



Saint Bartholomew EPISCOPAL CHURCH

a house of prayer for all people

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
26 March 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The People Gather

This service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist: Rite Two found in the red Book of Common Prayer. It is customary for the people to prepare for worship in quiet and prayer.

The Word of God

The people stand to sing

Hymn H-493 O for a thousand tongues to sing *Azmon*

The people kneel

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People His mercy endures forever

The Collect 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, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trisagion

S102

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect Of The Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit for

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.*

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever .*

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the

unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Verses 1 is sung before the readings and verse 2 is sung after.

Hymn H-533 How wondrous and great thy works *Lyons*

The Gospel: John 9:1-41 **See Insert**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. Stephen Secaur

The people stand to say

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael and our Bishop Mark, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask prayers for the departed, especially: ...

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for: ... (Prayer List and Armed Forces)

I ask your thanksgiving for: Birthday and Anniversaries.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The people kneel for

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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 humble 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 Celebrant pronounces absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTION

The people may come forward to receive a special prayer or blessing.

The people are seated for the

Announcements

Children's Sermon

Altar Preparation

The congregation is invited to join in singing

Hymn H-6 74 “Forgive our sins as we forgive “ *Detroit*

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The people stand to sing

At the Presentation: The Doxology (Hymn 380, v- 3) *Old 100th*

The people remain standing to sing

The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and aa good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord Sanctus *S125*

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your Kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin again us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei *S164*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

All baptized people – whether Episcopalian or not – are welcome to join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. If you wish to receive a healing blessing from the Celebrant, when you come to the rail for Communion, fold your hands in prayer.

The congregation is invited to join in singing

Communion H- 645 The King of love *Dominus regit me*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

EternalGod, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people stand to sing

Hymn L-183 Be not dismayed *Phoebe P. Knapp*

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond

People Thanks be to God.