



Saint Bartholomew EPISCOPAL CHURCH

a house of prayer for all people

The Fifth Sunday in Lent CONFIRMATION 18 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 H-495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! *In Babilone*

The Bishop: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: *His mercy endures forever. Amen.*

The Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

The Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: *One God and Father of all.*

The Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Bishop: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit for

The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymns and the readings of the Gospel. Verses 1,2, and 3 and are sung before the readings and verse 4 is sung after.

Hymn-337 And now, O Father, mindful of the love *Unde et memore*

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The Gospel: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Choir Anthem

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says:

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present

DAVID LePAGE AND VIDA LePAGE for Confirmation.

I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion:

MICHAEL TRIPI AND RUSS TRIPI.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop :

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates:

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Candidates: We will.

The Bishop :

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of the saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world to witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

For Confirmation: DAVID LePAGE AND VIDA LePAGE.

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servants: **DAVID LePAGE AND VIDA LePAGE** with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For Reception: MICHAEL TRIPI, RUSS TRIPI,

MICHAEL TRIPI, RUSS TRIPI, we recognize you as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Bishop: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTION

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

The people are seated for the

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The people stand to sing

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Bishop: 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Bishop and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

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The Bishop 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.

Bishop

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

Bishop 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

Christ our Passover

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Bishop 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.

Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

Bishop: 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

The blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

The people stand to sing

Hymn H-441

In the cross of Christ I glory

Rathbun

The Dismissal

The Bishop dismisses the people, and the people respond

People: *Thanks be to God.*