



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
EL PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

CHORAL EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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 MUSIC

Please stand, as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(see next page)*

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

STUTT GART, 8.7.8.7;
words, Charles Wesley (1707-1788);
music, attr. Christian Friedrich Witt (1660-1716)

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider Blessed be the one God, whose prophets foretold the coming of the Light;
People And blessed be the Son, whose coming we await.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

KYRIE music, John Michael Talbot (b. 1954)

D Bm D/F# Bm A G
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ have
 D G Bm A(sus4) D
 mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33: 14-16, *The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

THE days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 25: 1-9, *Ad te, Domine, levavi*
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Optional Descant:



Antiphon:



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Verses:



- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph / over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to / shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O / Lord, *
and teach me your / paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and / teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day / long. (*Ant.*)
- ⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and / love, *
for they are from ever- / lasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans- / gressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O / Lord.

- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the / Lord; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his / way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing / right *
 and teaches his way to the / lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are love and / faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies. (*Ant.*)

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Timothy's Encouraging Report

A period of silence is observed, marked by the ringing of a bell at the beginning and the end.

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

HOW can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

GRADUAL

Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el

shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



Choir Show us, Lord, your / love;
And grant us your sal- / vation. *(repeat Gradual)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21: 25-36, *The Coming of the Son of Man*

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

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

JESUS said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the repetition of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

A period of silence is observed, marked by the ringing of a bell at the beginning and the end.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Intercessor God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Intercessor With prayers for a world waiting in hope, let us turn to the Lord, and we shall be saved. Let us pray.

Intercessor For the church, still waiting for unity, still hoping for renewal: may all the faithful be blessed by the sound of the Gospel proclaimed to the ends of the earth. We pray especially for our Diocese, and our Bishop, Susan.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all nations, still waiting in peace, still hoping for an end to war, still searching for common ground: may all peoples be blessed by the sound of understanding between clans and tribes, rulers and races. We pray especially for Joseph, our President, and Gavin, our governor.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have lost hope, still waiting for a job, still hoping for a cure, still searching for a place to call home: may those without joy this season be blessed by the sound of God's promise for them fulfilled.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For travelers and visitors, families and friends: still waiting for welcome, still hoping for reconciliation, still searching for a way to mend what has been broken: may everyone we encounter this season be blessed by greetings of peace, compassion, and hospitality.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the sick and the dying and those who care for them, still waiting for results, still hoping for a miracle, still searching for courage and comfort. We pray especially for _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor May all the sick be blessed by the sound of God’s healing word and the strength of our prayers.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the departed: loved ones whom we miss this season, forgotten ones who died alone, innocent ones caught in the crossfire of violence. We pray especially for _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor May all who have died be blessed by the sound of God welcoming them home.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Presider You are near to us, Lord, as close to us as the child in the womb of her mother. And yet we wait in expectant hope for your coming. Attune our ears to hear your voice in all those we meet, and open our eyes to see your abiding presence in our world. Hear our prayers and help us turn to you, that we may leap for joy at the sound of your saving Word: Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon In this season of waiting, in this time of preparation, we long to draw closer to God, as a comfort and as our savior. So often, we get in our own way; we make choices that trip us up as we move toward God. So then, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

A period of silence is kept.

People **Holy God, our hearts are breaking, and we don’t know whether to shout in rage or keep silent in fear. We take our rage and fear and regret and grief out on others, and we know that is wrong. We act selfishly; we consume, hoard and haggle, and we know that is not what you ask of us in this sacred time. Help us. Mend our hearts. Hear our voices. Comfort us in our grief, and open our hands so that we will share in our sorrow and joy, in our hope and despair. Come to us again, we pray, and make us ready to receive you. Amen.**

Presider Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and freed to love and serve. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O King and Desire”

music, John Stainer (1840-1901)

*O King and desire of all nations, thou cornerstone, who has made both one.
Come and save us, whom thou made from the clay.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as able.

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

IT is right, it is good, it is fitting that we praise you, our God, at all times and in all places. For at the beginning of time you brought order out of chaos, light out of darkness and life out of your Spirit. At the end of time you call all things back to yourself, drawing all creation into eternity.

