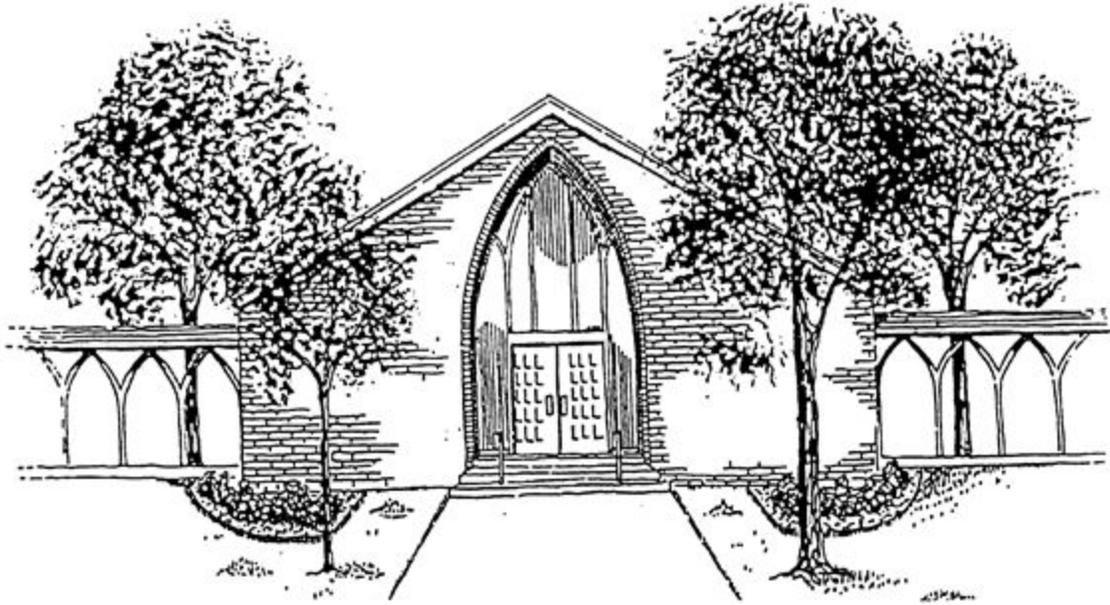


St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Saturday, July 25, 2020

5:30 P.M. - Evening Prayer - Rite Two

Thank YOU for worshipping with us today.

We welcome the participation of children in our worship.

Please sign our guest registry.

Child Care area is in the back of the Nave

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Daily Evening Prayer - Rite Two

The Officiant

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Officiant alone stands and says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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 ever. Amen.

O Gracious Light *Phos Hilaron*

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Let Us Pray Together

Psalm 119:129-136

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.**
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.**
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.**
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.**
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.**
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.**
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.**

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 ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from 1 Kings. (please sit)

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and

discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A Reading from Romans.

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel:

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily: Fr. Michael Briggs

The Song of Mary *Magnificat Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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 ever. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
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. 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 *The People stand or kneel.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who are 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.**

Prayers of the People: (please kneel, sit or stand)

Let us bring before the Lord the prayers that dwell in the heart of our community, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

Spirit of Wisdom, guide our tongues, that we may speak of your marvelous works and rejoice in your bountiful gifts of forgiveness and new life; *Silence*

let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Righteous Governor, assist our leaders in discerning truth from deception, and good from evil, so that they may exercise their office with integrity and be signs of hope to the people of our country and world; *Silence*

let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Source of strength, be with us in our weakness, and help those who live in the dark corners of hopelessness, so that your love may reveal a greater light and dispel the fears that visit every heart; *Silence*

let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Bearer of our sins, remove the dust that blinds us to our shortcomings, so that in admitting our wayward thoughts and actions we may turn toward your mercy and receive your forgiveness; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Come to us in our stormy darkness and comfort us in our fears; with your generous touch, heal those for whom we pray, especially John, Theresa, Tim, Elvin, Jeannie, Debbie, Tom, Whitney, Bob, Mark, Jane, Mary, Rob, Sherry, all teachers, students and parents, all sick with COVID-19 and their families, all First Responders, Healthcare Workers and those serving the public; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Creator of the universe, who brings us joy in the diversity of all that the eye can behold, make us ever grateful for the splendor of your making, and ever protective of its fruits; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Son of Righteousness, bring the dead into the brilliance of your light, and make us thankful for the intercession of your saints; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, especially Mark, Donna, Bill, Jane and Rob, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Bound together in the love of Christ, let us continue our prayers.

Concluding Collect (together)

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

**Blessing for Birthdays: Vallerie Cargill (July 28)
Carolyn Phelps (July 30)**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants ____, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, 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.

The 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. 2 Corinthians 13:14**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God

Announcements:

- Birthdays: Scott Monroe (July 26); Rebecca Mergner (July 26); Lucy Hill (July 28); Vallerie Cargill (July 28); Joan Newell (July 30); Carolyn Phelps (July 30); Vickie Bretz (August 1).
- Thank you so much for all who have brought school supplies to the Church and for the monetary donations made which allow us to purchase supplies. We have already given out some school supplies to those who needed them.
- To get notified of new videos and when we go live, click over to the church YouTube Channel and make sure to subscribe so you don't miss anything; <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCNGrepZQ-z3qw9Ha-eMrlMg>. If you have any questions, talk to Fr. Michael or Will Leeper.
- Lord's Prayer online: Monday, July 27 - Thursday, July 30 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Vestry Members:**
 - Donna Goldstein-Senior Warden; Steven Hill-Junior Warden; Caroline Cross-Secretary; Chris Allen; Cindy Cunningham; Michael Morton; Silvia Balsara; Jo Carson; Rebecca Ward.
- **Remember to keep the Prayers of the People updated.** These are the people presently on our prayer list: Carol (Eden); children and staff at the El Hogar Orphanage in Guatemala; Jeannie (McCabe); Ervin (Selbach); Julie (Speer); Chase (Negley); Liam (Joy); Earl (Terry); Peter and Suzanne (Jones); Linda (Lambertson); Jim and Barbara (Lambertson); Mike and Marie; Hazel, Jim; Dickie (Foster); Doug (Neely); Myra (Dyer); Sylvia (Burks); Claire (Person); Amber (Johnson); Morgan; Kay (Lyon); Halox (Hern); Jim (Cearley); Janean (Saunders); John (Weber); Martha (Boyd); Monti (Putnam); Teresa (Zolnik); Tim (Hess); Elvin (Frick); Debbie (Whittington); Tom (Harper); Whitney (Graye); Sherry (Coleman); Bob (Dornburg); Rob (Dornburg); Mark, Jane and Mary (Huskison); ; all teachers, students and parents; all sick with COVID-19 and their families; all First Responders, Healthcare Workers; and those serving the public.

- Fr. Michael's cell number is 901.461.8380. Please call him anytime between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or the office at 479.783.2101 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If it is an emergency, please do not hesitate to call anytime.

The Week of July 26 through August 2

Sunday, July 26

10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer on Facebook Live - Lucy

Monday, July 27

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Thursday, July 30

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Friday, July 31

7:00 P.M. AA/Al-Anon

Saturday, August 1

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer on Facebook Live - Patsy

Sunday, August 2

10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer on Facebook Live - Donna