



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

(The choir is back!)

Prelude:

Andante tranquillo from Sonata III, Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn:

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Hymn 410

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

BCP 803

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my
being.

- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,*
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their
help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is
in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

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

The Epistle

James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil

thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:

Help us, O Lord, to learn

(Children leave for Sunday school)

Hymn 628

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Mark 7:24-37

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.**

Please stand or kneel as you are able

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

**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 the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Church of the Holy Communion, DC
Diocesan Youth Ministry
Diocesan Young Adult Ministry
All whose passion and work is formation

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)

We celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of Richard and Jennifer Rutherford, which was on September 1st.

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

BCP 360

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

BCP 360

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:

How Can I Keep From Singing? Arr. Ginger Littleton

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

BCP 361

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 S129**
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.

The people stand or kneel.

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 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:

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymn 603

Post Communion Prayer

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:

Praise to the Lord the almighty

Hymn 390

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

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude:

Recessional on “Lobe Den Herren,” arr. Dan R. Edwards

Serving Today

Lay Reader Sally Hauber

Lay Eucharist Minister Sharon Henderson

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Usher Jack Hauber

Altar Guild Sharon Henderson and Lauren Murtiff

Broadcast Technician Ann Fitts

Flower Guild Judy O’Neil

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 Sunday School Teachers

Melissa Dalton, 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

Coffee Hour today is a potluck, join us in the undercroft. Next week is Bishop Mariann's visit, coffee hour will be hosted by the Vestry.

There are still a few open dates to sign up for hosting a coffee hour in 2024 and 2025 is now available; the book is on the counter in the undercroft.

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

Thursday morning Bible study starts back up on September 12th at 11 with a kick-off luncheon at the home of Richard and Jennifer Rutherford. The regular meetings are on Zoom at 10:30. Newcomers are always welcomed. Contact Richard Rutherford (richard.rutherford90@gmail.com) for more information.

Laytonsville Town Picnic

The annual Laytonsville Town Picnic will be held Saturday, Sept. 21st from 4pm-8pm behind Town Hall. We, (along with St. Paul's), will have craft tables set up for rock painting and other crafts. There will be a balloon artist, petting zoo, and pony rides in addition to the activity tables.

We'll need volunteers to staff the craft tables in shifts from 4pm-6pm, contact Ann Fitts (janice.fitts@gmail.com) if you are available to assist with set-up, crafting, and/or cleanup.

We'll also provide parking in the church parking lot. Contact Bill Fitts (oatland@varizon.net) if you can help with setting up event parking signs throughout the town on Saturday morning and/or parking coordination during the event.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 28th at 8:00 am in the undercroft. The basics, including bacon, will be supplied; you can bring your favorite breakfast item to share if you'd like.

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.

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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