



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE RT. REV. DR. SUSAN BROWN SNOOK, PRESIDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 CHORAL EUCHARIST 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
nuestras alabanzas, acciones y alcance:
transformándonos a nosotros mismos y al mundo.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Meditation", from Thaïs

music, Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

*During the music, listen for God's voice calling to you.
Please feel free to list any prayer requests in the comment section.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Christ Upon the Mountain Peak"

MOWSLEY, 7.8.7.8 with refrain;

words, Brian Wren (b. 1936);

music, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

¹ Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him.
Alleluia!

² Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting.
Alleluia!

³ Swift the cloud of glory came. God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder!
Alleluia!

⁴ This is God's belovèd Son! Law and prophets fade before him;
first and last and only One, let creation now adore him!
Alleluia!

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

GLORIA

music, Taizé Community

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2: 1-12: *Elijah Ascends to Heaven*

WHEN the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 50: 1-6: *Deus deorum*

¹ The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the
sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.

⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6: *Treasure in Clay Jars*

EVEN if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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THE GOSPEL

Mark 9: 2-9: *The Transfiguration*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Bishop Let us renew our Baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

- Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.
- Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.
- Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.
- Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.
- Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.
- Bishop* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Intercessor* The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
- Intercessor* We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God brings light to any darkness. Let us pray.
- Intercessor* Gracious God, empower the Church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, the Church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit at one table, and serve you with one accord. We pray especially for our diocese, and our Bishop, Susan.
Light of the world, be known to us.
- Intercessor* Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and to strive for justice and peace, so that all your children may be free. We pray especially for Joseph, our president, and Gavin, our governor.
Light of the world, be known to us.
- Intercessor* Hear the cries of those who are hungry, homeless, and suffering, those near and those far. Give those of us who consume most of the earth's resources the will to reorder our lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter, and fullness of life.
Light of the world, be known to us.
- Intercessor* Look with compassion on all who suffer illness and distress, especially _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

- Intercessor* Support them with your love and lead us to be healers for all we encounter, in the name of Christ.
Light of the world, be known to us.
- Intercessor* With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died, saints who bore witness to your light, especially _____ and those we now name.

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**Intercessor
People** Allow us to persevere in faith, mercy, and love, and at the end of our lives behold your glory.
Light of the world, be known to us.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord is here.
People **God's Spirit is with us.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

IT is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

music, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

People **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (previously recorded)

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

Bishop Bread of life, nourish our souls.

People **Light of the world, shine in our hearts.**

Bishop 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 MOTET

“Holy is the True Light”

words, George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926);
music, William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

HOLY is the True Light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict. From Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

People **O God, in love you have called us to be your people, and in love we have shared this bread and wine; may the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts by this holy meal, and may its light guide us on our journey and lead us home to you; in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your participation in today's service. Your presence is a blessing to us.

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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

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

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

CLOSING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

SHINE JESUS SHINE; Irregular;
words and music, Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

¹ Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me!

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire!
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

² Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me!

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire!
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

³ As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story;
Shine on me, shine on me!

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire!
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Sonata in G Major, III: Finale,” Hob. XVI/G1

music, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Join us for ZOOM coffee hour following the service, to say hello!
Meeting ID: 624 892 967, Password: Stbarts60
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TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

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Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas,
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Rev. Cindy Campos, Deacon

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Tim McLellan,
Associate Director of Music
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