



# Saint Bartholomew EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*a house of prayer for all people*

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**10 December 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-66** Come, thou long expected Jesus *Stuttgart*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Hymn H-56** O come, O come, Emmanuel (verses 3 & 4)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

## 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 you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Lord Have Mercy** Kyrie *S96*

## The Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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: Isaiah 40:1-11

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

*Benedixisti, Domine*

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

*You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.*

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

*Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.*

Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

*Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.*

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

*Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

### The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading

lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation..

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 & 2 are sung before the readings and verse 3 is sung after.*

**Hymn H-65** Prepare the way, O Zion *Bereden väg för Herran*

### The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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 FORM III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic, Church;  
*That we all be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you.  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; (prayer  
list)...  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others...(Armed Forces, B-days,  
Anniversaries)...  
*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*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  
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.*

Celebrant: 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

### Choir Anthem

## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY

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

*The people remain standing to sing*

**TTHE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer B

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 a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give  
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in  
the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine  
in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,*** Sanctus *S125*

*The people stand or kneel*

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 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 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,

*Celebrant and people*

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

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, bring sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness  
of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring 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.**

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

Celebrant and People:

*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

**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 people may join in saying this prayer*

## 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.*

## Communion Choir Anthem

## The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant : Let us pray.

Celebrant and people: *Eternal God, 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.*

## THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ, came among us in  
great humility, sanctify you with the light on his blessing and set you free from all  
sin.

**Hymn H-542** Christ is the world's true Light *St. Joan*

## The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond

People: *Thanks be to God.*