



Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:30 a.m.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

The service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, found in the red Book of Common Prayer. References to BCP are to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns identified with the letter “H” are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymns identified with the letter “L” are found in the “Lift Every Voice and Sing” hymnal. It is customary for the People to gather in quiet reflection and prayer.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN H-204 “Now the green blade riseth” *Noel nouvelet*

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

THE GLORIA

S-278

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(see insert)*

The people sit for the readings printed on the insert.

THE LESSONS *(see insert)*

FIRST LESSON: **Acts 10:44-48**

(spoken after the reading)
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: **Psalm 98** *Cantate Domino*

EPISTLE: **1 John 5:1-6**

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the singing of the Gradual Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Verses 1-2 are sung before the reading; Verse 3 is sung after the reading of the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN

HYMN H-705 “As those of old their first fruits brought” *Forest Green*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: **John 15:9-17**

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.
People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Witt

THE NICENE CREED *The people stand to say:*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Friends, we walk by faith, not sight. Trusting that God hears our prayers, let us cry out, saying, we call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O God. Hear our prayers for the Church. Keep us steadfast in faith and love, that we may proclaim your truth with boldness and minister your justice with compassion. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Steve, our Priest; and John and Vinnie, our Wardens. In the Diocesan Prayer Cycle we lift up St. James in Boardman, St. Stephen’s in East Liverpool, Holy Trinity in Lisbon, and St. Luke’s in Niles.

Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O God. Hear our prayers for the world. For love, you Son Jesus died for all. We pray that all people may come to know that love. In our nation we pray especially for Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; and Brenda, our Mayor.

Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O God. Hear our prayers for all creation. Bless seeds to produce. Bless fields to yield their crops. Bless those who plant and those who gather. May all be blessed by the harvest.

Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O God. Hear our prayers for all artists, poets, dancers, and musicians. Remember their offerings of beauty and inspiration and prosper their plans. We thank you for the blessed gift of creativity.

Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O God. Hear our prayers for those in need. Answer them in their day of trouble. Send them help and strengthen them to stand. We pray especially for Jim and Deb; Al; Andrew; Ann; Barb; Bernice; Bob; Bre; Bruce; Dan; David; Dayle; Diane; Donna; Doug; Florence; Gena; Glenn; Harriot; Holly; Jan; Janet; Jennifer; Jerry; Jim; Joe; John; Judy; Julee; Lauren; Linda; Margaret; Marie; Molly; Monica; Nancy; Patrick; Patsy; Sally; Sarah; Shirley; Sophia; Steve; Vida; and Vinnie.

Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

For those observing birthdays this week; and those observing anniversaries this week.

Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, especially Danielle Camperchioli, Sophia Cerjan, Duncan LePage, Ethan LePage, David Marcinski, Jessica Ramirez, and Anthony Worst.

Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

We call to you, O God. Hear our prayers for the dying and the dead. Raise those who have died in the body to newness of life. Grant them a home with you forever.

We pray especially for Larry Rummel.
Silence.
We call upon your name, O God!
Answer us when we call.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

ALTAR PREPARATION

HYMN H-383 “Fairest Lord Jesus” *St. Elizabeth*

THE DOXOLOGY H-380 *(vs 3)*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EOW EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

SURSUM CORDA

S-120 (optional)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS *L-255*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM *L-268*

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 with thanks through thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN
HYMN H-581 “Where charity and love prevail” *Cheshire*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people

RECESSIONAL HYMN
HYMN H-344 “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing” *Sicilian Mariners*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for joining us today. If you are a visitor, thank you for worshipping with us today! Please be sure to sign the red guest register on the white podium near the front door. We invite and encourage you to join us in person when you can in Mayfield Village, Ohio. All baptized Christians are welcome to share Holy Eucharist with us. The services are followed by a coffee hour where we get to know each other.

Saturday May 18th will be a Grounds Cleanup Day at St. Bartholomew. Parishioners are asked to help beautify our property with a spring cleaning. Details will be provided soon.

The next vestry meeting will be May 23rd at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to purchase the altar flowers for a Sunday, please place your name on the signup sheet in the cloak room. Checks should be made out to Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church with “altar flowers” on the memo line. The suggested donation is \$40.

If you notice anything in our parish building that needs attention, please inform the office by sending Mark an email (saintbartohio@gmail.com) or leaving a note in his mailbox.

Please consider donating canned or packaged dry food to the food pantry baskets in the entrance to the church building.

Please see your flocknotes and the website (saintbartohio.org) for additional announcements and information.

The following groups are currently scheduled for use of the building this week:

May 5	Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
May 6	Monday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
May 7	Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	MayLynd AA
May 7	Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	SHANO
May 8	Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
May 9	Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
May 9	Thursday	9:30 am – 12:45 pm	Nation’s Best CPR
May 10	Friday	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Prayer

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Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Witt, Supply Priest
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind
Lectors: Betty Rendlesham, Jack Rendlesham
Eucharistic Minister: Rich Wise
Usher: Tom Robinson
Sr. Warden: John Charny
Jr. Warden: Vinnie Christie
Treasurer: Jack Rendlesham
Director of Religious Education: Russ Tripi
Parish Administrator: Mark Holland
Classroom Teacher: Kinsey Robinson

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Fr. Steve Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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