



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST EL DECIMOSÉPTIMO DOMINGO DESPUÉS DE PENTECOSTÉS EVENING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 *(see next page)*

“Jesus Loves Me”

JESUS LOVES ME, 7.7.7.7 with refrain;
words, Anna Bartlett Warner (1824-1915);
music, William Bachelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, he loved chil - dren long a - go.
 3. Je - sus loves me, he will stay close be - side me all the way;
 4. Je - sus loves me, loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
 5. Je - sus loves me, he who died, heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 In his arms for all to see, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
 • he's pre - pared a home for me, and some - day his face I'll see.
 from his shin - ing throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant The God of love is with us.
People The Spirit of love is in us.
Celebrant Blessed is the Holy Spirit, the breath of God.
People Let the winds and all creation praise you.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

People Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

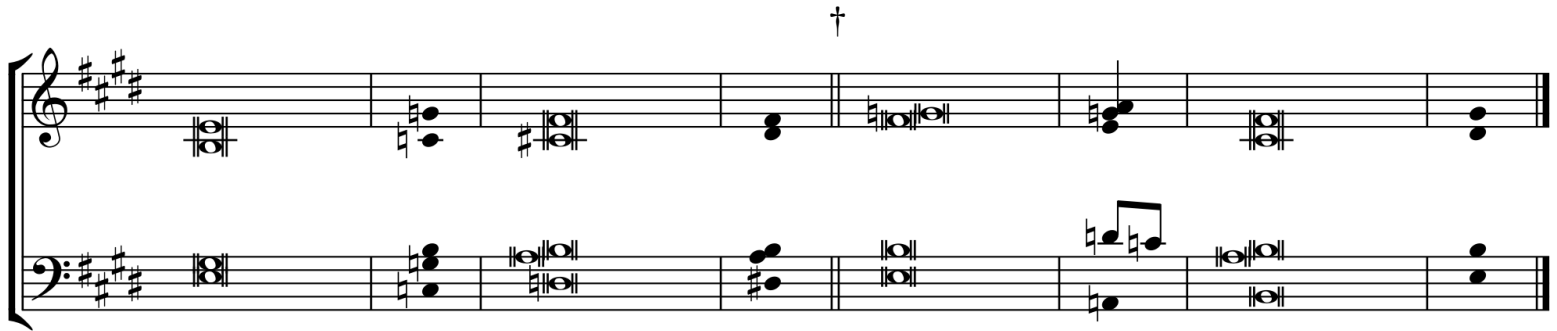
Celebrant O God, make speed to save us.

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.

Please be seated.

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 54, *Deus, in nomine*;
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)



- ¹ Save me, O God, by your / Name; *
in your might, defend my / cause.
 - ² Hear my prayer, O / God; *
give ear to the words of my / mouth.
 - ³ For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my / life, *
those who have no regard for / God.
 - ⁴ Behold, God is my / helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my / life.
 - ⁵ Render evil to those who / spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, de- / stroy them.
 - ⁶ I will offer you a freewill / sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is / good.
 - ⁷ For you have rescued me from every / trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my / foes.
- 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

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a, *Two Kinds of Wisdom*

A reading from the letter of James.

WHO is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

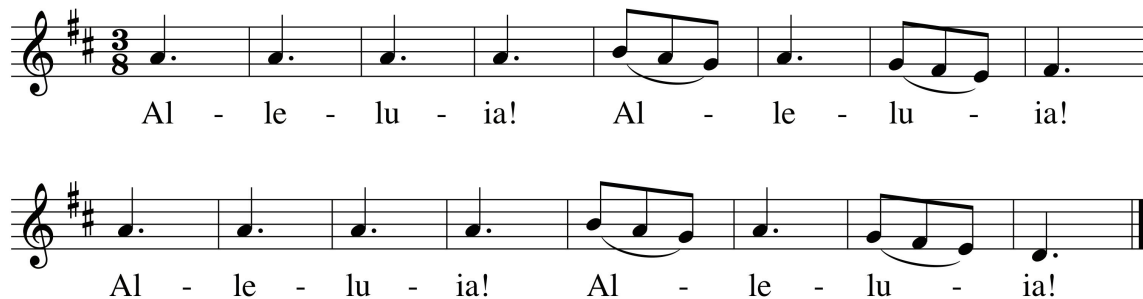
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

music, John L. Bell (b. 1949)



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9: 30-37, *Who is the Greatest?*

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all

and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Following the repetition of the Alleluia, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE IONIAN CREED

Please stand, as able.

WE believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Intercessor God be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Gracious God, empower the Church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, the Church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit at one table, and serve you with one accord. We pray especially for our Diocese, and our Bishop, Susan.

People Come, Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and to strive for justice and peace, so that all your children may be free. We pray especially for Joseph, our President, and Gavin, our Governor.

People Come, Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Hear the cries of those who are hungry, homeless, and suffering, those near and those far. Give those of us who consume most of the earth’s resources the will to reorder our lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter, and fullness of life.

People Come, Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Look with compassion on all who suffer illness and distress, 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 **Come, Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.**

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 **Come, Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says:

GRANT us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 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 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. You breathe into us your Spirit, and by the blowing of the gentle breeze, you remind us of the constancy of your loving presence. Your glory is in the breath of each created thing, and through your creation we see the holiness and wonder of your being. And so with all the hosts of heaven and earth, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, we join in the praises 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, 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 this 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 The Bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.

People **The Cup of love is shared with all who seek God.**

Celebrant These are 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.

Please be seated once you receive Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI, 7.7.9 with refrain;
words, Tom Colvin (1925-2000);
music, Ghanaian folk song

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

Please stand, as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, in love you have called us to be your people, and with love you have given us this bread and this wine; may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. 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

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.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant In darkness and in light, as we sleep and when we awake, in rest and in work, in sadness and in joy, may we be aware of your holy presence, and mindful of your faithful love. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *(see next page)*

"I Come With Joy"

LAND OF REST, 8.6.8.6;
words, Brian Wren (b. 1936);
music, trad. American melody

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world to share the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE