



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 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.

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

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

words and music, Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

John 1: 1-18: The Word Became Flesh

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE MESSAGE

SONG IN RESPONSE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)”

words and music, arr. Paul Baloche (b. 1962)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Christ, heralded by the angels, open our eyes to your presence.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, born of the blessed Virgin, teach us obedience to your Word.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, born in a stable, give hope to the homeless.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, visited by the shepherds, strengthen all who work for your Name. We pray especially for our diocese, and our Bishop, Susan.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, adored by wise ones, guide all rulers and governments. We pray especially for Donald, our president, Joseph, our president-elect, and Gavin, our governor.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Christ, exiled in Egypt, give comfort to all refugees.

People **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and his name is called the Prince of Peace. The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)”

words and music, arr. Paul Baloche (b. 1962)

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.**

LORD of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your 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 He who was first held by Mary is held for us in this Bread.

People **He whose body was laid in a manger, is cradled in this cup.**

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Silent Night (Emmanuel)”

words and music, arr. Matt Maher (b. 1974)

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. 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.”

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. 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

Celebrant May the Wonderful Counselor guide you, the Mighty God protect you, the Everlasting Father be with you, and the Prince of Peace comfort you. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and evermore. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go forth in the peace of Christ! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

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