



*First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of Jesus  
January 12, 2025*

## **Prelude**

*When He Cometh, arr. Gordon Young*

## **Opening Hymn**

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

**Hymn 135**

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

### **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**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

Thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Lector: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 29**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

### **The Epistle**

#### **Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn:**

*The sinless one to Jordan came*

**Hymn 120**

### **The Holy Gospel**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ  
according to **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I

baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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: the Archbishop of York - Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of London - Dame Sarah Mullally, and the Bishop of Dover - Rose Hudson-Wilkin. Sean, Our Presiding Bishop, Mariann Our Bishop and Vikki, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

We offer prayers of healing for Bishop Chilton Knudson.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Church of the Province of West Africa

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Peter's Church, Poolesville

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25)

Religious Life Sunday: Pray for the many gifts of religious orders in the Episcopal Church (January 21)

**For the people of St. Bartholomew's we pray for:**

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)  
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 18
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**

*O love how deep, how broad, how high*

**Hymn 448**

## **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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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.**

*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:**

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**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, vs. 1, 2, and 5*

**Hymn 616**

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

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

**Postlude** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, arr. Wayne Wold*

## **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Deborah Howard

**Lay Eucharist Minister** Ed Dalton

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

Lauren Fisher

**Usher** Janet Shea

**Broadcast Technician** Ann Fitts

**Altar Guild** Janet Shea and Lois Leigh

**Flower Guild** Nancy Row

**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 hosted by the dynamic duo of Sharon Henderson and Deborah Howard, there will also be a birthday cake. Next week is chili Sunday! Bring a pot of your favorite chili to share or bring your favorite thing to eat with chili (cornbread, corn chips, etc.), or just come to enjoy. Consider hosting, the sign-up book for 2025 is on the counter in the undercroft.

## **Bible Study**

Bible study is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am via Zoom. We are currently studying how we got the Bible in our book *Scribes and Scriptures* and are now seeing how the famous King James Bible came to be. Newcomers are always welcome! 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."

## **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16 following the 11a.m. service. Please plan to attend as we need a quorum. We'll go over the budget for 2025 and elect two new members to the vestry (nominees will be announced next week). A festive luncheon in the undercroft is planned for after the meeting.

## **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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