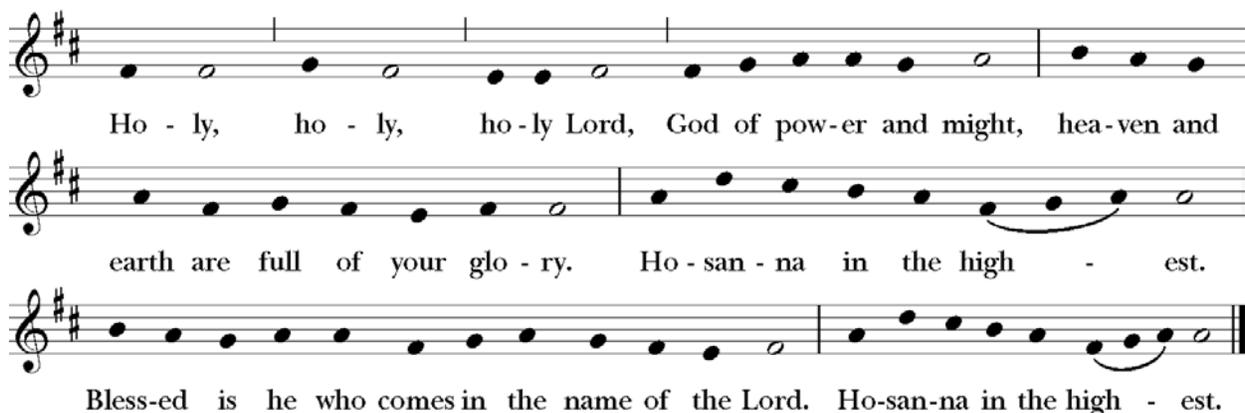
Between the beginning and the end, in your great love, you made us in your image, giving us time for our dwelling, and calling us to love you, and all that you have made. But we have not loved you, or one another, or your creation as you have loved us. We have turned away from you and given our love to vain things, and become subject to sin and death. Yet in your love, through prophets, apostles, saints, and teachers, you continue to remind us of that love for which we are made.

So great is your love for us that when all else failed, you came among us, clothing your creative Word in human flesh as Jesus, so that by your divinity becoming human, our humanity might be made divine. Jesus, born of Mary in a humble manger, dying in agony on a shameful cross, rising in glory to your right hand, raises all things, the humble and the glorious, to new life in him, who is himself Alpha and Omega, beginning and end.

We bless you for this great gift of our salvation, O God, and with your holy angels and all the saints who have gone before us, we sing:

SANCTUS

music, David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Before Jesus was taken away to be killed, he had supper with his friends. At the table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we, sharing bread and wine as Jesus commanded, proclaim the eternal mystery:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We ask you, O God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus. And we ask that you send your Spirit upon us, your family, that we may be united in the Body of Jesus your Anointed One, and live the new life of love to which you raise us.

All this we ask through Christ who was, and with Christ who is, and in Christ who will be, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

music, McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

People Lord, unite us in this sign.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL 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.

AGNUS DEI

music, John Merbecke (ca. 1510-1585)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

ADVENT HYMN *(see next page)*

“Hope is a Star” *(during the Season of Advent, one verse is added each week)*

MOON BEAMS, Irregular with refrain;
words, Brian Wren (b. 1936);
music, Joan Collier Fogg (b. 1949)

C C/E F C/E F C/E Dm F/E Fmaj7

Advent 1: 1. Hope is a star that shines in the night, lead-ing us on 'till the morn-ing is
Advent 2: 2. Peace is a rib-bon that cir - cles the earth, giv-ing a prom-ise of safe - ty and
Advent 3: 3. Joy is a song that wel-comes the dawn, tell-ing the world that the Sav - ior is
Advent 4: 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart, Je - sus has come and will ne - ver de-

G(sus4) G Am F G F/A G/B C Am

bright. When God is a child, there's joy in our song. The last shall be
 worth.
 born.
 part.

F G Am7 G/B C Am Am/G F Dm7 C

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

COMMUNION HYMN

“My Lord, What a Morning”

BURLEIGH, Irregular;
 words and music, African-American Spiritual

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O, my Lord! what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.

1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound
 2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry to wake the na - tions un - der-ground,
 3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout

to Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand when the stars be - gin to fall.

Please stand, as able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

GOD of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please be seated.

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 AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; 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.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing, and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second coming in power, and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(see next page)*

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

*HELMSLEY, 8.7.8.7.4.7;
words, Charles Wesley (1707-1788);
music, Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778)*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE