Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 2026

Prelude:
Rorate Caeli, Jeanne Demessieux

Processional Hymn:
Christ for the world we sing **Hymn 537**

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 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.

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons
Old Testament
Isaiah 9:1-4
There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 **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?

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.

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

The Epistle
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:
Take my life, and let it be **Hymn 707**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4:12-23
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily **Rev. Vikki Clayton**

Joining with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, let us affirm the faith of the Church, by saying the Nicene Creed.

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 VI)

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends
We pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury Elect, 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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Paul's Church, Baden, and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco
St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek
St. Paul's Church, K Street
St. Paul's Church, Waldorf
Pray for all vowed religious orders and communities, that their witness may inspire faith and service in the church.
Diocesan Convention: The Bishop, Convention Officers, Clerical and Lay Delegates, (January 26-27)

For our parish family we pray for:
Judy O'Neil, Meredith Smith, Lydia Brittle, Scott Peterson, Stevie Grimes, Janet McMurtray.

For parishioners' family members and friends we pray in the quiet of our hearts:
(A moment of silence.)

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)
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)
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)
Felicia Taylor Popowski (B. Taylor)
Angela McKenzie (S. Henderson)
Mercy Frederick Ozuruonye (C. Frederick)
Anna Kuhlmann (N. Row)
Nicole Pappano (J. Kaufmann)
David Umsheid (J. McMurtray)
Barb and Scott McDonald (V. Cross)
Joyce Oehmler (V. Cross)
Dave Maxham (J. & S. Hauber)
Yannick Goedde-Bosch (A. Fitts)
Nicole Bowie (N. Row)
Jim Bond (S. Bond)
Shari Champagne (V. Cross)
Donny Cooper (J. McMurtray)
Nancy Loy (J. Rutherford)
Ann Rose (N. Row)
Amy Morris (D. Howard)

Birthday Week of January 25-31
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 **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:
Here I Am, Lord, arr. Daniel L. Schutte

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.

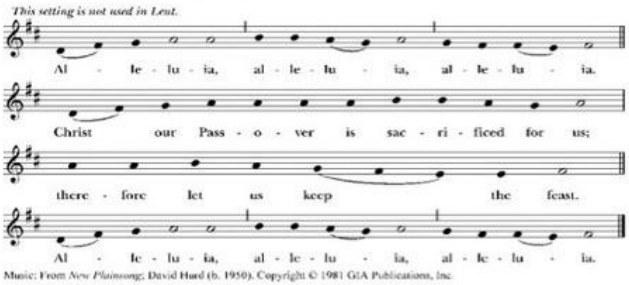
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**



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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:
Loaves were broken, words were spoken **Page 16**

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
O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling **Hymn 539**

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude
The Call of the Trumpets, Henry Purcell, arr. Franklin Ritter

LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007

BEACH SPRING
The Sacred Harp, 1844

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Flower Guild Jennifer Rutherford
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:
Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles Frederick, John Kaufmann, David Landrith, Judith Schneider, Donna Starkweather

Coffee Hour
Coffee hour today is a potluck. Next week is the Annual Meeting and is hosted by the Vestry. Hosting is easy, the sign up book for 2026 is available, it's on the counter in the undercroft.

Annual Meeting
Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1st following the 11a.m. service. Please plan to attend as we need a quorum. We'll go over the budget for 2026 and elect two new members to the vestry. A festive luncheon in the undercroft is planned for after the meeting.

Bible Study
Bible study is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am via Zoom. We are studying St. Paul's Letter to the Romans using the book *Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part Two: Chapters 9-16.*

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.

Forward Day by Day
The new edition of Forward Day by Day, for February through April 2026, in regular and large print, is in the racks when you enter the church. Please take one. You can also go to www.forwardmovement.org, click on the Prayer tab at the top, then scroll down to Today's Forward Day by Day to view the online version.

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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