



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020 EVENING PRAYER, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION 5:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ,
revealing His Life, Love and
Light to the World.

NUESTRA MISIÓN:

Estamos llamados a
ser discípulos de Cristo,
revelando su vida, amor y luz al mundo.

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 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 MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

People Amen.

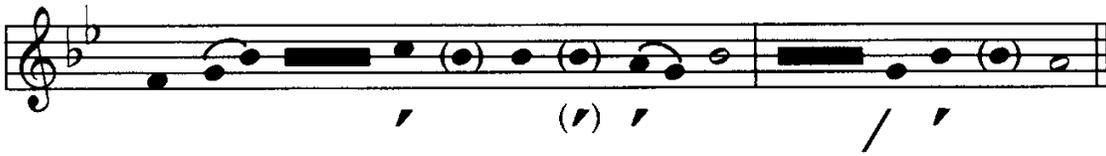
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Celebrant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us. **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 95: 1-7a: *Venite, exultemus*; tone VIII.1



The cantor sings:

¹ Come, lēt us / sing to thē Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our / salvation.

² Let us come before his / presence with thanksgīving *

and raise a loud shout / to him with psalms.

³ For the / Lord is a grēat God, *

and a great King / above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the / caverns of thē earth, *

and the heights of the hills are / his also.

⁵ The sea is / his, for he māde it, *

and his hands have molded / the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow / down, and bend thē knee, *

and kneel before the Lord / our Maker.

⁷ For / he is ōur God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the / sheep of his hand.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev- / er. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1: 15-23: *Paul's Prayer*

IHAVE heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46: *The Judgment of the Nations*

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

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

Celebrant Let us renew our Baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Celebrant 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.

People **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for our Diocese, and our Bishop, Susan. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for our President, Donald, our President-Elect, Joseph, and our Governor, Gavin. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor During this time of transition following the election, we pray your love, wisdom, peace, discernment and grace be upon us all. May we always see you at work in the world and help us to come together for the good of our country, and endeavor to see Christ in all persons. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for _____ and those we now name.

The congregation is invited to add their own intercessions.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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.

AND now we give you thanks because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, as the eternal priest and King of all. As a priest he offered up his life on the cross, that by his one sacrifice he might present to you an eternal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory, and join their unending hymn of praise:

HOLY, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. 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:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually 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.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE