



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER/EL QUINTO DOMINGO EN PASCUA**  
**EVENING PRAYER, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**OUR MISSION:**

We are called to be disciples of Christ,  
revealing His Life, Love, and  
Light to the World.

**NUESTRA MISIÓN:**

Estamos llamados a  
ser discípulos de Cristo,  
revelando su vida, amor, y luz al mundo.

**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 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)*

**“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”**

*BRIDEGROOM, 8.7.8.7.6;*  
words, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944);  
music, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

<sup>1</sup> Like the murmur of the dove’s song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,  
like the new flame’s eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

<sup>2</sup> To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

<sup>3</sup> With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the pow'r to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

## 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

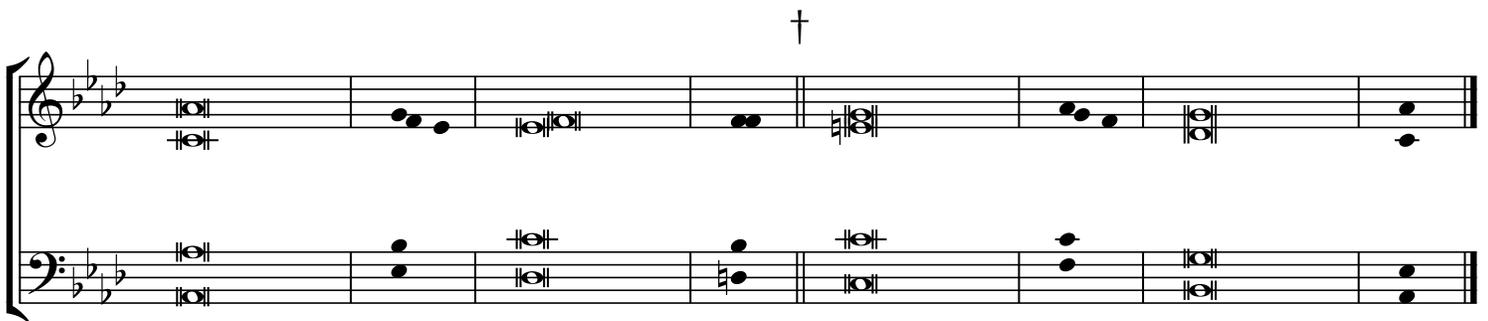
*Celebrant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be 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 22: 24-30: *Deus, deus meus;*  
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)



<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great as- / ssembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship him.

<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall / praise him: \*

"May your heart live for / ever!"

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord, \*

and all the families of the nations shall bow be- / fore him.

<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the / Lord; \*

he rules over the / nations.

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall be- / fore him.

<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for / ever.

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet un- / born: \*  
the saving deeds that he has / done.

Glory be 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.

## THE EPISTLE

<sup>1</sup> John 4: 7-21: *God is Love*

A reading from the first letter of John.

**B**ELOVED, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*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: 1-8: *Jesus the True Vine*

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

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

**J**ESUS said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

## THE CREED

*Please stand, as able.*

**Y**OU, 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:*

**A**LMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.**

**W**E 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.

**H**OLY, 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,

**O**UR 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.

**T**HIS is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### INVITATION TO 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 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

**W**ATCH 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

**G**RACIOUS 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.

*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)*

### “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

*LAUDA ANIMA, 8.7.8.7.8.7;*  
words, Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847);  
music, John Goss (1800-1880)

<sup>1</sup> Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days.

<sup>2</sup> Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness.

<sup>3</sup> Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;  
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia, alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

<sup>4</sup> Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;  
But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the high eternal one.

<sup>5</sup> Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon, and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**