



The Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024

Prelude

Lamb of God, Twila Paris

Announcements

Opening Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea

Hymn 693

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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You

shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleans me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous
 sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
 my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who
are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the
power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will
 thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made
foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the
wisdom of God, the world did not know God through
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our
proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews
demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we
proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and
foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the
wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than
human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than
human strength.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

*Rock of ages, cleft for me
(Children leave for Sunday school)*

Hymn 685

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to John 2:13-22**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 Church of the Province of Uganda

Those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Grace Church, Georgetown

Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Judy O'Neil, Lydia Brittle, Steve O'Neil, Scott Peterson,
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)

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)
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)
Caroline Cross (M. Wemple)

March Birthdays:

Richard Rutherford	March 7
Barbara Schantz	March 18
Charles Burns	March 19
Sharon Henderson	March 22
Karen Frederick	March 24
Ann Fitts	March 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.

Offertory Hymn

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Hymn 337

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Pascal feast; that, with fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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.

The people stand or kneel.

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.

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

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church **Hymn 149**

Postlude

Postlude in F, Charles Callahan

Serving Today

Lay Reader Kim Bamburak

Lay Eucharistic Minister Sharon Henderson

Usher Rob Palmer

Broadcast Technician Victoria Cross

Flower Guild Sharon Henderson

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Altar Guild Lauren Murtiff and Sharon Henderson

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 "Soup-er Sunday," join us in the undercroft and find your favorite soup or try something new and possibly find a new favorite. Next week is a potluck with a cake for the March birthday celebrants.

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 starting "Scribes and Scriptures, The Amazing Story of How We Got The Bible." 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.

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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