



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER/EL SEXTO DOMINGO EN PASCUA REGENERATION CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 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 SONG (*sung by worship leaders*)

“Living Hope”

words and music, Brian Johnson (b. 1978), et al.

How great the chasm that lay between us, how high the mountain I could not climb;
In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night.

Then through the darkness, your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (*repeat*)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (*repeat*)
Jesus, yours is the victory! (*Refrain*)

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

THE GOSPEL

John 15: 9-17: *The World's Hatred*

Gospeller A reading from the Gospel of John.

JESUS said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

SONG IN RESPONSE *(sung by worship leaders)*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

words and music, Adam Westlake et al.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share,
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Refrain: Precious Jesus, Lord and Friend, I give everything to You;
Shelter, Shepherd, Savior King, I give everything to You.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.
Thou wilt find a solace there. (*Refrain*)

THE PRAYERS

Intercessor God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor 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. God of peace and love,
People **Hear our prayer.**

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. God of peace and love,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom. God of peace and love,
People **Hear our prayer.**

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 Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. God of peace and love,
People **Hear our prayer.**

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 Bring peace to those who mourn in their time of loss. God of peace and love,
People **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

Please stand, as able.

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 SONG

“What a Friend we Have in Jesus” (Reprise)

words and music, Adam Westlake et al.

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, 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 (*sung by worship leaders*)

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!

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:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung by worship leaders*)

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

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.

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.

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.

Please be seated once you receive Communion.

COMMUNION SONG (*sung by worship leaders*)

“Your Love is Deep”

words and music, Jami Smith

Refrain: Your love is deep, your love is high,
Your love is long, your love is wide. (*repeat*)

Your love is deeper than my view of grace,
Higher than this worldly place,
Longer than this road I travel,
Wider than the gap you filled. (*repeat*)

Who shall separate us, who shall separate us from your love?
Nothing can separate us, nothing can separate us from your love. (*Refrain*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant 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

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.

A MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

ON this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us bless and pray for all mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all those who have mothered others in any way: those who have been our substitute mother and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life, and the blessing of God, the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

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