



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER/EL QUINTO DOMINGO EN PASCUA**  
**REGENERATION CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 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** *(sung by worship leaders)*

**“May the Peoples Praise You”**

words and music, Keith Getty (b. 1974), et al.

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.  
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life.

*Refrain:* May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad.  
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,  
May praise the Name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,  
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.  
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,  
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. *(Refrain)*

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims. *(Refrain)*

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.  
All creation praise Your glorious Name! *(Refrain)*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

## THE GOSPEL

John 15: 1-8: *Jesus the True Vine*

*Gospeller* A reading from the Gospel of John.

JESUS said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## THE MESSAGE

## SONG IN RESPONSE *(sung by worship leaders)*

**"Seek Ye First"**

words and music, Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

<sup>1</sup>Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

*Refrain:* Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia!

<sup>2</sup> Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia! (*Refrain*)

<sup>3</sup> We do not live by bread alone, but by every word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, Alleluia! (*Refrain*)

## THE PRAYERS

*Intercessor* God be with you.

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

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

*Intercessor* We pray for the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth. We pray especially for our Diocese, and our Bishop, Susan. God of peace and love,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and its peoples the way of peace. We pray especially for Joseph, our President, and Gavin, our Governor. God of peace and love,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom. God of peace and love,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we now name.

*The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.*

*Intercessor* Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. God of peace and love,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We remember those who have died and those who mourn, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we now name.

*The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.*

*Intercessor* Bring peace to those who mourn in their time of loss. God of peace and love,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

## THE PEACE

*Please stand, as able.*

*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 SENTENCE

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC

### “May the Peoples Praise You” (*Reprise*)

words and music, Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

### 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.**

**W**E offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

### **SANCTUS** (*sung by worship leaders*)

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glory, Lord God Almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord God Almighty.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung by worship leaders)*

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.  
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And save us from times of trial, deliver us from all evil.  
For the kingdom, pow'r, and glory are yours,  
Now and for ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Gracious God, we come to your table.

*People* **Nourish us with the bread of life and the cup of heaven.**

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

**T**HIS is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

**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.

*Please be seated once you receive Communion.*

**COMMUNION SONG** *(sung by worship leaders)*

**"I Am the Vine"**

words and music, Bob Hurd

*Refrain:* I am the vine, you are the branches.

Remain in me, you shall be fruitful.

Love for the world, hope for the hopeless.

If you love, then you must root yourself in me;  
For the branch will fail and die without the tree. (*Refrain*)

If you give, then you must give yourself to me;  
For the well will soon run dry without the sea.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** God, you have given us bread from heaven to nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love. Teach us, we pray, to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth: through Jesus 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

**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.

*Please stand, as able.*

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life, and the blessing of God, the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself, be with you now and always. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN *(sung by worship leaders)*

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