

Prelude

Entrance Hymn                      359              God of the Prophets

*The Rector and Wardens, standing before the Bishop, say*

Bishop Rickel, on behalf of the people of Saint Barnabas Church, we present ourselves to you and the gathered church to receive God's blessing as we begin a new ministry together.

*The Bishop says to the Rector, Wardens and members of the parish*

Dear Dennis, Kathy, Lynn, and good people of Saint Barnabas, do you commit yourselves to lively proclamation of the gospel through the work of this congregation and the larger church, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized?

*The Rector, Wardens and members of the parish respond*

We do.

*The Bishop, standing, says*

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all God's people and especially for Dennis and the people of Saint Barnabas Church.

**Litany for the Renewal of the Church (sung)**

Let us pray to the Lord and Giver of life that the Church of God may be renewed and strengthened for its mission in our day.

*Silence*

That the Church may become alive again with the fire of its first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendor of that Life which is the light of the world,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That the Church may be worthy of its liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trusting the people, and ever faithful to the Jerusalem which is above, and free, and the mother of us all,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That the old may dream dreams, and the young see visions; that its sons and daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness of its beauty to the world,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That all its members, putting self aside, disinterested and pure in heart, may seek and find God, and rejoice in the truth,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That its clergy may be good and wise, strong and courageous, competent in their work, and faithful in their witness,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That its bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture great things, not exercising dominion, but serving as true leaders of the people,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That its councils and conventions may be keen to go forward, filled with wisdom, eager to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That its scholars may have disciples, its prophets hearers, its saints imitators, and all its pioneers many anxious to follow in their steps,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

That we may forsake that love of party which keeps us from loving one another; and so, coming together in friendship, we may find the overpowering love of God, which shall knit us all together in one united Church,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

And, finally, that the Church, with love recovered in its midst, may teach all to love one another, and all the nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed,

*Receive our prayer, O Christ.*

Father, be with us all.

Christ, be with us all.

Holy Spirit, be with us all.

*Be with us, Holy God, now and evermore. 2*

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Bishop:* Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this congregation, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people are seated at this time.*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

First Reading	Isaiah 35: 1 – 10
Psalms 146: 4 – 9	sung
Second Reading	James 5: 7 – 10
Gradual Hymn	Hymn 511 Holy Spirit Ever Living
Gospel	Matthew 11: 2 – 11
Sermon	The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

*After the Sermon, the congregation sings Hymn 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people".*

### **THE COVENANT OF MUTUAL MINISTRY**

*Members of Saint Barnabas remain standing as the Rector, Wardens and Vestry gather facing the Bishop, who reads a charge to the members of the parish*

Good people of Saint Barnabas, through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your rector, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

As your bishop, I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Diocese of Olympia, and in the wider community.

Having covenanted in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your rector, in prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that vision. As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your rector, his family, and the members of the staff who serve you here.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Bishop:* Do you commit yourselves to this task?

**People:** We do, by the grace of God.

*The Wardens, Vestry members, and parishioners are seated. The Rector remains standing as the Bishop then reads a charge to the new Rector*

Dennis Stanley Tierney, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God in Saint Barnabas Church on Bainbridge Island in the Diocese of Olympia.

This charge is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and actions, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Bishop:* Do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Rector:* I do, by the grace of God.

*The Rector is seated as diocesan clergy, members of neighboring congregations, and members of the local community stand and the Bishop says*

Will you members of the local community and the wider church, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold the priest and people of this congregation in their ministry together?

**People:** We will, by the grace of God.

*The Bishop continues*

Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter into a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter into a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbolic gifts is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

*The congregation is seated.*

*The Bishop presents the new Rector with a vessel of water saying*

Dennis, take this water and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*The Rector and Wardens present a lighted candle to the Bishop, with the following words*

Bishop Rickel, accept this candle as a sign of our commitment to work with the rest of our diocese in spreading the light of Christ to all people.

**People:** Amen.

*A Bible is presented to the Rector with these or similar words*

Dennis, accept this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the gospel and helps us to do the same.

**People:** Amen.

*A Prayer Book is presented to the Rector, with these or similar words*

Dennis, receive this Prayer Book and be among us as a person of prayer and a leader of our corporate worship.

**People:** Amen.

*A stole is presented to the Rector with these or similar words*

Dennis, receive this stole and vestments given to us by the people of Saint Bede's Church, Menlo Park in honor of you and be among us as a pastor and priest.

**People: Amen.**

*The Bishop and Rector jointly present a home communion set to our visiting priests with the following words*

Webster and Joyce, receive these home communion sets and help us extend the sacrament of the altar to those who cannot be physically present here.

**People: Amen.**

*The Bishop continues*

Dennis and people of Saint Barnabas, let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place, in our diocese, and in the church throughout the world.

**People: Amen.**

*The new Rector kneels in the midst of the people and says:*

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house; and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The members of the congregation stand and say together:*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Bishop says*

Acknowledging the one mission of Jesus our Lord, which we share in unity, let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the Bishop, Clergy, and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

The service continues with the Offertory Hymn 72 "Hark the Glad Sound".

*The Bishop, standing at the Lord's Table as chief celebrant, and joined by the new Rector, proceeds with the Great Thanksgiving.*

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sursum Corda (sung)

Solemn Preface for Advent

Sanctus (Paul, your choice)

Fraction Anthem (Paul, your choice)

Traditional Our Father (sung)

Communion Music (Paul, your choice)

### **After Communion**

*In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the Bishop leads the people in the following prayer*

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Dennis, and the people of Saint Barnabas may be an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that all of us together may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Episcopal Blessing

Final Hymn 525                      The Church's One Foundation

Dismissal

Postlude

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