



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020  
EVENING PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION,  
IN THE CELTIC TRADITION  
5:00 P.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

**"Praise Him, Praise Him"**

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

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

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

*Officiant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation: the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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words, Fred Pratt Green (1093-2000);  
music, trad. Welsh melody, 18<sup>th</sup> c.

<sup>1</sup> For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

<sup>2</sup> In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

<sup>3</sup> For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

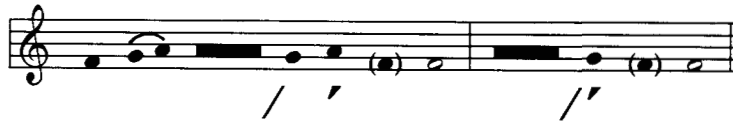
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

monotone

*Cantor* 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 145: 1-8: *Exaltabo te, Deus;*  
music, Plainsong Psalter, James Litton, ed. (1988), tone VI



<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, / O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and / ever.

<sup>2</sup> Every day will / I bless you, \*  
**and praise your Name for ever and / ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and great- / ly to be praised; \*  
**there is no end to his / greatness.**

<sup>4</sup> One generation shall praise your works to / another \*  
**and shall declare your / power.**

<sup>5</sup> I will ponder the glorious splendor of / your majesty \*  
**and all your / marv'lous works.**

<sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of / your wondrous acts, \*  
**and I will tell of your / greatness.**

<sup>7</sup> They shall publish the remembrance of your / great goodness; \*  
**they shall sing of your / righteous deeds.**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and full of / compassion, \*  
**slow to anger and of great / kindness.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho- / ly Spirit,  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. / Amen.**

## TESTIMONY

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20: 1-16: *The Laborers in the Vineyard*

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

## THE SERMON

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I** believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who 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. 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. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

*Intercessor* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

*Intercessor* That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**People** We entreat thee, O Lord.

*Intercessor* That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

**People** We entreat thee, O Lord.

*Intercessor* That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

**People** We entreat thee, O Lord.

*Intercessor* That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,

**People** We entreat thee, O Lord.

*Intercessor* That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

**People** We entreat thee, O Lord.

*Intercessor* That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of Bartholomew and all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

**People** We entreat thee, O Lord.

*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.

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

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**G**rant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

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

### OFFERTORY

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**ur 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.

### INVITATION TO A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*People* My Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you physically from the Altar at this time, I am grateful to know you come into my heart spiritually, 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

**"Be Thou My Vision"** trad. Irish melody, arr. Mary Byrne (b. 1959)

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

## 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.  
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## 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 GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant* Almighty God,

*People* Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet, Celebrant  
Rev. Noe Bernier, Preacher  
Rev. Cindy Campos, Deacon  
John-Luke Addison, Director of Music

Helena Chan, Officiant  
Jim Macemon, Welcome  
Tim McLellan, Opening Hymn  
Joseph Snodgrass, Cantor

Karen Crafts, Prayers  
Jenny Yun,  
Gathering and Communion Music