



Saint Bartholomew EPISCOPAL CHURCH

a house of prayer for all people

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
31 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- 496 How bright appears the morning *We schön leuchtet*

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.

Celebrant: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*

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

Song of Praise

Hymn H-93 Angels, from the realms of glory *Regent Square*

The Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit for

The First Reading: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered

me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 147

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and

binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars

and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly,

but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains

and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds

and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse;

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who await his gracious favor.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;

he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders;

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth,

and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; he scatters

hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;

who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them;

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation;

to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

Laudate Dominum

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23—25;4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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-97

Dost thou in a manger lie

Dies est laetitiae

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 may 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 World and Sacraments.

We pray for all who 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;

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)*

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The people remain standing to sing

THE 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 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 against

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 for ever,

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

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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-100

Joy to the world!

Antioch

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond

People: *Thanks be to God.*