

Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr

Sentence of the Day

Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. *Acts 11.24*

Prayer of the Day

Generous God,
whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that it is more blessed to give than to receive:
help us by the example of your apostle Barnabas,
a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith,
to be generous in our judgements
and unselfish in our service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Job 29.11-16

- ¹¹ When the ear heard, it commended me,
and when the eye saw, it approved;
¹² because I delivered the poor who cried,
and the orphan who had no helper.
¹³ The blessing of the wretched came upon me,
and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
¹⁴ I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;
my justice was like a robe and a turban.
¹⁵ I was eyes to the blind,
and feet to the lame.
¹⁶ I was a father to the needy,
and I championed the cause of the stranger.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
² His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.
³ The Lord has made known his salvation:

- he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴ He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- ⁶ Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- ⁷ With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- ⁸ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.
- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- ¹⁰ For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11.22-30; 13.1-3

11 ²² News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'. ²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. **13** ¹ Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ² While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 10.7-13

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.