

There'll be no war and There'll be no chains
When Jesus comes let today be the day
He'll come for the week and the strong just the same
And all will believe in the power of His name

Bridge

One day he'll come, and we'll stand face to face
Come and lay it all down, cause it might be today
The time is right now, there's no need to wait
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace



Luke 24:44-48

⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Sermon *You Are... Witnesses!* - Rev Brian Perron

Anthem of Reflection - Oh, The Deep Love of Jesus <https://youtu.be/KLTu1xv2-Us>

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore!
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of ev'ry love the best;
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

Today's Meditation

In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.

- *Henri Nouwen*

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.

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 - "His Mercy is More"- Matt Boswell and Boyce College Choir

<https://youtu.be/ijsjA5Yf8XA>

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Postlude - How Great Thou Art - Taryn Harbridge <https://youtu.be/lisqbU596d4>

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

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Announcements

Process of reopening

Please let us know preferably by email: barnabas@bellnet.ca or phone (450) 672-5560, **if you plan to attend our October 4th service. Please provide a list of the people who will be attending with you and remember to bring your masks.** Please visit our website for safety guidelines & updates: http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas_home. In the meantime for reasons of safety, *there should be no entry into our church facilities without prior agreement from management.*

Your Tithes and Offerings

At the end of each Service we ask you to remember your church with your offerings to God. *We thank each and 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 our new [PayPal link](#), or 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.*

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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...

The ECS Food Bank operates out of St-Andrews Church is still operating but could use some help with donations of food distributed to the needy in St-Lambert and Ville Lemoyne. At the moment Anita and Reverend Barry are filling the needs as best they can with a few other helpers. As the buildings are closed at this time, they are not receiving food directly from our churches in St-Lambert. At your discretion and always with safety in mind first, here is how they would like you to help. **If you can help, please call** the church at (450) 671-1862 or the Presbytery at (450) 923-0794 and leave a message. Donations should be brought on Thursday and/or Friday between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to the side door that has a small porch (overhang) of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (corner Green and Birch). Please ring the bell, leave the food on the stoop and then social distance. Anita or Barry will retrieve the food. Each delivery of food to the recipients includes a pamphlet and card that Anita produced with a message: 'this food is being delivered by volunteers and is from our

5 ecumenical churches with love'. Please spread the word to our parishioners who are able to help. For more info visit: http://st-barnabaschurch.com/volunteers_always_welcomed

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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