



# Saint Bartholomew EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*a house of prayer for all people*

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**25 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-83**

O come, all ye faithful

*Adeste fideles*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Hymn H-79**

O lit the town of Bethlehem

*St. Louis*

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.*

## The Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; 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 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

*With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.*

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.

*He remembers his mercy and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel, and all the ends of  
the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift  
up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

*Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.*

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.*

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills  
ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes  
to judge the earth.

*In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity. Amen.*

## The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter

of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

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-99**

Go tell it on the mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain*

## The Gospel: John 1:1-14

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.

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**

### **H-101**

Away in a manger

*Cradle Song*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **OFFERTORY**

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

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*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, you 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

*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**

### **H-115**

What child in this

*Greensleeves*

### **H-84**

Love came down at Christmas

*Garlan*

### **H-89**

It came up on the midnight clear

*Carol*

### **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 Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **Hymn H-100**

Joy to the world!

*Antioch*

### **The Dismissal**

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond

People: *Thanks be to God.*