



**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12, 2023**

## Announcements

### Prelude:

*Wachel auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, J. S. Bach

### Opening Hymn:

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

**Hymn 436**

### 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.**

Holy God    *Trisagion*                    setting David Hurd                    Hymnal S100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
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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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A Reading from: **Amos 5:18-24**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against  
the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn  
assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings  
and grain offerings, I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted  
animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters, and  
righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 70**

**BCP 682**

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my  
misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over  
me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in  
you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for  
ever, “Great is the Lord!”
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

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

**The Epistle**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and  
sisters, about those who have died, so that you may

not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**

*Rejoice, rejoice believers*

**Hymn 68**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:1-13**

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and

trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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:**

Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Margaret's Parish, DC

Charlie's Place Feeding Program, St. Margaret's Parish

**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)

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)

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)

**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.*

**Choral Anthem:**

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*, arr. John Helgen

*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**  
**The Great Thanksgiving**

**BCP 361**

**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.

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.**

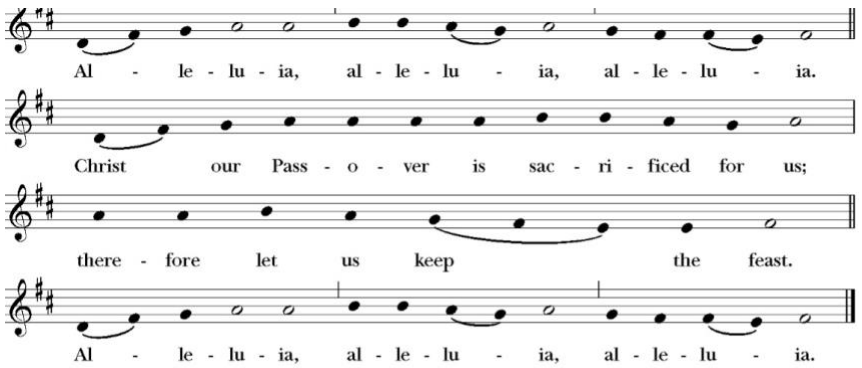
**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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**

The Celebrant breaks the bread.

*(A moment of silence)*



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.

### **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:**

*Jerusalem, my happy home*

**Hymn 620**

### **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:**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**Hymn 616**

### **The Dismissal**

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

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

### **Postlude**

*Sleepers Wake*, arr. and harm. J. S. Bach



## **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Deborah Howard

**Lay Eucharist Minister** Sharon Henderson

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

Lauren Fisher

**Usher** Janet Shea

**Broadcast Technician** Ann Fitts

**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 a luncheon hosted by the Stewardship Committee and the Vestry, join us in the undercroft. Next week is hosted by the Worship Committee.

## **Thanksgiving Gift Card Donations**

Working in concert with Olney Help and St. Peter's Catholic Church, Olney, we are once again collecting Thanksgiving grocery gift card donations (Giant and Harris Teeter preferred). **Please place your gift card in**

**one of the Thanksgiving donation boxes located in the sanctuary and the undercroft on Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.** If you prefer to make a donation by check, make it out to "St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church", write "Thanksgiving Food Drive" on the memo line, and place it in the collection plate. **Please hand in your gift card or check by today Sunday, Nov. 12.** Your donation will go towards serving local families in need. Thank you.

### **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. Weekly classes at St. Bartholomew's have begun and run through Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. There are classes at 9:30, 10:30, and 5:15. More information is available at [musictogetherwithsonia.com](http://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 remaining workshops for 2023 are this Tuesday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at noon in the undercroft.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

St. Bartholomew's is once again partnering with local United Methodist Churches to hold a Community Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. St. Bartholomew's will be the host this

year. Plan to attend this joyful event to kick off the holiday season.

### **Forward Day by Day**

The November through January edition of Forward Day by Day in regular and large print is available in the racks in the Narthex when you come in. Please take a copy.

### **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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