



**The First Sunday in Lent  
Morning Prayer**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

## **Announcements**

### **Prelude:**

*O Lamb of God, I Come*, arr. Edward Broughton

### **Opening Hymn:**

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*                      **Hymn 142**

### **Morning Prayer: Rite Two**    **BCP 78**

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.    *Philippians 1:2*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Officiant:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Come let us adore him.

**Venite**    *Psalms 95:1-7*    **Hymn S35**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
    and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of  
his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## **The Lessons**

### **Old Testament**

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**Lector: The Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9****BCP 614**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their  
schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,\*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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

**The Epistle**

A reading from 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made

alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle:**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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**Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:9-15**

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Deacon Janice Hicks**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*The people stand or kneel*

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**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 Suffrages**

#### **Officiant (V) and People (R):**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name forever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant

us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**Lector:** 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 Sudan

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

House of Mercy's Rosemont Center

**For our Parish Family and Friends:**

Diane Carvey, 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

### **Officiant:**

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.**

### **Choral Anthem:**

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*, arr. Marty Parks

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth  
your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **Closing hymn:**

*Forty days and forty nights*

**Hymn 150**

**Officiant:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace  
in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude:**

*Sonata in a, Fransisco Gasparini, ed. Charles Callahan*

*Please leave your offering in the collection plate located  
at the table near the entry doors.*

# 128 Blessed Be the God of Israel

1. Bless'd be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
 2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
 3. My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;  
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might y arm  
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b. 1944; based on Luke 1:68-79.

MUSIC: English folk tune, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams. 1872-1958

† This canticle is especially appropriate for services that focus on the Old Testament prophecies of Christ. This text, based on the song of Zechariah (Luke 1), is also known as the *Benedictus* (the first word in the Latin translation of this text).

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**Morning Prayer Officiant** Deacon Janice Hicks  
**Lay Reader** Jennifer Rutherford  
**Broadcast Technician** Randy and Evan Beans  
**Usher** Janet Shea  
**Flower Guild** Nancy Row  
**Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist**  
Lauren Fisher

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

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

### **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 potluck, join us in the undercroft to see what delights await. Next week is also a potluck. March 3<sup>rd</sup> is "Soup-er Sunday," start looking for your favorite soup recipe. Don't want to make soup? Then bring crackers, bread, biscuits, or anything else that goes along with soup.

#### **Altar Flowers**

We encourage you to donate to the altar flower fund, which is not only for dedications or special occasions. The cost is \$65.00, but all donations are accepted. Make checks payable to St. Bartholomew's and write "flowers" in the memo line or put cash in an envelope marked flowers. Donations marked for special occasions

are mentioned in the bulletin; send an email to [parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org](mailto:parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org) or call 301-355-7189 to let us know.

### **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, 4:15 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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