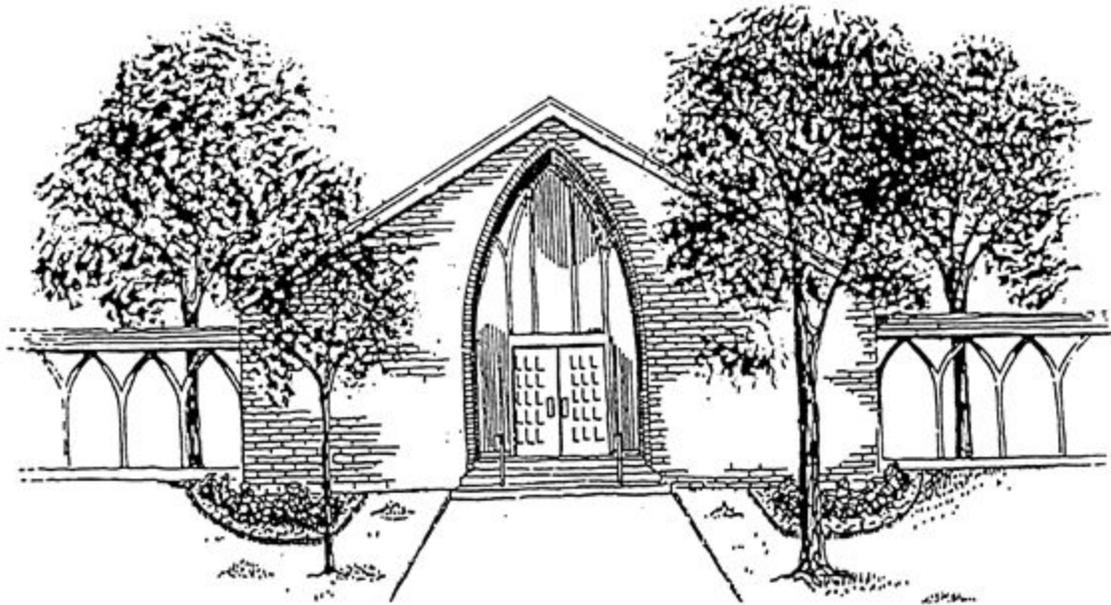


***St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church***  
***The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost***



**Saturday, August 22, 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 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;**
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;**
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.**
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 Exodus. (please sit)

### **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew

women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

A Reading from Romans.

### **Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed

by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily: Rev. Rhonda Monroe**

**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 lift our voices in prayer, joining with the faithful throughout the world who offer their intercessions this day, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Give your grace to those who care for children in foster homes, sustain them with patience, and encourage them to provide a family of love and respect; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to behold your hand in the work of creation, that we may marvel at your intricate craftsmanship and tend the beauty that we behold; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pour your knowledge into the minds of those who are returning to school in the next few weeks, and for those attending for the first time, still their hearts by your loving presence; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant us the grace to honor the many gifts that you have given, not coveting what our neighbor has received, but grateful for what you have entrusted to our care; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to every nation and people, that we may know you to be the Christ, the Messiah, the one who saves our souls from the pit of darkness, and who comes carrying the lamp of charity that leads us to the divine life; *Silence*  
let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer and supplication for all who are in need, especially Tim, Jeannie, Tom, Sherry, William, Denna, Katia, Reid, Susan, Bill, Fred, Elaine, Daniel, Paul, 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. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give life to those in the tombs, opening the gates of heaven to all who desire eternal life; *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, Timothy, 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.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us continue our prayers to God, who cares for the lowly and guards us in the midst of trouble.

### **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*

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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:**

- Father Michael will be on vacation from Friday, August 21 until Friday, August 28. If you have an emergency during that time, please call the office at 479-783-2101 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If the emergency is after hours, please call Donna Goldstein at 713-515-0075.
- Since Fr. Michael is on vacation, there will be no Lord's Prayer online during the week of Monday, August 24.
- 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>
- We will begin having Holy Eucharist services at the 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday, August 29, and Sunday 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. 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.

- **August 19, 2020 Vestry Meeting Summary:**

Those present at the August 19 Vestry Meeting included: Father Michael, Joel Goldstein, Donna Goldstein, Caroline Cross, Cindy Cunningham, Michael Morton, Chris Allen and Becky Ward. Silvia Balsara participated via Zoom.

Treasurer Joel reported continued healthy finances, with substantial gains in the Foundation Trust. Plate (the weekly collection) is done markedly.

Parishioners and those who view are reminded that the Tithely button on the website is a way to make a donation of any amount.

Senior Warden Donna discussed the creation of a new private Facebook group for parishioners only. Members will receive a link to the page in the newsletter. While it won't replace fellowship in our physical church, this private group provides a fun way for us to stay in touch and share photos and experiences.

Father Michael shared that we now have a private micro-kindergarten in the educational wing of the building. A certified teacher, paid by participating families, will be educating five children. There is no cost to the parish.

Junior Warden Steve Hill is installing an electronic door switch that allows them emergency exit from the building.

Also discussed were plans to expand in- person worship, to include a modified Eucharist, effective August 30. You must make a reservation to attend the 5:30 PM, 8 AM or 10:30 AM services. We are limited to ten persons per service and will add an additional service, if needed.

Our fall Stewardship campaign was discussed. The next meeting will be October 21.

- **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); all teachers, students and parents; all sick with COVID-19 and their families; all First Responders, Healthcare Workers; and those serving the public.

### **The Week of August 23 through August 30**

#### **Sunday, August 23**

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

#### **Wednesday, August 26**

10:30 A.M. Sack Lunch

#### **Friday, August 28**

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

#### **Saturday, August 29**

5:30 P.M. Holy Eucharist - Silvia

#### **Sunday, August 30**

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist -

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Donna