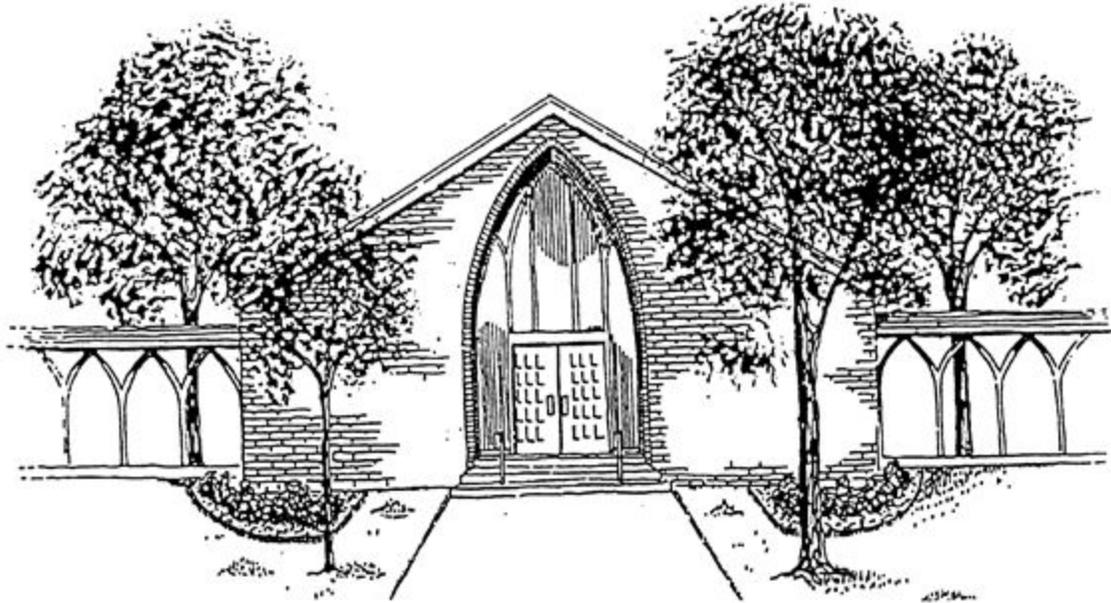


*St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church*  
*The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*



**Sunday, August 30, 2020**

**10:30 A.M. Rite II**

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**

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Prelude

“Earth and All Stars”

Setting by David Johnson

**Opening Hymn**

**The God of Abraham Praise**

**Proclaiming the Word of God**

**Priest:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Prayer for Purity:**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Great Commandment:**

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31

**“Glory to God”**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect:** (kneeling or standing as you feel called and are able)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:**

**Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion;**

**nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good**

**works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and**

**the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The First Reading:**

(please sit)

**Jeremiah 15:15-21**

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Let Us Pray Together      Psalm 26:1-8**

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.**
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.**
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.**
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.**

## **The Second Reading:**

### **Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here

who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily: Fr. Michael Briggs** (followed by a time of silent reflection)

Meditation

**The Nicene Creed:**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People:** (please kneel, sit or stand as you feel called or able)

God is the great “I AM” in whose Name we pray, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

That we may open our ears to the cries of those who suffer, freeing them from enslavement to poverty, abuse, and lack of opportunity, taking our share in the saving acts of God; *Silence*

let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of the nations may lead their people with integrity, honoring all that is past and moving into the challenges that define a new life; *Silence*

let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the courage to lift up our crosses to the light of day, carrying them on our journey of faith, uniting ourselves with the Christ of the passion, so as to share in the glory of his resurrection; *Silence*

let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we be given the strength to leave behind the fruits of temptation, turning our gaze upon that which is nourishing and sound, living a life of love, honor, and respect for others, full of rejoicing and thanksgiving; *Silence*

let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all laborers, that they may receive a fair wage, a safe working environment, the companionship of fellow workers, and the respect of those who exercise authority over them; *Silence*

let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for those for whom we pray in intercession, especially, Tim, Jeannie, Tom, Sherry, William, Denna, Katia, Reid, Susan, Bill, Fred, Elaine, Daniel, Paul, Joan, Dee, Blair, Eric, The Divine Family, all teachers, students and parents, all sick with COVID-19 and their families, all First Responders, Healthcare Workers and those serving the public, all people dealing with the aftermath of Laura; *Silence*

let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially John Divine, father of Joan Newell, and for those who were unloved and unmourned, that all may have a place in God's kingdom; *Silence*

let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, Dee, Joan, Blaire, Eric, 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. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the Name of God be grafted on our hearts as 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.**

### **The Confession:**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. (silence)

**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.**

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 Peace** (Please stand as you are able)

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

### **Announcements**

#### **Celebrating the Holy Communion**

### **Meditation**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer B:**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

[Please stand or kneel according to your ability and desires]

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with \_\_\_\_\_ and all

your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread:**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Your place was set at this table before the world began!  
We welcome YOU to Christ's table.  
Gluten Free wafers are available by request.

After Communion, Fr. Michael will be available at the side entrance for anyone who would like anointing for healing or special prayer.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** (kneel, stand or sit as you feel called or are able)

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

**The Blessing:**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Closing Hymn:                    All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

**Dismissal:**

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Song”

By Noel Rawsthorne

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

**Announcements:**

- Thank you for all who have made donations and continue to make donations for our Food Pantry.
- Thank you to everyone who brought school supplies or made a donation for school supplies. We provided supplies for Morrison Elementary, Howard Elementary, Darby Junior High and Kimmons Junior High.
- We got a note from the Faculty and Staff at Kimmons Junior High which reads:  
"To our Friends from St. Bartholomew's,  
Thank you so much for the donation of school supplies to Kimmons Junior High. This is a blessing to our students."
- Father Michael has been very creative in finding new ways for us to worship and serve the community in these challenging times. We have also been searching for new ways to have fellowship with one another. We now have a way to re-connect. We have created a fun private group on Facebook. Only St. Barts parishioners can participate. Drop by and share photos and comments and let everyone know what's going on in your life. Hope to see you there. You can join the group by following this link and selecting "Join Group:"  
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/314786736339613?view=permalink&id=314797029671917>

- Please remember that we are having Holy Eucharist services at the 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday, September 5, and Sunday, September 6 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. It will be bread only. The services have to be limited to 10 people. In that regard, if you want to attend in person you need to let Becky know by either calling the office or sending an email by no later than Thursday of each week. If we have more than ten (10) people that want to attend in person, we will begin doing an additional service at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.
- The Police are asking for help with one of their projects, which is to give out sack lunches. We have been asked to make sack lunches once a month. This project is to build trust between the Police and the Community. If you are willing to help with making sandwiches, call Bella at 479-567-9520.
- To get notified of new videos and when we go live, subscribe to our YouTube Channel:  
<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCNGrepZQ-z3qw9Ha-eMrlMg>. If you have any questions, talk to Fr. Michael or Will Leeper.
- **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: 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); Martha (Boyd); Monti (Putnam); Teresa (Zolnik); Tim (Hess); Elvin (Frick); Debbie (Whittington); Tom (Harper); Sherry (Coleman); Rob (Dornburg); Mark, Jane and Mary (Huskison); Katia (Higgins); William (Woodward); Denna (Bond); Reid (Maddox); Susan (Martin); Bill (Huskison); Fred (Peters); Elaine (Averette); Daniel (Brewer); Paul (McCormick); Joan, Dee, Blaire and Eric (Newell); the Divine Family, all teachers, students and parents; all sick with COVID-19 and their families; all First Responders, Healthcare Workers; and those serving the public; all people dealing with the aftermath of Laura.

## **The Week of August 30 through September 6**

### **Sunday, August 30**

8:00 A.M.            Holy Eucharist - Bella  
10:30 A.M.            Holy Eucharist - Donna

### **Monday, August 31**

9:00 A.M.            Prayer on Facebook Live

### **Tuesday, September 1**

9:00 A.M.            Prayer on Facebook Live

### **Wednesday, September 2**

9:00 A.M.            Prayer on Facebook Live

### **Thursday, September 3**

9:00 A.M.            Prayer on Facebook Live

### **Friday, September 4**

7:00 P.M.            AA/Al-Anon

### **Saturday, September 5**

5:30 P.M.            Holy Eucharist - Becky

### **Sunday, September 6**

8:00 A.M.            Holy Eucharist - John  
10:30 A.M.            Holy Eucharist - Stevi