



July 30, 2023
The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude:

Sonata in a, Francisco Gasparini, arr. Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn

My faith looks up to thee

Hymn 691

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

BCP 355

Stand as you are able.

The Word of God

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Let us pray together 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.

Gloria

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Collect of The Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

The Lessons

A Reading from: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your
Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your
servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Epistle

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the

righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered,
“Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every
scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of
heaven is like the master of a household who brings
out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

Homily

Rev. Vikki Clayton

All stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He 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.**

All stand or kneel as you are able.

The Prayers of the People Form III BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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 Word 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.
Silence.

We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends

We pray for: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Michael, Our Presiding Bishop, Mariann Our Bishop and Vikki, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of Our Saviour, Brookland

Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale and Nuestro Salvador

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Stevie Grimes, Laura Hobbs, Nancy Harding, Frank
McMurtray, Janet McMurtray

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)
Frank and Jerry Cross (V. Cross)
Rebecca Koltun & family (J. Rutherford)
Susan Oliver (J. Shea)
Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)
Roseann Royle (N. Row)
Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)
James Morris (D. Howard)
Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)
Linda Abrahams (V. Clayton)
Nalini Cherian (W. & J. Fitts)
Tachiea Roland-Morris (V. Clayton & V. Cross)
Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)
Nick Vlachos (C. Hendricks)
Janice and Jeff Sands (M. Wemple)
Meghan Bradley (N. Row)
Bill Royle (N. Row)
Patty Terry (V. Clayton)
Rev. Louis Wheeler (J. Fitts)
Nancy Willett (J. Rutherford)
Scott Johnston (V. Cross)
The Dodge Family (M. Wemple)
Seth Washington (S. Grimes)
Sophie Ann Hauber (born at 30 weeks), great
granddaughter of Jack and Sally Hauber, and
granddaughter-in-law, Sara Hauber.

July Birthdays

Deborah Howard	July 4
Mark Pera	July 8
Ryan Zolkiewicz	July 12
Dana Burton	July 13
Nancy Harding	July 13

Charles Frederick July 27

Olivia Hutchinson July 31

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

All stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as offering and sacrifice to God.

All are seated.

Offertory Hymn

Sweet hour of prayer

LEVAS 178

All stand as you are able.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above the Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as you are able.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach

them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People: **Hymn S129**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant:

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 you 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 before 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, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Bartholomew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the 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 forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior taught us we are bold to say:

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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia

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.

Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving **BCP 365**

Let us pray.

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

Closing Hymn

Guide me, O, thou great Jehovah

Hymn 690

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude:

The Call of the Trumpets, arr. Henry Purcell, arr.
Franklin Ritter

Gloria

Lauren C. Fisher

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on ear - th.

5 Oh, Lord God, our heaven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fath - er, we

9 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

13 Oh, Lord Christ, the Son of the Fath - er, Je - sus, Lamb of God,

17 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

21 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

26 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the


31 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the

37 Fa - ther. A - - - men.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus


Joseph Scriven

Beach Spring



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

3



sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - ledge to
trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis -
with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our

6



car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what
cour - aged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we
re - fuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy

9



peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we
find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows
friends des - pise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in

12



bear, all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry
share? Je - sus knows our He'll take and shield weak - ness, take it
prayer. In his arms Thou wilt

15



thing to God in prayer.
to the Lord in prayer.
find a sol - ace there.

Serving Today

Lay Reader Deborah Howard

Lay Eucharist Minister Rob Palmer

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Usher John Strong

Broadcast Technician Ann Fitts

Altar Guild Janet Shea and Lois Leigh

Flower Guild Sharon Henderson

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Vikki Clayton

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Jeff Bergsten, Ann Fitts, Bill Fitts, Charley Hendricks, Judy O'Neil, Maggie Schneider Ramey (visiting soprano), Geoffrey Rutherford, Jennifer Rutherford, Judith Schneider, Mary Wemple

St. Bartholomew's Sunday School Teachers

Maya Fitts

Lauren Murtiff

St. Bartholomew's Vestry

Senior Warden Nancy Row

Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Victoria Cross, Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles Frederick, Charley Hendricks, Deborah Howard, Lois Leigh, Lauren Murtiff, Robert Palmer

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is hosted by Lauren Fisher. Please join us in the undercroft. Next week is potluck so plan on bringing something to share.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Bill and Ann Fitts in memory of Gordon Chandler Keys, son of Henrietta Riggs Keys and nephew of Samuel Riggs IV.

Water Usage

Many areas of Montgomery County, including Laytonsville, have been asked to reduce their water usage due to low rainfall over the past six months. Please do your part to conserve whenever possible.

Forward Day by Day

The August/September/October edition of Forward Day by Day in regular and large print is in the racks in the entrance to the church.

On-Line Giving

There is now the option to contribute to the ministries of St. Bartholomew's by using this QR code:



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