



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS/ EL SEGUNDO DOMINGO DESPUÉS DE NAVIDAD CHORAL EUCHARIST SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021 9:00 A.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ, revealing His Life, Love, and Light to the world.

OUR VISION:

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a radically welcoming, inclusive faith family – sharing and teaching the love of Jesus Christ through our worship, actions, and outreach: transforming ourselves and the world.

NUESTRA MISIÓN:

Estamos llamados a ser discípulos de Cristo, revelando su vida, amor, y luz al mundo.

NUESTRA VISIÓN:

La Iglesia Episcopal de San Bartolomé es una familia de fe radicalmente acogedora e inclusiva, que comparte y enseña el amor de Jesucristo a través de nuestras alabanzas, acciones, y alcance: transformándonos a nosotros mismos y al mundo

GATHERING MUSIC

Please stand, as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (see next page)

“Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning”

MORNING STAR, 11.10.11.10;
words, Reginald Heber (1783-1826);
music, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GLORIA

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 7-14, *The Joyful Return of the Exiles*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

THUS says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 84: *Quam dilecta*;
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Optional Descant:

Antiphon:

How dear to me is your dwell - ing, O Lord of hosts.

Veres:

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of / hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.

² The sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my / God.

³ Happy are they who dwell in your / house! *
they will always be / praising you.

⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is / in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way. (*Ant.*)

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.

⁶ They will climb from height to / height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.

⁷ Lord God of hosts, hear my / prayer; *
hearken, O God of / Jacob.

⁸ Behold our defender, O / God; *
and look upon the face of your An- / ointed. (*Ant.*)

⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my / own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the / wicked.

¹⁰ For the Lord God is both sun and / shield; *
he will give grace and / glory;

¹¹ No good thing will the Lord with- / hold *
from those who walk with in- / tegrity.

¹² O Lord of / hosts, *
happy are they who put their / trust in you! (*Ant.*)

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19a, *Paul's Prayer*

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

GRADUAL

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is - - ra - el!

Born is the King of Is - - ra - el!

Acclamation:

Choir Let the peace of Christ control your / hearts;
 let the word of Christ dwell in you / richly. *(repeat Gradual)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23, *The Escape to Egypt*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

AFTER the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town

called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the repetition of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Intercessor God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Intercessor We pray now for the needs of the earth and all its people, remembering that God fulfills our greatest need: the need for love, in the gift of his Son. Let us pray.
Intercessor Christ, heralded by the angels, open our eyes to your presence.
People **Hear us, Lord.**
Intercessor Christ, born of the blessed Virgin, teach us obedience to your Word.
People **Hear us, Lord.**
Intercessor Christ, born in a stable, give hope to the homeless.
People **Hear us, Lord.**
Intercessor Christ, visited by the shepherds, strengthen all who work on the land.
People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor

People

Intercessor

People

Intercessor

Christ, adored by wise ones, guide all rulers and governments.

Hear us, Lord.

Christ, exiled in Egypt, give comfort to all refugees.

Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor

Look with compassion on all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor

Support them with your love and lead us to be healers for all we encounter, in the name of Christ.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Intercessor

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, saints who bore witness to your light, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor

Allow us to persevere in faith, mercy, and love, and at the end of our lives to behold your glory.

People

Hear us, Lord.

Presider

Gracious God, you have revealed your love by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into our world. Help us to welcome him with joy, and to make room for him in our lives and homes, that we may abide in him and he in us; through the same Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, O God, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider

Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and his name is called the Prince of Peace. May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

words, anon. 18th c.

music, Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Please stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

IT is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

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.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

MY Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. I am grateful to know there are many ways I can receive you, but whatever way I do, I know you come into my heart, body, and soul, as you have come so many times and always will. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

Please be seated once you receive Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN (see next page)

“Be thou my Vision”

SLANE, 10.10.10.10;
words and music, trad. Irish

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Coventry Carol”

words and music, anon. 15th c.

*Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully, lullay.*

*O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing, “By by, lully, lullay”?*

*Herod the king, in his raging, chargèd he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay.*

*That woe is me, poor child, for thee and ever mourn and may
For thy parting neither say nor sing, “By by, lully, lullay.”*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

ALMIGHTY God, whose Son Jesus Christ was born to be the Savior of the world: mercifully grant that as he has bestowed upon us the gift of new birth, and fed us with his body and blood, we may be strengthened and inspired to bring the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for your participation in today's service. Your presence is a blessing to us.
"All are welcome. No exceptions."*

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAREWELL LITURGY FOR ASSOCIATE RECTOR

The retiring Priest stands before the congregation.

*The Presider reads the Bishop's letter,
and the congregation stands and raises their hands in prayer.*

ALLISYN, you have been among us as priest for the past three years. You have been a faithful leader for us in bringing God's Word and sacraments, in tending to our spiritual needs through prayer and teaching, and in your pastoral leadership of this parish. We give thanks to God for your presence among us, and pray for God's abundant blessings upon you as you go forth from here in your retirement.

My sisters and brothers, let us give thanks for the presence and ministry of Allisyn in our community.

OGod, you have bound us together for a time as clergy and people to work for the advancement of your reign in this place. We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in the time now past. We thank you for the gifts Allisyn has brought and shared with us so richly. We thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Gracious God, be with Allisyn as she leaves us, and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to one another in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The departing priest gives the final blessing.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

“Unto us a Boy is Born”

PUER NOBIS, 7.6.7.7;
words and music, Latin carol, 15th c.;

1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; “A prince,” he said, “in
4 Now may Ma - ry’s son, who came so long a - go to
*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -

1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
3 Jew - ry!” All the lit - tle boys he killed at
4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the

1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - tion.
2 he all men sur - pass - - - - es.
3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - - ry.
4 to the joys a - bove - - - - us.
5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - tion.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go forth in the peace of Christ! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE