

Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 11, 2024

Announcements

Prelude:

How Great Thou Art, arr. Robert A. Hobby

Opening Hymn:

Love divine, all loves excelling Hymn 657

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.

Glory to God in the highest Hymn S277 and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of The Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from: 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

BCP 654

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above* to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

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

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of

darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:

O Light of Light, Love given birth Hymn 134

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:2-9

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Vikki Clayton

All stand as you are able
The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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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 III BCP 387

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:

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Diocesan Commission on Ministry Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones (February 13) Ash Wednesday (February 14)

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Jack Hauber, Lydia Brittle, 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)

Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)

Nick Vlachos (C. Hendricks)

Janice and Jeff Sands (M. Wemple)

Meghan Bradley (N. Row)

Patty Terry (V. Clayton)

The Dodge Family (M. Wemple)

Seth Washington (S. Grimes)

Amy Morris (D. Howard)

Helen Hamlin (N. Row)

Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)

Raymond Parker (M. Wemple)

Michele Shirron (V. Clayton & N. Row)

Alma Bray (L. Bray)

Karen Scott (M. Wemple)

Jerrilyn Frame (M. Wemple)

Scott & Barb McDonald (V. Cross)

Paul Penfold (M. Wilner)

Scott Johnston (V. Cross)

Gerald Holbrook (M. Wemple)

February Birthdays

Maggie Ramey	February 3
Pauline Holec	February 6
Eric Kaufmann	February 6
Emily Grimes Jagusch	February 20
Emery Trumbull	February 21
Carley Pera	February 22
Nancy Row	February 23
Geoffrey Rutherford	February 23
Alex Murtiff	February 27

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

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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:

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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 The Great Thanksgiving

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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. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymn S125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 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 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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

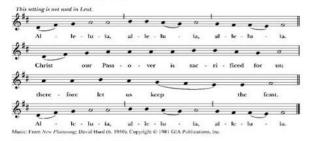
People and Celebrant:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
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.





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(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 Music:

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, Matt Limbaugh

Post Communion Prayer

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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:

Songs of thankfulness and praise,

Hymn 135

The Dismissal

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Go in peace to love and

serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude:

Echo Alleluia, Henry Purcell, arr. Lani Smith

What a Friend We Have in Jesus















Serving Today

Lay Reader Sally Hauber

Lay Eucharist Minister Donna Starkweather

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Usher John Strong

Broadcast Technician Ann Fitts

Altar Guild Victoria Cross, Lauren, and Vickie Fisher **Flower Guild** Lois Leigh

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Vikki Clayton

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Jeff Bergsten, Bill Fitts, Charley Hendricks, Judy O'Neil, Maggie Ramey, Jennifer Rutherford, Judith Schneider, Delbert Wemple, Mary Wemple

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St. Bartholomew's Vestry

Senior Warden Lois Leigh Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry

Victoria Cross, Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles Frederick, David Landrith, Lauren Murtiff, Robert Palmer, Judith Schneider.

Announcements:

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is a Shrove Tuesday (transferred) pancakes and sausage brunch! Next week is a potluck.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given by Nancy Row in memory of Neil Tocci.

Ash Wednesday service at 7pm on Wed. Feb. 14.

Start off the Lenten season right by attending our Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes. If you are unable to attend, Rev. Vikki will offer Ashes-to-Go in front of the church from 6pm to 6:30pm Wed. Feb. 14 (weather dependent).

Morning Prayer Sunday, Feb. 18 at the 11:00am service

Rev. Deacon Janice Hicks will officiate our Morning Prayer service on Sunday, Feb. 18. Come give her a big St. Bartholomew's welcome.

Bible Study

Bible study is every Thursday 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.

Prayer Beads

Prayer beads are back from winter break and invite all to join us in eating pizza, making prayer beads and having fun! The next workshops are Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, February 21st at noon in the undercroft.

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, 4:15 and 5:15. The new session begins on January 16th. More information is available at 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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