



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**REIGN OF CHRIST  
AND THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
REGENERATION CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
9:00 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 nuestra alabanzas,  
acciones y alcance: transformándonos a  
nosotros mismos y al mundo.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**"Majesty"**

words and music, Jack Hayford (b. 1934)

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Celebrant* O God, let our mouths proclaim your praise!

*People* **And your glory all the day long!**

*Celebrant* O come let us worship. Alleluia!

*People* **Alleluia!**

## THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1: 15-23: *Paul's Prayer*

**I**HAVE heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46: *The Judgment of the Nations*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE MESSAGE

### THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

#### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Celebrant says to the Parents and Godparents:*

*Celebrant* Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith, and walk with them in the way of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents* With the help of God, we will.

*Celebrant* In baptism these children will begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

*Parents & Godparents* With the help of God, we will.

*Celebrant* Therefore I ask: Do you turn to Christ?

*Parents & Godparents* I turn to Christ.

*Celebrant* Do you repent of your sins?

*Parents & Godparents* I repent of my sins.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce evil?

*Parents & Godparents* I renounce evil.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will!**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Celebrant* Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ. Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

*People* **I believe and trust in God.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

*People* **I believe and trust in God.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

*People* **I believe and trust in God.**

*Celebrant* This is the faith of the Church.

*People* **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### **PRAYERS OVER THE WATER**

*The family gathers at the baptismal font.*

*Celebrant* Praise God who made heaven and earth,

*People* **Who keeps his promise for ever.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

**W**E thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh, and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*Celebrant* \_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into God's Church, pour upon you the riches of God's grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by God's anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

\_\_\_\_\_, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDLE**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

## **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.**

**A**ND now we give you thanks because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, as the eternal priest and King of all. As a priest he offered up his life on the cross, that by his one sacrifice he might present to you an eternal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory, and join their unending hymn of praise:

## **SANCTUS**

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

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:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

## **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**

**"Lamb of God"**

words and music, Mylon LeFevre (b. 1944)

*During the music, listen for God's voice calling you into Communion.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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.

## THE BLESSING

## CLOSING SONG

**"How Great is Our God"**

words and music, Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE