



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT/ EL TERCER DOMINGO EN CUARESMA**  
**EVENING PRAYER, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021**  
**4:00 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**

*The congregation is invited to enter in prayerful silence.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG** *(sung by cantor)*

**“Our Darkness is Never Darkness”**

words and music, Taizé Community (France)

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:  
The deepest night is clear as the daylight.

## THE OPENING SENTENCES

*Officiant* Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us sit in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

*Officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,  
*People* **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* 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 Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.

*People* **The Lord's name be praised.**



- <sup>1</sup> The *hëav'ns* declare the / glory of God, \*  
and the firmament / shows his *händiwörk*.
- <sup>2</sup> One day tells its / tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge / to *anöthër*.
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no / words or language, \*  
and their voi- / ces are *nöt hëard*,
- <sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out / into all lands, \*  
and their message to the / ends of *thë wörl'd*.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect / and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom / to the *innocënt*.
- <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just / and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and / gives light *tö the ëyes*.
- <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get do- / minion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent / of a *grëat offënsë*.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be ac- / ceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and / my *redëemër*.
- 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 with- / out end. *Ämen*.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20: 1-17: *The Ten Commandments*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

**T**HEN God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### THE SONG OF MARY (**MAGNIFICAT**) *(sung by cantor)*

Luke 1: 46-55;

**"Magnificat Anima Mea"** ("My Soul Magnifies the Lord")

music, Taizé Community (France)

*Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum,  
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea!*

### THE SECOND LESSON

John 2: 13-22: *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

A reading from the Gospel of John.

**T**HE Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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*People* Thanks be to God.

### THE SERMON

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*The Officiant leads:*

**I**believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*Intercessor* The Lord be with you.

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

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

*Intercessor* That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**People** **We entreat thee, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**People** **We entreat thee, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**People** **We entreat thee, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,

**People** **We entreat thee, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of Bartholomew and all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**People** **We entreat thee, O Lord.**

*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** **We entreat thee, O Lord.**

*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** **We entreat thee, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and those we now name.

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

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and those we now name.

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*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Officiant says:*

**A**Lmighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      The Lord 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.**

**G**REAT Creator Spirit, from whom all life comes forth, here we gather again with bread and with wine, seeking your presence, and your peace, longing once more to be nourished. We hunger for wholeness in our lives, for unity on earth and for peace among the nations. And we know that only in your love can such peace and unity be found. So with all that we are and all that we can give, we join with all of creation as we sing your praises:

**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 is your creation, O Lord, for all the earth reflects your glory. Blessed is the fruit of the earth, which sustains us in this earthly life. And blessed is your Son Jesus, who came to heal and bring wholeness by the forgiveness of sins. In life and in death, he revealed your glory; in life and in death he awakens in us the hope that all powers of evil will fall, and that your love will reign.

On the night before he suffered, Jesus took bread and, lifting it up and giving thanks to you, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying: "Take and eat this, for this is my body which is given for you." Then he took the cup, blessed the wine and gave it to them, saying: "Take and drink this, for this cup is my blood, which shall be shed for the forgiveness of all. Whenever you do these things, you shall remember me." And so, Lord, in memory of Jesus, we your children offer to you these gifts. We call now on your Holy Spirit to bless them: the holy bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing, and to make them be for us the food of heaven.

**People**      **Accept with them the sacrifice of our hearts that all who share in this bread and this cup may be blessed in your love and that through this love, we may be instruments of your peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son. 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*    Broken bread, poured out wine, signs of Christ's self-giving;

**People**      **Broken bread, poured out wine, food for the human soul;**

*Celebrant*    Broken bread, poured out wine, sacrifice for the world's peace.

#### **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.

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

**W**E give you thanks, O God, for calling us together and for sustaining us with this holy meal. This place is sacred, this time is sacred, and in the sacredness we have shared a mystery. May we in every place and time recognize the sacredness of life, and may we accept the mystery as we accept your love, with joyful faith and eternal hope; in Christ's name. 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.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN *(sung by cantor)*

**"Abide With Me"**

*MERRIAL (BARNBY), 6.5.6.5;  
words, Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924);  
music, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)*

<sup>1</sup> Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.



<sup>2</sup> I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

<sup>3</sup> I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

<sup>4</sup> Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*The ministers depart in silence. No postlude is offered.*