



**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
**March 16, 2025**

**Prelude:** *Londonderry Air*, Phillip Keveren

**Opening Hymn:**

*Take up your cross the Savior said*

**Hymn 675**

**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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

A Reading from: **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision,  
“Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your

reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27**

**BCP 617**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my  
flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,  
who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all  
the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his  
dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an  
oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,\*  
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

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

### **The Epistle**

#### **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is

destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn:**

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*      **Hymn 343**  
*(Children leave for Sunday school)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:31-35

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will



not see me until the time comes when you say,  
'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord.'"

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**

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Patrick's Church, DC

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, 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)  
Steve MacKison (J. McMurtray)  
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)

Margaret Hansen (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)

**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

**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**

*Worthy is the Lamb*, Ricky Manalo

**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**  
**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**

*And now, O Father, mindful of the love*

**Hymn 337**

## **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**

*Forty days and forty nights*

**Hymn 150**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Sonata in a*, Francisco Gasparini, ed. Charles Callahan

## **Serving Today**

**Lay Reader** Richard Rutherford

**Lay Eucharistic Minister** Victoria Cross

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

Lauren Fisher

**Usher** Janet Shea

**Broadcast Technicians** Randy and Evan Beans

**Flower Guild** Lois Leigh

**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 St. Paddy's Day celebration hosted by Nancy Row, along with Victoria's Irish soda bread.

Next week is a potluck, bring something to share if you'd like.

### **Vestry Meeting**

The monthly Vestry meeting will be held tomorrow, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the undercroft. All are invited to attend. The wearing of green is optional.

## **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, the morning of Saturday April 12! 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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