



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REGENERATION CONTEMPORARY EUCHARIST THE SEASON OF ADVENT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022 6:00 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

“Mary, Did You Know?”
“Good News”

Please stand, as able.

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

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

Following the prayer, please be seated.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1: 46-55, Mary's Song of Praise

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MARY said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE MESSAGE

Please stand, as able.

MUSIC IN RESPONSE

"Holy is your Name"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers for the Church, world, nation, and community are offered.
After each response:*

Intercessor God, in your mercy,
People *(sung)* Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider 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, fear, 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. 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, and 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 MUSIC

“Doxology”

Please stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

CREATOR of the universe, you speak in the darkness, bringing song out of silence, dance out of stillness, life out of death. You send us messengers to give voice to your love. You speak through hungry women, outcast men, the poor and impure. You choose what is despised to make us whole. A homeless girl bears Jesus, your blessing, who turns the whole world upside down. He smashes the temple, laughs at the powerful, kisses sinners, and heals the unclean. He breaks open the prisons, frees slaves and captives, feasts with the starving, and breaks bread with strangers; Loving each body as God's own, he teaches us to walk in the way of compassion.

Presider Beholding your holiness in all our human lives we praise and bless you.
People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, our God.

Forgiving Father, you make a feast for us in the midst of our shame; you cover us with your garment of love. Running past our violence and terror, you bring us home and give us new life.

Life-giving Mother, you raised Jesus in glory from the tomb. Now show us his body alive in your children. Open our hearts to your Spirit enlivening us. Heal us, inspire us and give us your power so we may live as Jesus lives and love as Jesus loves. We pray that all our lives may find in your embrace communion with friends and strangers, the hurt and the hurting, and with all your holy people in every time and place as we join in the angels' song:

SANCTUS

On the night before his friends betrayed him and enemies took him away to be killed, Jesus shared supper with his friends. He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them and said, “This bread is my body, making covenant with you and all humankind. Whenever you eat it, remember me.” Then he took the wine and said, “This is the cup of life, my blood poured out for all, making covenant with you and all humankind. Whenever you drink it, remember me.” Now whenever we eat this bread and wine, Jesus rises in us and makes us one body.

We pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son so that we may become One Body, and give you perfect praise. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

“Good News” (*Reprise*)