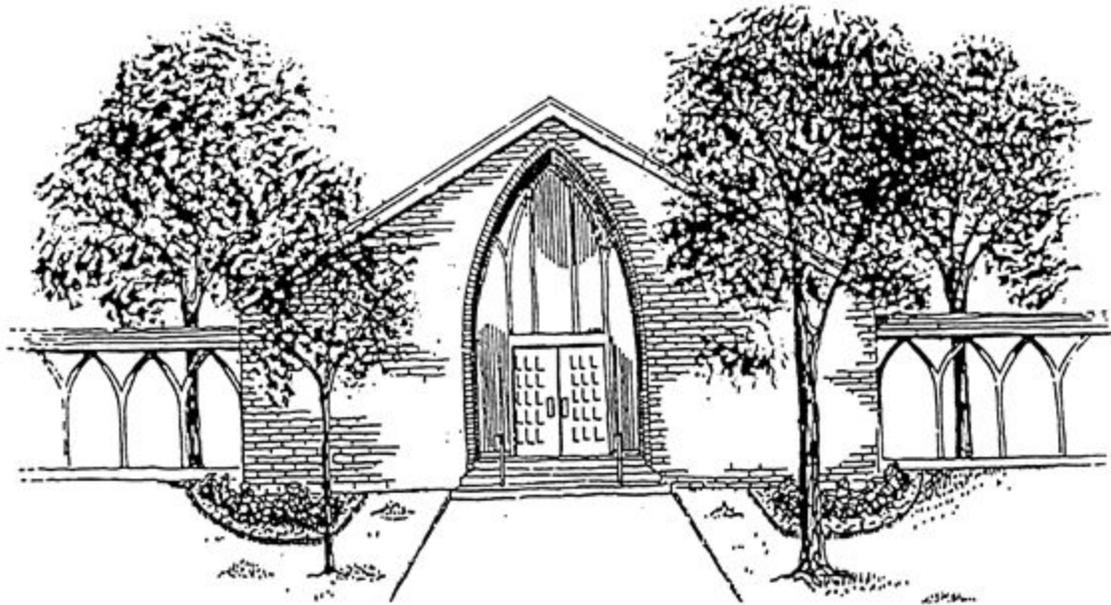


St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



Saturday, August 1, 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 145:8-9, 15-22

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.**
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.**
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.**
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.**
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.**
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and 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 Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah. (please sit)

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A Reading from Romans.

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was

left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 journey to the waters of God's refreshing kindness, offering our prayers and responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

That we may be prepared for the struggles of life, knowing that through suffering we receive grace, and that in the midst of trials Jesus is forming us in love;

Silence

let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That we may be satisfied beholding the likeness of others, seeing in them the face of Christ, especially through those who are poor and hardworking, homeless and destitute, imprisoned and alone, orphaned and afraid, grieving and lost;

Silence

let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That we may take responsibility for sharing our ideas and lending our support to those who lead the Church, government, and public institutions, that we may share in the building of the social and spiritual fabric of our society;

Silence

let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That we may trust the transforming power of Jesus to take even our meager offerings and create the resources that reveal the promises of the kingdom;

Silence

let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That we may honor the writers of the gospels and epistles, whose unique contributions form our sacred texts, and those in our own day who bring the light of God through books, articles, websites and blogs;

Silence

let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

We remember those who are ill or in any need, especially Tim, Jeannie, Debbie, Tom, Whitney, Bob, Mark, Jane, Mary, Rob, Sherry, the Edwards Family, William, Dena, Katia, 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.

That light perpetual may shine upon the faithful departed as they come into their true home in the unending joy of the saints, especially Bill Edwards; *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, 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.**

In the fellowship of the One who is full of graciousness and compassion, 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.**

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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:

- Greetings All,

Please read this carefully, as I need your opinions.

The Bishop is encouraging us to consider thinking creatively about re-gathering, including outside services, attendance in your car and Communion on the steps of the church. I have some ideas of what I would like to try, yet I want to hear from you as well.

I would like to start by exploring how many of you would be interested in watching a Eucharist in your car and then coming up to the steps in family/car groups to receive Bread only? My hope is that you would be able to use the church WiFi to watch the service.

Would you be interested in meeting at 10 instead of 10:30 so that it might be a little cooler? This would also allow those who would like communion after our service to come by at 11:15 to take communion even if they don't feel comfortable sitting in their car.

Would you be willing to attend an outdoor or in car service with no Homily? The Homily would be recorded for you to watch whenever you wish. This would allow the service to be shorter.

These are just a few ideas, please share your answers and any ideas you might have to help us re-gather safely. I believe we need to gather and I am looking for ways to do so in different ways.

Thanks for your input.

Blessings and Peace

Fr. Michael

- Birthdays: Anne Radcliff (August 5); Donna Goldstein (August 7).
- If you would like to help with school supplies, we could use hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and disinfectant spray.
- 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, August 3 - Thursday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m.
- We are looking for someone to get a person out of the house a couple of days a week and drive him around. Please let us know if you are willing to do this.

- **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); Katia (Higgins); William (Woodward); the Edwards Family; Dena (Bind); 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 August 2 through August 9

Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Wednesday, August 5

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Thursday, August 6

9:00 A.M. Prayer on Facebook Live

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

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

Sunday, August 9

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