



**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
**February 25, 2024**

**Prelude**

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*, arr. C.E. Walz

**Opening Hymn**

*The glory of these forty days*

**Hymn 143**

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins **BCP 351**

**People** **His mercy endures forever.**

**Celebrant** Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Celebrant and People**

**BCP 352**

**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.**

### **Kyrie**

**Hymn S96**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

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

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you,

and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:22-30**

**BCP 611**

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their  
poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those  
who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live forever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow  
before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet  
unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

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

### **The Epistle**

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he

gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Take my life and let it be*

**Hymn 707**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 8:31-38**

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed

when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily**

**Rev. Vikki Clayton**

**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.

**The Prayers of the People (Form VI)**

**BCP 392**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who  
are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*



We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

**We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan  
Cycles of Prayer and for 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.

**Those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. David's Church, DC

**For our Parish Family and Friends:**

Judy O'Neil, 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)

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)  
Nancy Willett (J. Rutherford)  
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)

**Prayers for the Departed:**

Rest of the soul of Bill Royle, may he rest in peace.

**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 Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**The Offertory**

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

**Choral Offertory**

*Remember Me*, Stephen Andrews and Aaron Adams

**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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 355**

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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

**Celebrant and People**

**Hymn S130**

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

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, you 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.**

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 People**

**BCP 364**

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

### **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**

*King of my life I crown thee*

**LEVAS 31**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

### **Celebrant and People**

**BCP 365**

**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**

### **The Dismissal**

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

**Hymn 675**

## **Postlude**

*Maestoso In F Minor*, arr. W. Dykerhoff

## **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Richard Rutherford

**Lay Eucharistic Minister** Ed Dalton

**Usher** Mark Wilner

**Broadcast Technician** Jeff Bergsten

**Flower Guild** Jamie Kaufmann

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

Lauren Fisher

**Altar Guild** Victoria Cross, Lauren and Vickie Fisher

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

## **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 Sunday School Teachers**

Maya Fitts, Lauren Murtiff

## **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 if your favorite goodie is there. Next week is "Soup-er Sunday," find your favorite soup recipe and bring it in a crockpot to keep warm during the service (or plan on microwaving it after the service). Don't want to

make soup? Then bring crackers, bread, biscuits, or anything else that goes along with soup (or even a dessert).

### **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 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" and will be starting "Scribes and Scriptures, The Amazing Story of How We Got The Bible" in a couple of weeks. 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. 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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