



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021
REGENERATION CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
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

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

words and music, Joel Houston (b. 1979), et al.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Mark 1: 14-20: Jesus Calls the First Disciples

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

THE MESSAGE

SONG IN RESPONSE

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

words, John L. Bell (b. 1949);
music, trad. Scottish melody

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Christ, heralded by the angels, open our eyes to your presence.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, born of the blessed Virgin, teach us obedience to your Word.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, born in a stable, give hope to the homeless.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, visited by the shepherds, strengthen all who work for your Name. We pray especially for our diocese, and our Bishop, Susan.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, adored by wise ones, guide all rulers and governments. We pray especially for Joseph, our president, and Gavin, our governor.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

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

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

SANCTUS

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me." After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

So God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior. Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Bartholomew and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Bread of life, nourish our souls.

People Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

music, Indian folk song

During the music, listen for God's voice calling you into Communion.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People O God, in love you have called us to be your people, and in love we have shared this bread and wine; may the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts by this holy meal, and may its light guide us on our journey and lead us home to you; in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. 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. We pray you will continue to bless and to keep them, and be their source, supply, and ever-present help in times of need. May their home be a place of peace and comfort, and grant them many more years of joy and happiness together. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the light of Christ be in our hearts: the small light that glows like a great fire, the warm light that feels like a great love, and the bright light that leads us on our way. And may Christ's love so fill us that we may be lights to the world. And the blessing God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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