



**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**January 5, 2025**

**Prelude**

*Prelude: Brightest and Best*, arr. Mark Hayes

**Opening Hymn** *We three kings of Orient are* **Hymn 128**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two** **BCP 355**

**The Word of God**

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

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

**Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

*Let us pray together the 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 S277**

**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.**

**Collect of The Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you Collect of the Day**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

Lector: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 84**

**BCP 707**

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place  
of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my  
own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

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

### **The Epistle**

#### **Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who  
has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the

heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**

*What star is this, with beams so bright*

**Hymn 124**

**The Holy Gospel**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 2:1-12**

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily**

**Rev. Vikki Clayton**

*Stand as you are able*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.

*Stand or kneel as you are able*

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

**BCP 385**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for  
our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and  
people.

Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and  
for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*



I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

**We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends**

We pray for: Justin, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, Our Presiding Bishop, Mariann Our Bishop and Vikki, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Church in Wales

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Church of the Epiphany, D.C.

Epiphany D.C. Welcome Café Ministry

Church of the Epiphany, Forestville

Diocesan Ordination Service on January 11 and those being ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests and Transitional

**For our Parish Family and Friends:**

Kim Bamburak, Judy O'Neil, Meredith Smith, Delbert Wemple, Lydia Brittle, Scott Peterson, Stevie Grimes, Nancy Harding, Janet McMurtray

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)

Frank and Jerry Cross (V. Cross)

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)  
The Dodge Family (M. Wemple)  
Seth Washington (S. Grimes)  
Amy Morris (D. Howard)  
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)  
Maurice La Marque (N. Row)  
Michelle La Marque (N. Row)  
Andy Burns (J. Peterson)  
J.J. Sandy (M. Wemple)  
Martha Beavers (J. McMurtray)  
Steve MacKison (J. McMurtray)  
Garry Ground (M. Smith)  
Bill Tei (M. Wemple)  
Felicia Taylor Popowski (B. Taylor)  
Angela McKenzie (S. Henderson)  
Mercy Frederick Ozuruonye (C. Frederick)  
Rev. Jo-Ann Murphy (N. Row)  
Anna Kuhlmann (N. Row)  
Chuck Moffett (V. Cross)

### **January Birthdays**

Stevie Grimes	January 5
Lois Leigh	January 8
Maya Fitts	January 11
Lauren Bray Murtiff	January 12
Trevor Zolkiewicz	January 16
Jamie Kaufmann	January 20
Vikki Clayton	January 22
Jack Hauber	January 24
Jennifer Rutherford	January 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 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.

**Offertory Hymn**

*Earth has many a noble city*

**Hymn 127**

## **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 B**

### **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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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. 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.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your

Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People**  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People and Celebrant:**

**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, forever 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:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**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**

**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**

*As with gladness men of old*

**Hymn 119**

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

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

**Postlude**

*As With Gladness Men of Old, arr. Wilbur Held*

## **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Sally Hauber

**Lay Eucharist Minister** Deborah Howard

**Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist** Lauren Fisher

**Usher** Jack Hauber

**Broadcast Technician** Victoria Cross

**Altar Guild** Janet Shea and Lois Leigh

**Flower Guild** Sharon Henderson

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

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

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

## **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**

Coffee hour today is a potluck. Next week is hosted by the dynamic duo of Sharon Henderson and Deborah Howard, there will also be a birthday cake. The sign-up book for 2025 is on the counter in the undercroft.

## **Bible Study**

Bible study will resume on Thursday, January 9, 2025, 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](mailto:richard.rutherford90@gmail.com)) for more information or Victoria ([parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org](mailto:parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org)) for the Zoom link.



### **Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the undercroft. All the fixings, (including bacon), will be provided, bring a dish to share if you'd like. Contact Richard Rutherford ([richard.rutherford90@gmail.com](mailto:richard.rutherford90@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **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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