



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024
Creation Care Sunday

Prelude *Hymns of Creation*, arr. Phillip Kevern

Processional Hymn

I sing the Mighty Power of God

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The Word of God

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray together our 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.**

Celebrant and People:

Hymn S280

**Glory to God in the highest,
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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty:
Open our eyes to recognize your gracious hand in all your
works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness;
for the sake of the One through whom all things were made,
Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Old Testament

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

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

The Epistle

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that

are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Morning has broken*
(*Children leave for Sunday School*)

Hymn 8

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:30-37

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever

welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Special Speaker

**Mr. Joshua Long
Interfaith Power and Light Org.**

The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

Lector: Prayers of the People Honoring God in Creation

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need [especially], and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Celebrant: Gracious God:

Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship

through loving-kindness and the wise use
of all that you have given;
for you are drawing all things into communion
with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**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, Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect,
Mariann our Bishop, and Vikki, our Rector; for this gathering;
and for all ministers and people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of North India (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Pray for church musicians and choirs

Pray for international human rights and all organizations and
individuals that promote peace and justice worldwide

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Meredith Smith, Delbert Wemple, Lydia Brittle, Scott
Peterson, Stevie Grimes, 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)

Daniel Oliver (J. Shea)

Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)

Roseann Royle (N. Row)

Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)

Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)

Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)

Meghan Bradley (N. Row)

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)
Gerald Holbrook (M. Wemple)
Caroline Cross (M. Wemple)
Christine Pearson (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)
Chris Fountas (J. Rutherford)
Edmund Ground (M. Smith)
Allie Ground (M. Smith)
Fred Downs (M. Wemple)
Maurice La Marque (N. Row)
Michelle La Marque (N. Row)
Andy Burns (J. Peterson)
Joe Richardson (D. Landrith)
J.J. Sandy (M. Wemple)
Keith Bellamy (J. McMurtray)
Martha Beavers (J. McMurtray)
Steve MacKison (J. McMurtray)
Garry Ground (M. Smith)
Bill Tei (M. Wemple)
Felicia Taylor Popowski (B. Taylor)

Rest of the Soul of Nathalie Branson, a friend of Jennifer Rutherford; may she rest in peace.

September Birthdays:

Lynne Lucas-Dreiss	September 3
Evelinda Torres	September 8
John Kaufmann	September 19
Kelley O’Neil	September 21
Alice Jagusch	September 24
Nelson Torres	September 25

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

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.**

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 Anthem

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**

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant:

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 taught us we are bold to say:

Celebrant and People

**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 Fraction

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

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #154

This setting is not used in Lent.

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.

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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 *For the beauty of the earth* **Hymn 416**

Post Communion Prayer

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 *Earth and All Stars* **vs. 1-3 Hymn 412**

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

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*, arr. Lani Smith

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

ELLACOMBE



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God That made the
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But makes thy



1. moun-tains rise, That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, And
2. earth with food; He formed the crea-tures with his word, And
3. glo - ries known; And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow By



1. built the loft - y skies. I sing the wis - dom
2. then pro-nounced them good. Lord, how thy won - ders
3. or - der from thy throne; While all that bor - rows



1. that or - dained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines
2. are dis - played Wher - e'er I turn my eye; If I sur -
3. life from thee Is ev - er in thy care, And ev - 'ry -



1. full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
2. vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the sky!
3. where that I can be, Thou, God, are pres - ent there.

Text: CMD; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirtemberg*, 1784.

Serving Today

Lay Reader Richard Rutherford

Lay Eucharist Minister Deborah Howard

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Usher Rob Palmer

Altar Guild Sharon Henderson and Lauren Murtiff

Broadcast Technician Victoria Cross

Flower Guild Lois Leigh

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, 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

Coffee Hour Join us for coffee hour in the undercroft hosted
by the Sacred Grounds and Creation Care Committees. Next
week is a potluck, bring something to share.

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 on Thursday mornings at 10:30 via Zoom. We're reading *Scribes and Scriptures* and are currently studying the New Testament. Newcomers are always welcomed. Contact Richard Rutherford (richard.rutherford90@gmail.com) for more information or Victoria (parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org) for the Zoom link.

Flowers out front

The Sacred Grounds Committee has been busy and planted many flowers out in the front of the Church. Take a stroll and enjoy the beauty of the season. The peppers and the kale are edible.

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. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, September 28th at 8 am in the undercroft. The basics, including bacon, will be provided, bring a dish to share if you'd like, or you can just come for the food and the fellowship. Contact Richard Rutherford (richard.rutherford90@gmail.com) for more information.

Save the Date

We are requesting volunteers for Saturday, October 19th from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. We will be planting 17 trees donated to the church through the Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake Program. They will supervise the planting within the Memorial Garden. There will be 4 Red Oaks, 4 Tulip Poplars, 5 dogwood and 4 Red Bud trees. They will be in 5-gallon containers and all materials and tools will be supplied. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves and wear hard-toed shoes. Please let Ann Fitts (Janice.fitts@gmail.com) know if you are able to participate or have any questions.

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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