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**Advent I**  
**November 26, 2023**

## **Announcements**

### **Prelude:**

*My Lord, What a Morning*, arr. Richard Billingham

### **Opening Hymn:**

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending.*

**Hymn 57**

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

### Advent 1

Celebrant: This is the candle of Hope by which we are reminded of the light that the prophets had in their expectation of a Messiah who would bring their own longings to fulfillment.

Let us pray together:

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before our life's path. May our gracious God bless and keep us and all for whom we pray this day and evermore. *Amen.*

## **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.**

## **Kyrie**

**Hymn S96**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

## **Collect of The Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A Reading from: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come  
down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your  
presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your  
presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not  
expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at  
your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy  
cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us  
away.

There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our  
iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**

*The King shall come when morning dawns*      **Hymn 73**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13:24-37**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be  
shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily**

**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.

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

*Silence*

**For Peace:** Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Silence*

We pray for the people of Israel and Gaza, that God leads them to peace.

*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*

**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 Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Christ Church, Chaptico

Christ Church, Clinton Parish

Christ Church, La Plata

Christ Church, Rockville

Christ Episcopal School, Rockville

Christ Church, Wayside

Daughters of the King

**For our Parish Family and Friends:**

Steve O'Neil, Scott Peterson, Delbert Wemple, 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)  
 Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)  
 Linda Abrahams (V. Clayton)  
 Tachia 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)  
 Nancy Willett (J. Rutherford)  
 Scott Johnston (V. Cross)  
 The Dodge Family (M. Wemple)  
 Seth Washington (S. Grimes)  
 Amy Morris (D. Howard)  
 Helen Hamlin (N. Row)  
 Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)  
 Pamela Koch (J. Peterson)  
 Raymond Parker (M. Wemple)  
 Michele Shirron (V. Clayton & N. Row)  
 Marlowe Leafy (A. Factor)  
 Alma Bray (L. Bray)  
 Karen Scott (M. Wemple)

### **November Birthdays**

Randy Beans	November 4
Diane Hays	November 6
Diane Carvey	November 14
Janet McMurtray	November 18
Laura Grimes Hutchinson	November 19
Judy O'Neil	November 19
Scott Peterson	November 29
Bill Fitts	November 29
Laurie Kramer	November 30

**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.*

### **Offertory Hymn:**

*Watchman, tell us of the night*

**Hymn 640**

*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 A**

**BCP 361**

### **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:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 S130**

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.

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever. **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**

**Hymn S154**

The Celebrant breaks the bread.  
*(A moment of silence)*

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #154*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**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 Music:**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, arr. Thomas Keesecker

**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:**

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes*

**Hymn 72**

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*, J.S. Bach

## **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Lois Leigh

**Lay Eucharist Minister** Deborah Howard

**Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist**

Lauren Fisher

**Usher** Mark Wilner

**Broadcast Technician** Jeff Bergsten

**Altar Guild** Judy O'Neil and Judith Schneider

**Flower Guild** Judy O'Neil

**Celebrant & Preacher** The Rev. Vikki Clayton

## **St. Bartholomew's Choir**

Jeff Bergsten, Bill Fitts, Charley Hendricks, Judy O'Neil, Maggie Ramey, 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 Rob Palmer, join us in the undercroft. Next week is hosted by Charles Frederick.

## **Upcoming Services:**

### **Lessons and Carols**

A combined Sunday service with St. Luke's on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at St. Bartholomew's. Victoria's

homemade fruitcake and festive refreshments, along with coffee and tea afterward.

**Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Service**

Sunday, December 24 at 7:30 p.m. There will not be an 11 a.m. service this day.

**Laytonsville Christmas Tree Lighting Event on Friday, December 1 at 6:30.** Everyone is invited to attend this annual event that takes place at the Town Hall, next to the church. There will be refreshments, tree lighting, and a visit with Santa on the Town Hall front porch, after arriving on a fire truck. There will also be a chorus from Laytonsville Elementary School singing seasonal songs. Please plan to attend this festive event!

**Parking Attendant Volunteers needed for Tree**

**Lighting:** St. Bartholomew's Church grounds will be used for parking for the Tree Lighting Event. We need parking lot attendant volunteers. There will be two shifts: 6-7 PM and 7-8 PM. Please contact Ann Fitts at 240-252-8456 or by email at [Janice.fitts@gmail.com](mailto:Janice.fitts@gmail.com) if you can help.

**St. Anne's Concert Series:**

St. Anne's Damascus has restarted its concert series. On Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. they're having a special holiday concert by the Montgomery Low Brass Trombone ensemble. Montgomery Low Brass features trombone players from around the DMV who come together just for the joy of playing. Come get in the Christmas spirit with a fun evening of music! A reception with refreshments will follow. Free will offerings are accepted. St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 25100 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD.

**Lions Club Coat Drive:** The Lions Club Coat Drive is underway and will continue through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring used coats (adults and children) and place them (always open) in the bin on the front porch of the Town Hall. Warm children's clothing will also be accepted. Please help provide warmth for families during this winter season.

### **Bible Study**

Bible study is every Thursday at 10:30 am. We're finishing up "The Path." Contact the Parish Administrator ([parishadminin@saintbartholomews.org](mailto: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. There are classes at 9:30, 10:30, and 5:15. More information is available at [musictogetherwithsonia.com](http://musictogetherwithsonia.com).

### **Food Giving Basket**

There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the entry way of the church 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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