

# Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr

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## 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.**

## A reading from the Book of Job, *Chapter 29 beginning at Verse 11*

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

[NRSV Job 29:11-16]

Hear the word of the Lord,

***thanks be to God***

## Psalm 98

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song:  
for he has done marvellous things;
- <sup>2</sup> His right hand and his holy arm:  
they have got him the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his salvation:  
he has revealed his just deliverance  
in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:  
break into singing and make melody.  
<sup>6</sup> Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:  
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.  
<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and with horns:  
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.  
<sup>8</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:  
the good earth and those who live upon it.  
<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands:  
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;  
<sup>10</sup> For he comes to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,**  
*Chapter 11 beginning at Verse 22*

<sup>22</sup> News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>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; <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”

<sup>27</sup>At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; <sup>30</sup>this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. [NRSV Acts 11:22-30; 13:1-3]

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God.***

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,**  
*Chapter 10 beginning at verse 7*

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

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

[NRSV Matthew 10:7-13]

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Sentence

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