



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER/EL SEXTO DOMINGO EN PASCUA EVENING PRAYER, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021 5:00 P.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

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand, as able.

OPENING HYMN *(sung by cantor)*

“Love Divine, All Love's 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!**

Celebrant Christ is alive in our hearts.

People **The God who is love dwells in us. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

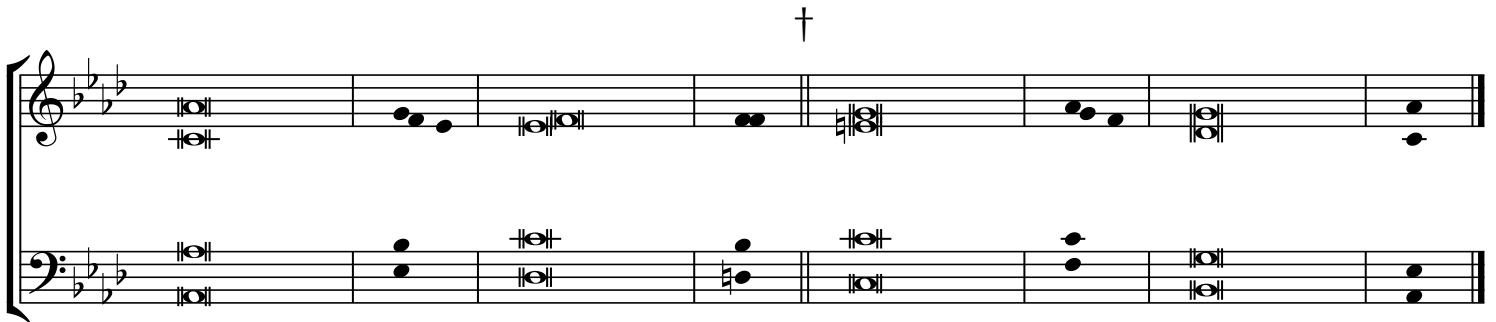
Celebrant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Alleluia.**

Please be seated.

THE PSALM APPOINTED *(sung by cantor)*

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.
 † Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy / Spirit;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. A- / men.

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.

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.

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

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says:

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.**

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

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.**

WE offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose word the heavens were formed and the earth was brought forth from the waters. The reflection of your glory shines in each created thing, and though earth's flowering fades, you plant within us imperishable seeds for our salvation and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. And so with heaven and earth's host of light, with the sainted people of every nation, and with those who now live in the spirit as you are Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness.

HOLY, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that we and all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire the hope in us that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

Just as prophets long before Christ had spoken of the sufferings that would be his, so Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out, and gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

People **Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that, in the outward things of life, we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation; through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end. **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

Celebrant Gracious God, we come to your table;

People Nourish us with the bread of life and the cup of heaven.

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 MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who has renewed the earth by the gift of creation, we thank you for opening our hearts and making us new with this holy meal. As we have shared this bread and wine, may we also generously share our lives in love, and as we seek you in your creation each day, may we find the patience and vision to see your love at work in all things, and the grace to let our lives reflect that love; 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 The Lord of creation open your eyes to behold the beauty around you; the Lord of light shine forth to guide you on your way, and the Lord of love enfold you in his arms, this day and every day. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(sung by cantor)*

“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