



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020**  
**THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
**AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**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**

**"As the Deer"**

words and music, Martin Nystrom (b. 1956)

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Celebrant* O God, let our mouths proclaim your praise!

*People* **And your glory all the day long!**

*Celebrant* O come let us worship. Alleluia!

*People* **Alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 25-30: *Jesus Thanks His Father*

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

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE MESSAGE

### THE PRAYERS

*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, and our Governor, Gavin. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray especially for those impacted by the California wildfires, and we pray for the safety of all first responders. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Almighty God, your Son taught us that though five sparrows could be bought for two pennies, they are not forgotten before you. We thank you for the companionship of the animals in our lives that we have lost and for all those who have shared, and do share, our homes and our lives. We ask for comfort in our loss, knowing that you care for all of your creation as you care for us. May we live more peacefully because of today, and come at last, in the fellowship of all your creation, to the haven where we long to be. 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* 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 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

*The Celebrant says:*

**B**lessed are you Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless the animals and all living creatures. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you Lord our God, in all your creatures. **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.

**L**ord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

## **SANCTUS**

**“Holy, Holy”**

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 Francis 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**

**“Lord’s Prayer”**

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

**“Father, I Adore You”**

words and music, Terrye Coelho (b. 1952)

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

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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.

## THE BLESSING

## CLOSING SONG

**"All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

words, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895);  
music, trad. English melody, 17<sup>th</sup> c.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.