

Readings: Feast of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts of the Apostles 11:21b-26; 13:1-3

Barnabas was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith.

In those days a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

The news about them reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch.

When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all

to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith.

And a large number of people was added to the Lord.

Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.

For a whole year they met with the Church and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.

Now there were in the Church at Antioch prophets and teachers:

Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene,

Manaen who was a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

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.”

Then, completing their fasting and prayer, they laid hands on them and sent them off.

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the Lord.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Matthew 10:7-13

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

Jesus said to the Twelve:

“As you go, make this proclamation:

‘The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts;

no sack for the journey, or a second tunic,

or sandals, or walking stick.

The laborer deserves his keep.

Whatever town or village you enter,

look for a worthy person in it,

and stay there until you leave.

As you enter a house, wish it peace.

If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it;

if not, let your peace return to you.”
