



**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023**

Announcements

Prelude

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit, Dietrich Buxtehude

Opening Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymn 470

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

BCP 355

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.

Loving God, Creator of all,
we thank you for the beauty of Creation;
show us, we pray, how to respect
the fragile balance of life.

Guide by your wisdom those who have power
to care for or to destroy the environment,

that by the decisions we make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for future generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13

BCP 733

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy
Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to
God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Jesu, Jesu

LEVAS 74

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew 18:21-35**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay

you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.**

Stand or kneel as you are able

The Prayers of the People Form II **BCP 385**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the
world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

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 your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

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:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville

St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville

United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21) Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations.

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Delbert Wemple, Anne Factor, 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)
Bill Royle (N. Row)
Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)
James Morris (D. Howard)
Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)
Linda Abrahams (V. Clayton)
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)
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)
Sophia Ann Hauber (J. & S. Hauber)
Amy Morris (D. Howard)
Helen Hamlin (N. Row)
Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)

September Birthdays

Lynne Lucas-Dreiss	September 3
Evelinda Torres	September 8
Alice Jagusch	September 24
Nelson Torres	September 25

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.**

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

The Offertory

All are seated.

Choir Offertory

Ubi Caritas, Becki Slagle Mayo

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 C

BCP 369

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.
You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel;
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace

only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction The Celebrant breaks the bread.

(A moment of silence)

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.

Communion Hymn:

Come down, O Love divine

Hymn 516

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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

Closing Hymn:

O bless the Lord, my soul

Hymn 411

The Dismissal

Lay Eucharistic Minister *Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Fanfare on 'St. Thomas,' arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Gloria

Lauren C. Fisher



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

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

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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

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

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Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Serving Today

Lay Reader Lois Leigh

Lay Eucharist Minister Ed Dalton

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Usher John Kaufmann

Broadcast Technician Randy and Evan Beans

Altar Guild Lauren Murtiff and Sharon Henderson

Flower Guild Meredith Smith

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 a potluck. Please join us in the undercroft. Next week is a Collaborative Ministry service at St. Luke's so coffee hour will be there.

Vestry Meeting

The Vestry will be holding its monthly meeting tomorrow at 7 pm in the undercroft. All are invited to attend.

Bible Study

Bible study has resumed on Thursdays at 10:30 am. We're finishing up "The Path." Contact the Parish Administrator (parishadminin@saintbartholomews.org) for more information or to have the Zoom link sent to you.

Music Together with Sonia

Sonia offers music and dance for children from infants to five years old. Fall classes are filling up fast. Weekly classes at St. Bartholomew's have begun and run through Tuesday, November 28th. There are classes at 9:30, 10:30, and 5:15. More information is available at musictogetherwithsonia.com.

Prayer Beads Workshops

Prayer Beads are back and everyone is invited to attend! No experience is necessary. Please join us in this fellowship ministry while eating pizza and making prayer beads! We hope to see everyone there! The following is our Fall 2023 schedule, note that the Tuesday session has been changed to a 6:30 pm start:

Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 20th at noon

Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 18th at noon

Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 15th at noon.

October 15th Memorial Garden Dedication Service

We will have a Memorial Garden Dedication Service following the 11 am service, in the Memorial Garden. Leaves are available to be engraved in remembrance of departed loved ones, and in celebration of major life events such births, graduations, and other achievements. The requested donation for a leaf is

\$150. If you would like to have a leaf (or tree) dedicated, please contact Ann Fitts by email at Janice.fitts@gmail.com or by phone on 240-252-8456. We will need to submit engraving information by September 30th in time for the service.

Food Giving Basket

There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the **back entrance of the church (facing the parking lot)** with a “wish list” of items. Once it is filled Olney Help will come and empty it and we begin the filling process anew. Please help our less fortunate neighbors by adding a few extra items to your grocery list. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.

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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