



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER/EL QUINTO DOMINGO EN PASCUA
CHORAL EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021
11:00 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 nuestra alabanzas,
acciones, y alcance: transformándonos a
nosotros mismos y al mundo.

GATHERING HYMN *(sung by choir)*

“Seek Ye First”

*LAFFERTY, Irregular;
words and music, Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)*

¹ 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!

² 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*)

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand, as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*sung by choir*)

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA, 8.7.8.7.8.7;
words, Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847);
music, John Goss (1800-1880)

¹ Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days.

² Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Sing our Maker’s faithfulness.

³ Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame;
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia, alleluia! All within me, praise God’s name!

⁴ Frail as summer’s flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the high eternal one.

⁵ Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face;
sun and moon, and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

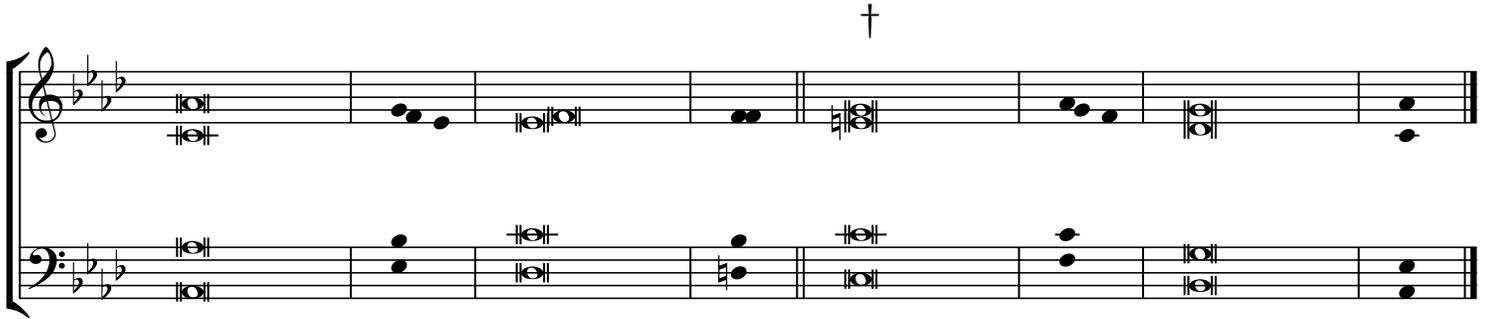
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE PSALM APPOINTED *(sung by choir)*

Psalm 22: 24-30: *Deus, deus meus;*
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)



- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great as- / sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship him.
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall / praise him: *
"May your heart live for / ever!"
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow be- / fore him.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the / Lord; *
he rules over the / nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall be- / fore him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for / ever.
- † ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet un- / born: *
the saving deeds that he has / done.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 4: 7-21: *God is Love*

A reading from the first letter of John.

BELOVED, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

GRADUAL *(sung by choir)*

"Celtic Alleluia"

music, Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Alleluia, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Please stand, as able.

YOU, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship You. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor O God, we come before you with reverence and with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. 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.

People May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.

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.

People May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.

Intercessor We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.

People May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.

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 God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

People May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.

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 Loving God, into your hands we commend them.
People **Bring peace to those who mourn in their time of loss.**

Intercessor Grant that we may walk in your presence with your truth in our minds, your strength in our souls and your love in our hearts, that we may share the light of your love with all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

music, arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

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.**

ALL thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS *(sung by choir)*

music, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is he that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Bartholomew, and all your people, into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise:

People **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung by choir)*

music, Eric Wyse

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

Please be seated once you receive Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

“Greater Love Hath No Man”

words, Holy Scripture;
music, John Ireland (1879-1962)

MANY waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto to God, which is your reasonable service.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ETERNAL God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the God of peace, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *(sung by choir)*

“Planted in Christ, the Living Vine”

CAITHNESS, 8.7.8.7;
words, Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895);
music, anon. 17th c.

¹ Planted in Christ, the living Vine,
This day, with one accord,
Ourselves, with humble faith and joy,
We yield to thee, O Lord.

² Joined in one body may we be,
One inward life partake,
One be our heart, one heavenly hope
In every bosom wake.

³ In prayer, in effort, tears, and toils,
One wisdom be our guide;
Taught by one Spirit from above,
In thee may we abide.

⁴ Around this feeble, trusting band
Thy sheltering pinions spread,
Nor let the storms of trial beat
Too fiercely on our head.

⁵ Then, when among the saints in light,
We all immortal shine,
Anthems of everlasting praise,
Dear Saviour, shall be thine.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE