



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY BAPTISM AND RECEPTION
THE RT. REV. DR. SUSAN BROWN SNOOK, PRESIDING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021
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.

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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

words and music, Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

OPENING PRAYER

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

The Bishop leads a prayer.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9: 2-9: *The Transfiguration*

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

The candidates for Baptism come forward.

Bishop The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents & Godparents I present ____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Bishop Will you be responsible for seeing that these children are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Bishop asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Bishop The Candidate for Reception will now be presented.

The candidate comes forward.

Presenters I present ____ to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidate:

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop 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 bread, and in the prayers?

People **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?

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

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

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

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

People **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?

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

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WE thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

_____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

HEAVENLY Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

_____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

The Baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal candle.

Bishop Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The candidate for reception steps forward.

Bishop Let us now pray for this person who has renewed their commitment to Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon the candidate and says a prayer.

Bishop _____, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says:

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Here I am to Worship”

words and music, Tim Hughes (b. 1977)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 give our thanks and praise.**

WE 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

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

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 MUSIC

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

music, African-American Spiritual

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

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.
"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

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.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” (Reprise)

words and music, Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)