



# St. BERNARD'S Church

88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26, 2025

Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m.

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*Welcome to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church. Thank you for sharing in our worship today, we are blessed by your presence. We also welcome our Zoom worshippers. Restrooms are in the Parish House next door.*

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## PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

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| 1                                                                                                                                | I come with joy to meet my Lord,<br>forgiven, loved, and free,<br>in awe and wonder to recall<br>his life laid down for me.                      | 2 | I come with Christians far and near<br>to find, as all are fed,<br>the new community of love<br>in Christ's communion bread.             |
| 3                                                                                                                                | As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,<br>each proud division ends.<br>That love that made us makes us one,<br>and strangers now are friends. | 4 | And thus with joy we meet our Lord.<br>His presence, always near,<br>is in such friendship better known:<br>we see, and praise him here. |
| 5 Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,<br>and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise. |                                                                                                                                                  |   |                                                                                                                                          |

### 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

*Officiant* 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.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray. In you, O Lord our God, we find our joy, for through your law and your prophets you formed a people in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness. Pour your Spirit on us today, that we who are Christ's body may bear the good news of your ancient promises to all who seek you. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*read by Meg McKee*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel 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. Accordingly, 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. He 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. And 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. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 19:8-11** *sung by the choir with congregational Antiphon*

BCP p. 607

**Antiphon**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5-C5 (beamed eighth notes), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and F#4 (half). A triplet bracket is placed over the first three notes (G4, A4, B4). The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. **Antiphon***

*The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. **Antiphon***

*The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just. **Antiphon***

*They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold;  
Sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb. **Antiphon***

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*read by Mary Kempen*

*Lector* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet



**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**      *led by John Smith*

Form III, BCP p. 387

*Leader*      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People*      **That we all may be one.**

*Leader*      Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People*      **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader*      We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People*      **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader*      We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People*      **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*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 especially Elizabeth Pilavachi.

*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. We pray for all on our Prayer List  
*(read names). Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions. The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

BCP p. 360

*Deacon*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

**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*      The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with blessing; the Lord defend you  
in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your  
offences, through Jesus Christ, who gives life in abundance. **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 Anthem an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

The Lord of Glory is My Light

Thomas Jarman

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*All stand as able and sing*

*Old 100<sup>th</sup> (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 D, BCP p. 372 (\*see note below)

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-129

Powell

**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* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care..... Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People* **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

*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. Come and meet the Risen Christ.

*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

BCP p. 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, / you have graciously accepted us as living members / of your son our Savior Jesus Christ, / and you have fed us with spiritual food / in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. / Send us now into the world in peace, / and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; / through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

*Celebrant* May Christ's bright star enlighten your mind and heart as you strive for equity, justice, and kindness in the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

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| 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br>doth his successive journeys run;<br>his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br>till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,<br>and praises throng to crown his head;<br>his Name like sweet perfume shall rise<br>with every morning sacrifice. |
| 3 People and realms of every tongue<br>dwell on his love with sweetest song;<br>and infant voices shall proclaim<br>their early blessings on his Name.          | 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:<br>the prisoners leap to lose their chains,<br>the weary find eternal rest,<br>and all who suffer want are blest.   |
| 5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;<br>angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.                            |                                                                                                                                                            |

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

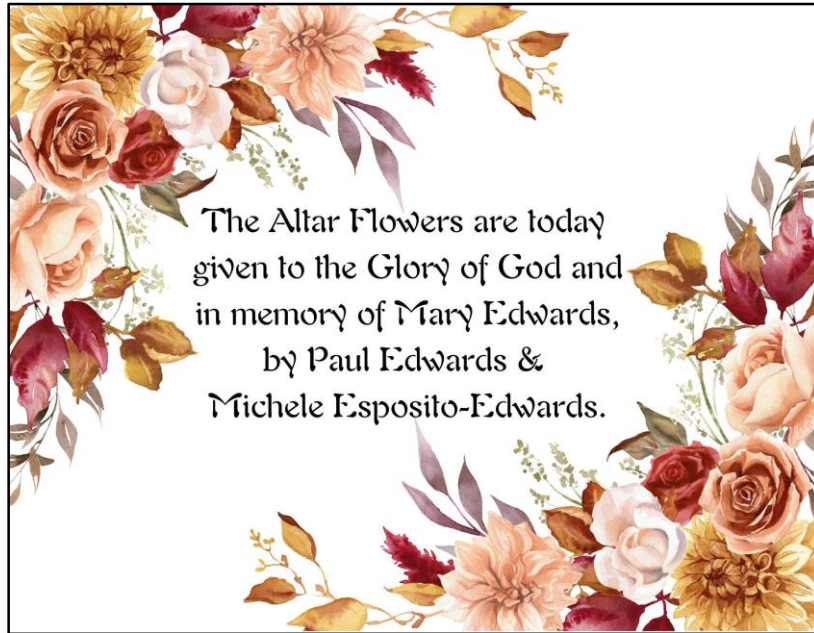
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

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*\* Eucharistic Prayer D is the work of an unofficial ecumenical committee of Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist scholars. Its source is the Eucharistic Prayer in the liturgy of St. Basil of Caesarea. This prayer brings to our tradition the richness of the Eastern tradition as well as representing an ecumenical achievement.*

ASSISTING TODAY AT OUR SERVICE		ST. BERNARD'S WARDENS AND VESTRY
<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino	Christopher Thomas, Paul Edwards, <i>Wardens</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon	Michael Myers, <i>Treasurer</i> ; Linda Engleby, <i>Clerk</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Martin Sedek	Thomas Brooks, Linda Engleby, Anne Fritts, Pamela Hull, Taylor Hwong, Meg McKee, Jennifer Moss, Michael Myers
<i>St. Bernard's Choir</i>		
<i>Lectors</i>	Meg Mckee, Mary Kempen, John Smith	
<i>Chalicer</i>	Mary Kempen	
<i>Usher</i>	Frank Curtis	



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS ▪ January 26, 2025**

**COMMUNITY AND WORSHIP**

**TODAY! St. Bernard's Annual Meeting, Sun. January 26, 12 pm**

Join us after our worship service today for the St. Bernard's Annual Meeting being held in the Parish Hall at 12 pm. All are welcome. A hot lunch is being provided and hosted by the Vestry.

**Star Words & Blessed Chalk for House Blessings**

Guiding Star words and/or blessed chalk and prayers for Epiphany house blessings are available to take from the Nartex.

**JOY! service for families with young children on Sunday, Feb. 2 at St. Bernard's at 4:30 pm**

Help us spread the word about this monthly service for families with young kids. Followed by a fellowship meal in the Parish Hall. Alternating locations between St. Bernard's and St. John on the Mountain.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 4:30 pm *\*new time\****

St. Bernard's Church, 88 Claremont Rd., Bernardsville, NJ

*Come celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany!*



- Everyone is welcome
- 1st Sunday of the month, **4:30 pm**
- 20-minute, kid-friendly, informal Christian service
- Followed by a fellowship meal in Parish Hall
- Alternating between St. John on the Mountain (in the Chapel) and St. Bernard's Church
- For info: Pastor Beth, [priest@SJOTM.org](mailto:priest@SJOTM.org) or [priest@StBernardsNJ.org](mailto:priest@StBernardsNJ.org)

### **Zoom Evening Prayer continues on Wednesday, February 5, 5:30 pm**

Evening Prayer services will resume every other Wed. on Jan. 8 at 5:30 pm via Zoom, through to Lent. Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 19. All welcome. The liturgy is on slides, so you can just show up on Zoom. Resources also available via email and our website. All are welcome. [www.stbernardsnj.org/worship-services-via-zoom](http://www.stbernardsnj.org/worship-services-via-zoom)

### **Games Night - Thur. February 6, 6- 8 pm**

Join us for another fun Games Night on the evening of Feb. 6, from 6 pm onwards in our Parish Hall. Food and snacks will be provided. All ages are welcome.

### **Registration now open for the Diocese of NJ's Anti Racism Training Sessions**

For full information about the content of the sessions and to register for the Winter session go to: [https://dioceseofnj.org/know\\_your\\_story/anti-racism-training-schedule-announced-for-2022/](https://dioceseofnj.org/know_your_story/anti-racism-training-schedule-announced-for-2022/)  
The Training costs \$100 per person. (Scholarships are available based on financial need.) Participants who attend all classes and submit all assignments will earn a Certificate of Completion from the Diocese of New Jersey. The training is conducted by members of the Anti-Racism Commission.

#### **Winter Session:**

Friday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.: January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, and March 7.

#### **Spring Session:**

Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.: May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3, July 1.

#### **Fall Session:**

Friday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.: September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, November 7.

## **STEWARDSHIP - CREATED FOR RELATIONSHIP**

Thank you for submitting your giving estimate for St. Bernard's annual stewardship campaign - *Created for Relationship*. The parish is grateful for the generosity of parishioners and friends of the parish which keeps God's mission and ministry active in Bernardsville and beyond. There is still time to pledge if you haven't already. Forms are available in the Narthex.



## **OUTREACH**

### **Wildfires Response Fund**

Please consider making an urgent gift to the Episcopal Relief & Development Wildfires Response Fund. **Episcopal Relief & Development** is working with local diocesan partners to assess the needs of evacuees and provide support now and in the longer term. As the scope of the disaster continues to unfold, help is needed. **Please make an urgent gift to the ERD Wildfire Response Fund now.** Please also pray for the communities, emergency responders, fire-fighters and all who are being affected by these wildfires. **Thank you.** <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2025-wildfire-response/>

**Homework Helpers - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. Contact Cindy McWilliams to volunteer. More volunteers will allow us to sign up more students in need of academic assistance. All volunteers (adult/teens) must register with the Somerset Hills Y through this link: <https://gscymca.volunteermatters.org/project-catalog/330>. **Note: You must log-in to the YMCA site in order for our volunteer sign-up page to appear. It is listed as "Learning Lab".**



**Food Bank Donations/Feeding America Backpack Program-Current List of Needs**

The Somerset County Food Bank is requesting specific items in current need:

**Spaghetti sauce (in plastic jars only; please no glass); cans of diced tomatoes; cans of tomato paste; bags of dried black beans; maple syrup; spam.** 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!

For a list of items to donate go to: <https://www.somersetfoodbank.org/about/give-supplies/>

**CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP - JUNE 23-27**

**CROSS ROADS  
DAY CAMP**

**June 23-27**

**9 am-3 pm**

**Week cost:**

**\$125 per child**

*scholarships available*



For children entering grades K-6.

Held at the Church of St. John on the Mountain,  
379 Mount Harmony Rd., Bernardsville NJ.

**Registration details coming soon!**

**Reserve a spot by emailing [office@sjotm.org](mailto:office@sjotm.org).**

*Sponsored by St. John's, St. Bernard's, and  
St. Mark's, Basking Ridge.*