



# Saint Bartholomew EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*a house of prayer for all people*

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent 11 March 2018 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 L-111** Come, Thou fount of every blessing, *Nettleton*  
**Penitential Order, Rite II**

*The people kneel*

### LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People: *His mercy endures forever.*

### The Decalogue, Page, 350

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*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.*

**Trisagion** *(sung)* S102  
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

### 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 true 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: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God*

#### Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

*Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

*Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;  
they were afflicted because of their sins.*

They abhorred all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.

*Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.*

He sent forth his word and healed them  
and saved them from the grave.

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his children.*

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and  
tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

### The Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 and 3 are sung before the readings and verse 4 is sung after.*

**Hymn H-467** Sing, my soul, his wondrous love *St. Bees*

### The Gospel: John 3:14-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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: ...

I ask your thanksgiving for: ...

*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 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 Holy Communion

### Offertory

*The people stand to sing*

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

*The people remain standing to sing*

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### 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 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:

*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 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**

Christ our Passover

*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

## 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 PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*The people stand to sing*

**Hymn H-690** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

## The Dismissal

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond*

*People: Thanks be to God.*