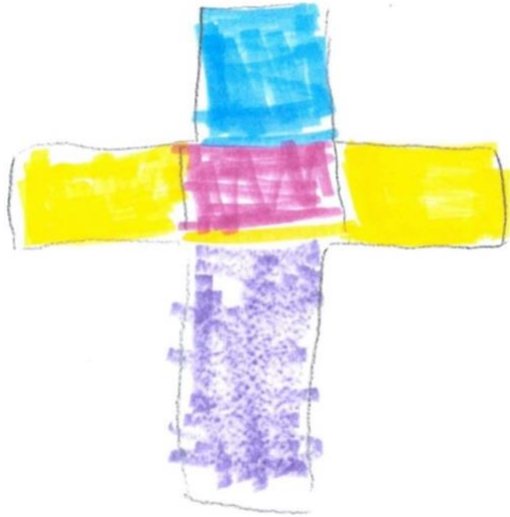


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**The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 30, 2025**

**Prelude:**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, Matt Limbaugh

**Opening Hymn:**

*O bless the Lord, my soul*

**Hymn 411**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**BCP 355**

**The Word of God**

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

**People** His mercy endures forever.

**The Decalogue: Contemporary**

**BCP 350**

**Celebrant** Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** Honor your father and your mother.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** You shall not commit murder.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** You shall not commit adultery.

**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** You shall not steal.  
**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** You shall not be a false witness.  
**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**Celebrant** You shall not covet anything that belongs  
to your neighbor.  
**People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

**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***

**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.**

## Trisagion

Holy God    *Trisagion*    setting David Hurd    Hymnal S100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

A Reading from: **Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32**

**BCP 624**

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their  
prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall  
not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way  
that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no  
understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in  
the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in  
the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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

### **The Epistle**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and

entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound.*    **Hymn 671**  
*(Children leave for Sunday school)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and

no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'



Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

**Rev. Vikki Clayton**

*All stand as you are able*

**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.**

*Stand or kneel as you are able*

**The Prayers of the People Form IV** **BCP 388**

Lector: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name  
may be united in your truth, live together in your love,  
and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in  
the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one  
another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

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

We pray for: For the ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury and discernment of the next Archbishop, we pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Vikki, our Rector; and for Lauren our music and choir director, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

## **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. George's Glenn Dale

St. George's Valley Lee

St. George's DC

### **For our parish family we pray for:**

Jeannette Frumkin, Judy O'Neil, Meredith Smith, Lydia Brittle, Scott Peterson, Stevie Grimes, Nancy Harding, Janet McMurtray.

### **For parishioners' family members and friends we pray in the quiet of our hearts:**

*(A moment of silence.)*

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)

Seth Washington (S. Grimes)

Delbert Wemple (V. Clayton)

Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)

Christine Pearson (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)

Chris Fountas (J. Rutherford)

Edmund Ground (M. Smith)

Allie Ground (M. Smith)

Garry Ground (M. Smith)

Maurice La Marque (N. Row)

Michelle La Marque (N. Row)

Andy Burns (J. Peterson)

Felicia Taylor Popowski (B. Taylor)  
Angela McKenzie (S. Henderson)  
Mercy Frederick Ozuruonye (C. Frederick)  
Anna Kuhlmann (N. Row)  
Deanna Wheeler (Deborah Howard)  
Nicole Pappano (J. Kaufmann)  
Ed May (J. McMurtray)

### **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

We celebrate the birth of Peter James Burns, born March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 lbs, 12 oz to Laura and Andy Burns, proud grandparents are Scott and Janice Peterson.

### **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.**

**Celebrant:** Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as offering and sacrifice to God.

### **The Offertory**

**Celebrant** Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Choral Offertory**

*Welcomed Home Again*, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

## **Doxology**

*All stand as you are able.*

**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**

**BCP 367**

### **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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, 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.

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,

*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, forever and ever. Amen.**



## **The Fraction**

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.

## **Communion Hymn**

*Just as I am, without one plea*

**Hymn 693**

## **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**

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

**Hymn 690**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

*Fanfare on "St. Thomas,"* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Jennifer Rutherford

**Lay Eucharistic Minister** Janet Shea

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

Lauren Fisher

**Usher** Jack Hauber

**Broadcast Technician** Jeff Bergsten

**Flower Guild** Nancy Row

**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,

## **St. Bartholomew's Vestry**

Senior Warden Lois Leigh

Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles Frederick, John Kaufmann, David Landrith, Judith Schneider, Donna Starkweather

## **Announcements**

### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour today is a potluck, join us downstairs to see if one of your favorites await. Next week is hosted by Dana Burton and Victoria Cross in honor of Jeff Bergsten's and Victoria's birthdays on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of open dates if you want to sign up, it's really easy to be a host. The book is downstairs on the counter.

### **Easter Flowers**

Tulips, daffodils and hydrangeas are available for purchase to dedicate on Easter. The cost is \$15 for a tulip plant or daffodil plant and \$33 for a hydrangea plant. They are 6" plants which you take home after the service. Please put a

check in the offering plate with “Easter flowers” in the memo line, cash in an envelope with the label “Easter flowers” on it and put in the offering plate, mail a check to the church with “Easter flowers” on the envelope, or click on the on-line giving QR code and chose “Easter flowers,” and then email the Parish Administrator with your dedication (parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org) or call her at 301-355-7189 by Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

### **Parish Workday**

Get ready for the parish workday, from 9 am to noon on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>! We'll be mulching, planting, cleaning up the grounds, and generally sprucing things up. Dig out those old work gloves and join us! Rain date is April 19.

### **Bible Study**

Bible study is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am via Zoom. We are studying St. Paul's Letters to the Romans using the book *Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One: Chapters 1-8*. Newcomers are always welcome and you don't need the book to participate! Contact Richard Rutherford (richard.rutherford90@gmail.com) for more information, or Victoria (parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org) for the Zoom link.

### **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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