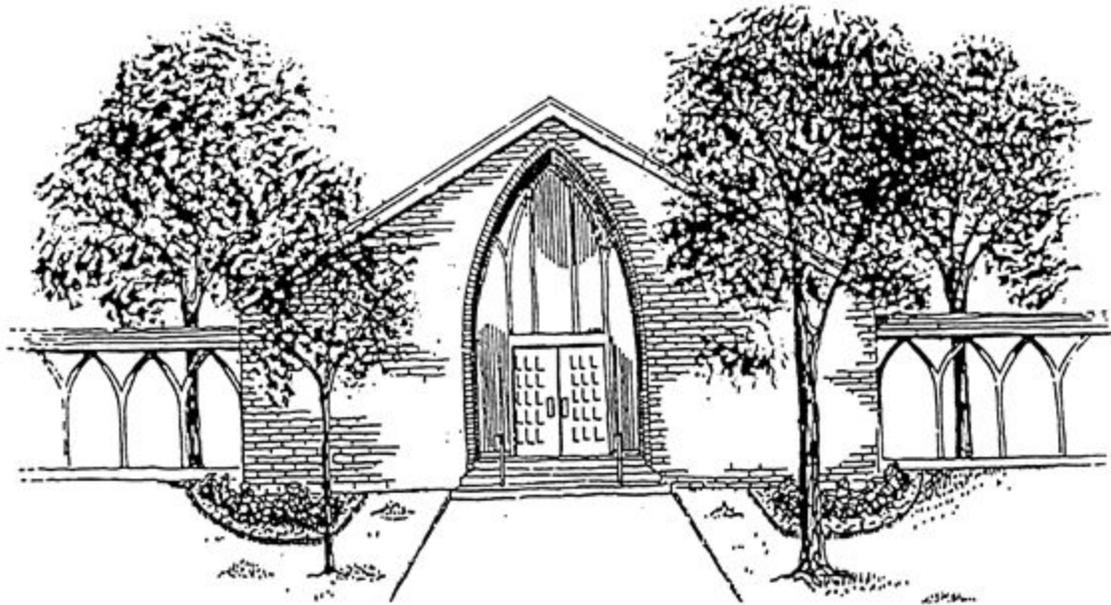


St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



Sunday, July 12, 2020

10:30 A.M. - Morning 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

The Right Reverend Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas

The Reverend Michael Briggs, Rector

Organist, Susan Mason

Office Administrator: Becky Ibison

Church Office: (479) 783-2101

2701 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Website: stbartsfs.org Email: stbartsfs.stbartsfs@outlook.com

Facebook: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church and Facebook Live

Twitter: St. Bart's Church@stbartschurch1

Daily Morning Prayer - Rite Two

Prelude

“Psalm”

By Robert Powell

Opening Hymn

O Day of Radiant Gladness

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.

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.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Let Us Pray Together *Psalm 65:9-14*

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;

you make it very plenteous; *

the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *

for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *

and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *

and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,

and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *

let them shout for joy and sing.

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah. (please sit)

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A Reading Romans.

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised

Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily: Fr. Michael Briggs

Meditation Music

18 A Song to the Lamb *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

**Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.**

**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)

Mercifully receive our prayers, O God, that we may know your ways and follow where you lead, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

For those who are seeking a spiritual home, that they may be inspired to visit our churches and to receive a deep sense of God's presence through our worship together and the hospitality we share; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That we may be set free from the need to claim our worthiness through possessions and position, so that we may discover our true identity in the life and hope of the Holy Spirit; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

That the light of Christ will reveal the path to those for whom the shadows are long, the poor and desperate, the lonely and unemployed, the hungry and fearful, the refugee and homeless, the prisoner and those who live as if in prison, that we may not forget them; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For our Commander-in-Chief and all who serve in the armed forces, that we may be thankful for their many sacrifices, and honor the service they render to our country and to the security of the world; *Silence*
let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those who are ill, or who live with any threat or trauma, especially John, Theresa, Tim, Elvin, Jeannie, Debbie, Tom, Whitney, Ramona, 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.**

For those who have died, especially Dick Foster, that they may reside in that place where there is no sorrow or pain, but life everlasting; *Silence*

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

For safety for children who are on vacation, that they may have the chance to learn new skills, build healthy bodies, and develop new and lasting friendships; *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 and Fr. Michael, 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.**

With heart and mind turned toward God, we 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: Janean Saunders (July 17)

Vicki Oswald (July 17)

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for
us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Then may be said

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Hymn”

Setting by A. Page

**The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God
and In Memory of Jerry Briggs**

Announcements:

- Birthdays: Janean Saunders (July 17); Vicki Oswald (July 17).
- 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 13 - Thursday, July 16 at 9:00 a.m.
- Vestry Meeting by Zoom: Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.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); Ramona (Roberts); 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 12 through July 19

Sunday, July 12

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

Monday, July 13

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

6:30 P.M. Vestry Meeting

Thursday, July 16

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Friday, July 17

10:00 A.M. Next Step Meal

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

Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

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