



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
REGENERATION CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:00 A.M.

GATHERING SONG

“Seek Ye First”

words and music, Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! O God, let our mouths proclaim your praise.

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

Officiant O come let us worship. Alleluia!

People **Alleluia!**

SONG OF INVITATION

“The Heart of Worship”

words and music, Michael Whitaker Smith (b. 1957)

When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth,
That will bless your heart.

I'll bring you more than a song,
For a song in itself is not what you have required;
You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship;
And it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express
How much you deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is yours:
Every single breath.

I'll bring you more than a song,
For a song in itself is not what you have required;
You search much deeper within,
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship;
And it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about you, it's all about you, Jesus. *(repeat)*

TESTIMONY

THE GOSPEL

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

At the conclusion of the lesson:

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

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Officiant We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant,
People **So we commit ourselves to serve others.**

Officiant We believe that God is love,
People **So we commit ourselves to reconciliation.**

Officiant We believe that God is the light of life,
People **So we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in the world.**

Officiant We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,
People **So we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of abundant life in the world God loves.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Prayers are offered for the world, our nation, and our community. Here are read any online petitions.

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

THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

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LORD'S PRAYER

"Lord's Prayer"

music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And save us from times of trial, deliver us from all evil.
For the kingdom, pow'r, and glory are yours, now and forever. 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

"To the Cross"

words and music, Babbie Mason (b. 1955)

A place inside my spirit beckons from a hill.
Sometimes I choose to visit, sometimes against my will.
I take the long and sloping road as though I hear some rooster crow,
And driven by a prayer I go to the cross.

Whenever I resist it, I am not at rest.
It hovers there inviting me to be a humble guest.
I need it daily this I know, so with my selfish tears in tow,
And with my fighting fears I go to the cross.

And there I lay them down for the Savior's love;
Because He gave His flawless life I take it up.

And so I will determine this cross to be my friend,
And I will bear it in my heart until my pride is dead.
Part of me will tell it no, but Christ was there before me, so
I'll follow faithfully and go to the cross.

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.
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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.

CLOSING SENTENCES

People **Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

"From the Inside Out"

words and music, Keith Getty (b. 1974)

A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains,
And should I stumble again, I'm caught in Your grace.
Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame.

Your will above all else, my purpose remains
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise
Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame

In my heart and my soul, Lord I give You control,
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
To love you from the inside out.

Your will above all else, my purpose remains
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise
Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades
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Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
To love you from the inside out.

Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades,
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame,
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise
From the inside out, Lord my soul cries out.

In my heart and my soul, Lord I give You control,
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
To love you from the inside out.

Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades,
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame,
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise
From the inside out, Lord my soul cries out. *(repeat)*

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

~~St. Bartholomew's ReGeneration Band
Rev. Canon Alliyn Thomas, Celebrant
Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet, Preacher~~

~~John-Luke Addison, Director of Music
Betsy Faust, Gathering Song
Jim Macemon, Song of Invitation~~

~~Danielle Evans, Closing Song
Jenny Yun, Communion Music
Stephanie Strout, Reader~~