



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**EL PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**REGENERATION CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021**  
**11:15 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

*Please stand, as able.*

**GATHERING SONG**

**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

words and music, arr. Rain for Roots

O Come, O come, Emmanuel. (*sing 4 times*)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here,  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. (*Refrain*)

O Come, O come, Emmanuel. (*sing 3 times*)

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

*During the singing of the Kyrie, the appointed candles in the Advent Wreath are lit.*

## KYRIE

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy (*sing 3 times*)

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. (*repeat*)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, (*repeat*)

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33: 14-16, *The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

**T**HE days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is observed, marked by the ringing of a bell at the beginning and the end.*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-36, *The Coming of the Son of Man*

*Gospeller* A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

**J**ESUS said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE MESSAGE

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## SONG IN RESPONSE

**"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

words and music, arr. Rain for Roots

*Please stand, as able.*

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

*Refrain:* We are waiting, we are waiting  
We are waiting for You. (*repeat*)

By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne. (*Refrain*)

## THE PRAYERS

*Intercessor* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

*Intercessor* For the church, still waiting for unity, still hoping for renewal: may all the faithful be blessed by the sound of the Gospel proclaimed to the ends of the earth. We pray especially for our Diocese, and our Bishop, Susan. Come, Lord Jesus,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For all nations, still waiting in peace, still hoping for an end to war, still searching for common ground: may all peoples be blessed by the sound of understanding between clans and tribes, rulers and races. We pray especially for Joseph, our President, and Gavin, our governor. Come, Lord Jesus,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For those who have lost hope, still waiting for a job, still hoping for a cure, still searching for a place to call home: may those without joy this season be blessed by the sound of God's promise for them fulfilled. Come, Lord Jesus,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For travelers and visitors, families and friends: still waiting for welcome, still hoping for reconciliation, still searching for a way to mend what has been broken: may everyone we encounter this season be blessed by greetings of peace, compassion, and hospitality. Come, Lord Jesus,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For the sick and the dying and those who care for them, still waiting for results, still hoping for a miracle, still searching for courage and comfort. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and those we now name.

*The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.*

*Intercessor* May all the sick be blessed by the sound of God's healing word and the strength of our prayers. Come, Lord Jesus,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For the departed: loved ones whom we miss this season, forgotten ones who died alone, innocent ones caught in the crossfire of violence. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and those we now name.

*The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.*

*Intercessor* May all who have died be blessed by the sound of God welcoming them home. Come, Lord Jesus,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* In this season of waiting, in this time of preparation, we long to draw closer to God, as a comfort and as our savior. So often, we get in our own way; we make choices that trip us up as we move toward God. So then, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*People* Holy God, our hearts are breaking, and we don't know whether to shout in rage or keep silent in fear. We take our rage and fear and regret and grief out on others, and we know that is wrong. We act selfishly; we consume, hoard and haggle, and we know that is not what you ask of us in this sacred time. Help us. Mend our hearts. Hear our voices. Comfort us in our grief, and open our hands so that we will share in our sorrow and joy, in our hope and despair. Come to us again, we pray, and make us ready to receive you. Amen.

*Presider* Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and freed to love and serve. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Presider* 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 SONG

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (*Reprise*)

words and music, arr. Rain for Roots

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand, as able.*

*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, it is good, it is fitting that we praise you, our God, at all times and in all places. For at the beginning of time you brought order out of chaos, light out of darkness and life out of your Spirit. At the end of time you call all things back to yourself, drawing all creation into eternity.

Between the beginning and the end, in your great love, you made us in your image, giving us time for our dwelling, and calling us to love you, and all that you have made. But we have not loved you, or one another, or your creation as you have loved us. We have turned away from you and given our love to vain things, and become subject to sin and death. Yet in your love, through prophets, apostles, saints, and teachers, you continue to remind us of that love for which we are made.

So great is your love for us that when all else failed, you came among us, clothing your creative Word in human flesh as Jesus, so that by your divinity becoming human, our humanity might be made divine. Jesus, born of Mary in a humble manger, dying in agony on a shameful cross, rising in glory to your right hand, raises all things, the humble and the glorious, to new life in him, who is himself Alpha and Omega, beginning and end.

We bless you for this great gift of our salvation, O God, and with your holy angels and all the saints who have gone before us, we sing:

## SANCTUS

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glory, Lord God Almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord God Almighty.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Before Jesus was taken away to be killed, he had supper with his friends. At the table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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, sharing bread and wine as Jesus commanded, proclaim the eternal mystery:

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

We ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus. And we ask that you send your Spirit upon us, your family, that we may be united in the Body of Jesus your Anointed One, and live the new life of love to which you raise us.

All this we ask through Christ who was, and with Christ who is, and in Christ who will be, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.  
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And save us from times of trial, deliver us from all evil.  
For the kingdom, pow'r, and glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider* The Spirit we await is with us in this bread.  
*People* The voice of the Holy One speaks to us in this cup.  
*Presider* These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**M**Y 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 SONG

“Lamb of God”

words and music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Lamb of God, Lamb of God.  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God.  
You take away the sins of the world.  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God.  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** God, you have given us bread from heaven to nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love. Teach us, we pray, to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth: through Jesus 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 AND ANNIVERSARIES

**W**ATCH 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.**

*Please stand, as able.*

## THE BLESSING

*Presider* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing, and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second coming in power, and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

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