



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

APRIL 4, 2021

6:00 A.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.

GATHERING HYMN *(sung by cantor)*

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with Alleluia;
words, Latin, 14th c.;
music, anon. 18th c.*

¹ Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

² Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

³ But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

⁴ Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28: 1-10: *The Resurrection of Jesus*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

AFTER the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he

lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Please stand, as able.

THE CREED

YOU, 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for our Diocese, and our Bishop, Susan. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for our President, Joseph, and our Governor, Gavin. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

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 any 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.

The congregation is invited to add any intercessions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

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 HYMN *(sung by cantor)* “Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN, 5.5.5.4;
words, Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965);
music, trad. Gaelic melody

¹ Morning has broken like the first morning,
 Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

² Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from Heaven,
 Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

³ Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
 Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's re-creation of the new day!

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.**

ALL thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Bartholomew, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise:

People **Blessed are you now and for ever. 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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; 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."*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace;
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy;
May the man of Galilee bring you strength;
May the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;
May the risen Jesus bring you hope;
May the ascended Christ bring a foretaste of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(sung by cantor)*

"I Am the Bread of Life"

words and music, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927)

¹ "I am the bread of life, you who come to Me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

² "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever."

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

³ "I am the Resurrection, I am the Life,
If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever."

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

⁴ Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
Who has come into the world.

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**