

St. Bernard's Church

88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16, 2024

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



*Welcome to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church.
We also welcome our Zoom worshippers.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 366 Holy God, we praise thy name

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| 1 Holy God, we praise thy Name,
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim,
all in heaven above adore thee;
infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign. | 2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: holy, holy, holy Lord! |
| 3 Lo, the apostolic train
join, thy sacred Name to hallow;
prophets swell the loud refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and, from morn till set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on. | 4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim thee;
then, adoring, bend the knee
and confess the mystery. |
| 5 Christ, thou art our glorious King,
Son of God enthroned in splendor;
but deliverance to bring
thou all honors didst surrender,
and wast of a virgin born humbly on that blessed
morn. | 6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
Son of God, as Savior given;
on the cross thy dying breath
opened wide the realm of heaven.
In the glory of that land thou art set at God's right hand. |
| 7 As our judge thou wilt appear. Savior, who hast died to win us,
help thy servants, drawing near. Lord, renew our hearts within us.
Grant that with thy saints we may dwell in everlasting day. | |

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA S 280

sung by all

found in the blue hymnal (Powell)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 230

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Our Father, who dwells in heaven and on earth, we pray for all fathers. Strengthen and bless fathers to be faithful, loving and present; and for those fathers who you have brought into your Kingdom ahead of their children, and children ahead of their fathers, enfold them with your Holy Light and enfold us with your comfort. Now and forever, Abba, we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

read by Pamela Hull

Lector A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92:1-4,11-14 *Read responsively by the half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

BCP p. 720-721

led by Pamela Hull

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * **and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;**
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * **and to the melody of the harp.**
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD * **shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; * **they shall be green and succulent;**
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, * **my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

read by Michele Esposito-Edwards

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
 People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
 People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
 People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
 People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(The Prayer List is read.)*
 Silence. *The People may add their own petitions. The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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 neighbors 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Solo an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY SOLO Tis Good to Praise the Lord Stephen Pearson

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *All stand as able and sing Old 100th (Hymn 380, stanza 3)*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(The Proper Preface is said.)* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-125

found in blue hymnal (Proulx)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever . **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome to say A Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below during Communion.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Diocese of Oxford, England)

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock./You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your Body and unite me in your Blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us stand and pray.

Almighty and everliving God, / we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food / of the most precious Body and Blood / of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; / and for assuring us in these holy mysteries / that we are living members of the Body of your Son, / and heirs of your eternal kingdom. / And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, / to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. / To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, / be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 460

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinners
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING TODAY AT OUR SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino
Deacon The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon
Musician & Soloist Samantha Ferrara
Lectors Pamela Hull, Michele Esposito-Edwards,
Julia Somers
Chalicer Pamela Kenworthy
Usher Paul Edwards

ST. BERNARD'S WARDENS AND VESTRY

Christopher Thomas, Paul Edwards, *Wardens*
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Pamela Hull, Taylor Hwong, Meg McKee,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS - June 16, 2024

WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Honoring our Graduates at next week's June 23, 11 am service

If someone in your family has recently graduated or is about to graduate from Middle School, High School or College (undergraduate or post-graduate degrees) then please let us know, so that we can honor them in our upcoming service on June 23! Please email Alison Davidson, our Parish Administrator, the following information:

1. Name of Graduate(s)
2. Relationship to you
3. School they've graduated or will be graduating from
4. Where they're going next, i.e. school or college etc.
5. If graduated from college, their degree
6. A photo of your graduate!

There will be a slideshow presentation of the Graduates at the June 23, 11 am service. Please send information and photos in by Wed., June 19, to admin@stbernardsnj.org

Final Evening Prayer, Wed., June 19, 5:30 pm via Zoom

The final Evening Prayer service will be on Wed. June 19 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. It will then go on hiatus until September. The liturgy is available on slides or you can go to our website and download the resources. All welcome.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, July 7 at 9 am, combined Outdoor Service at Ross Farm

Join us on Sunday, July 7, at 9 am for a combined outdoor service with St. John on the Mountain and St. Mark's, Basking Ridge. The hymns and service music will be led by members of St. Mark's Band and Jason Robinette. If you'd like to join the band, please speak with Pastor Beth. We would like help to provide easy refreshments as well.

BOOK REFLECTION GROUP now on hiatus for the summer

The book discussion group for *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* is now on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the Fall.

Pastoral Care Outreach

Parishioners Pam Hull and Beth Gustafson are coordinating Pastoral Care outreach in the form of cards, calls, or emails to parishioners in connection with Pastor Beth. If you would like to support their efforts, please speak to Pam or Beth or to reach out to Alison Davidson in the Parish office to be connected, admin@StBernardsNJ.org or 908-766-0602.

Cross Roads Youth Camp

Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center is our Episcopal Lutheran camp in NJ - located 35 minutes west in northern Hunterdon County. An Open House is scheduled for June 8 or can be arranged at your convenience. Excellent two-week leadership program (SEEK) for youth who've completed 8th-10th grades as well as a Leaders In Training program for those who've completed 11th grade. Learn more about Youth Camp weeks, www.crossroadsretreat.com/youth-camp or speak with Pastor Beth.

OUTREACH

Food Bank of Somerset County needs supplies! The warehouse manager of the Somerset County Food Bank has reached out requesting specific items: *jars of peanut butter; cans of corn; cans of sliced peaches; and bags (or cans) of black beans.* Other non-perishable items are also always welcome. Donations can be brought to church on Sundays or placed in our food donation tote outside the church. Thank you!

GOD'S GIVING GARDEN

Garden news: 148 lbs harvested! Volunteers welcome at the Garden.

A lot of work was done this week thanks to all of our super garden volunteers! Our harvest is now up to 148 lbs. and poised to soar as our summer plants mature. A HUGE shout out to the teens from Ridge High School's "Ridge Gives Back" community service work - along with their teachers, Heidi and Dan - all of whom joined us this past Tuesday! We got *at least* a week's worth of work done in 4 hours! Volunteers are always welcome to come to God's Giving Garden to volunteer and work in the garden. *Sessions are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays: 9 am to noon!* Garden gloves, water and sunscreen are recommended on warmer days.

ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN

Men of St. John's Monthly Lunch

The men of St. John on the Mountain meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Morristown Club. Men from St. Bernard's are very welcome to attend.

American Red Cross- Training: CPR/AED Class, Sat. June 29, 9 am - 2 pm

A CPR/AED 2-year certification course is being held at St. John on the Mountain on Sat. June 29, 9 am to 2 pm. Cost: \$85, includes lunch. To enroll go to:

<https://streetkoconcepts.enrollware.com/enroll?id=9628203>

MUSIC IN THE SOMERSET HILLS

Summer Voices Vocal Camp for Grades 2-12, June 24-27, 8:30 am - 1 pm

Summer Voices is Music in the Somerset Hills' popular annual program for young singers. Rising 2-12th graders are welcome to join for 4 days of group activities, individual singing, and musicianship building sessions with amazing faculty. *Location: St. Bernard's Church.*

CROSS ROADS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Bishops' Cup Golf Outing for Cross Roads, Monday, June 24, 11 am start

Come out for a great day of golf in support of our Episcopal Lutheran camp and retreat center in NJ. The Bishops' Cup Golf Outing is held at Copper Hill Country Club in Ringoes, NJ. For more info. about the Golf Outing or to register or sponsor a tee sign go to: https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/golf_outing/. Your support for Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center helps keep camp affordable for all. The annual Bishops' Cup Golf Outing continues to be a vital source of financial support for Cross Roads. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Beth with questions or if you'd like to volunteer for this fun event.