



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER/EL SEXTO DOMINGO EN PASCUA CHORAL EUCHARIST SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 11:00 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 HYMN *(sung by choir)*

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE, 9.10.9.9 with refrain;
words, Fanny Crosby (1820-1915);
music, Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)

¹Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

² Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *[Refrain]*

³ Perfect submission: all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *[Refrain]*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand, as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(sung by choir)*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL, 8.7.8.7 D;

words, Charles Wesley (1707-1788);

music, Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887)

¹ Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

² Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

³ Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

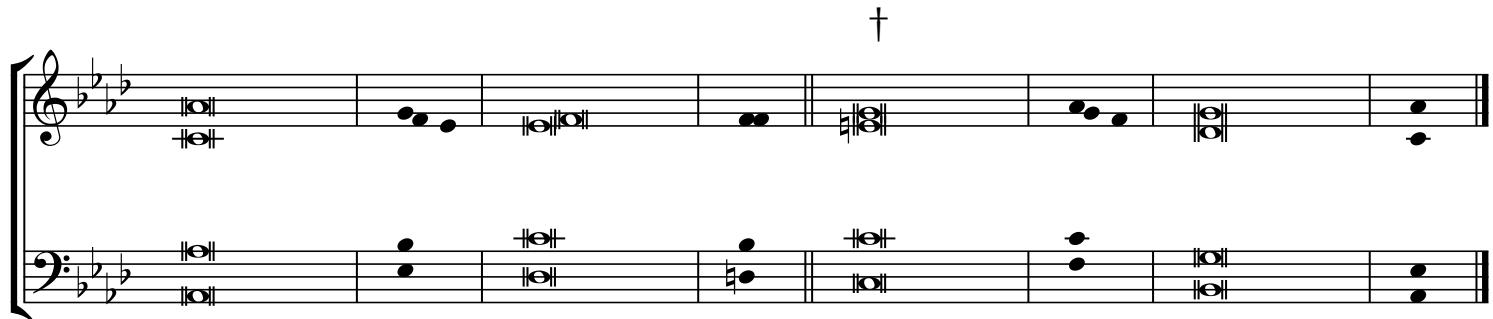
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE PSALM APPOINTED (*sung by choir*)

Psalm 98: *Cantate Domino*;
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)



¹ Sing to the Lord a / new song, *
for he has done marvelous / things.

² With his right hand and his holy / arm *
has he won for himself the / victory.

³ The Lord has made known his / victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the / nations.

⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you / lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing.

⁶ Sing to the Lord with the / harp, *
with the harp and the voice of / song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the / horn *
shout with joy before the King, the / Lord.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it, *
the lands and those who dwell there- / in.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their / hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the / earth.

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the / world *
and the peoples with / equity.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5: 1-6: *Faith Conquers the World*

A reading from the first letter of John.

EVERYONE who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

GRADUAL (*sung by choir*)

“Celtic Alleluia”

music, Fintan O’Carroll (1922-1981)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15: 9-17: *The World’s Hatred*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the Alleluia, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Please stand, as able.

YOU, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship You. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor O God, we come before you with reverence and with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. We pray for the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth. We pray especially for our Diocese, and our Bishop, Susan.

People **May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.**

Intercessor We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and its peoples the way of peace. We pray especially for Joseph, our President, and Gavin, our Governor.

People **May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.**

Intercessor We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.

People **May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.**

Intercessor We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

People **May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.**

Intercessor We remember those who have died and those who mourn, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor Loving God, into your hands we commend them.
People **Bring peace to those who mourn in their time of loss.**

Intercessor Grant that we may walk in your presence with your truth in our minds, your strength in our souls and your love in our hearts, that we may share the light of your love with all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you. Alleluia!**

Following the peace, please be seated.

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

music, arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

A LL thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS (*sung by choir*)

music, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is he that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Bartholomew, and all your people, into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise:

People Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung by choir*)

music, Eric Wyse

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

THIS is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is made ready for those of us who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, those of us who have much faith, and those who have little; those of us who have been here often, and those who have not been here long; those of us who have tried to follow, and those who have failed. Come, because it is God who invites us; it is God's will that we should meet here.

INVITATION TO 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 MOTET

“If Ye Love Me”

words, John 14: 15-17;
music, Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; e'en the spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ETERNAL God, 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.

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

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; 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.

BLESSING OF ANNIVERSARIES

GRACIOUS God, we thank and praise you for the gift of marriage and committed relationships, and the love and joy they bring. Pour out, we pray, your love, joy, grace, and peace into the hearts of all who are celebrating their anniversaries this week. May their home be a source, supply, and ever-present help in times of need. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

ON this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us bless and pray for all mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all those who have mothered others in any way: those who have been our substitute mother and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the God of peace, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN (*sung by choir*)

“What a Friend we Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE, 8.7.8.7 D;

words, Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886);
music, Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)

¹ What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

 What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

 O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

² Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

³ Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE