



Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024
Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation
9:30 a.m.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

The service is based on the Order for Confirmation, found in the red Book of Common Prayer. References to BCP are to the Book of Common Prayer. It is customary for the People to gather in quiet reflection and prayer.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN HYMN H-210

“The day of resurrection!”

Ellacombe

ACCLAMATION

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

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit.
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
People: **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Bishop: 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 3:12-19**

(spoken after the reading)

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

SEQUENCE: **Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*

EPISTLE: **1 John 3:1-7**

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The people stand for the singing of the Gradual Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Verses 1-3 are sung before the reading; Verses 4-5 are sung after the reading of the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN HYMN L-213

“Children of the heav'nly father” *Swedish Folk Melody*

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

THE GOSPEL: **Luke 24:36b-48**

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Anne Bryson Jolly

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Bishop: The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenters: I present Jesse Hill for Confirmation.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidate: I do.
Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Jesse in his life in Christ?
People: **We will.**
Bishop: Let us join with Jesse as he commits himself to Christ and renew our own Baptismal Covenant.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostle's teachings and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will with God's help.**

Bishop: Let us now pray for Jesse, who has renewed his commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The bishop lays her hands upon the candidate and says:

Defend, O Lord, your servant Jesse with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

All stand.

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

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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

ALTAR PREPARATION

HYMN L-151

“One bread, one body”

One bread, one body

THE DOXOLOGY H-380 *(vs 3)*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EOW EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

SURSUM CORDA

S-120 (optional)

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop: 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 Bishop 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 through faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN
HYMN H-487 “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life” *The Call*

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 Bishop blesses the people

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
People: **From this time forth for ever more.**
Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN
HYMN H-205 “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!” *Gelobt sei Gott*

DISMISSAL

Bishop: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

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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.

The next vestry meeting will be April 18th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

The prayer list will be cleared and a new one published. If you would like a name included in the new list, there is a signup sheet on the library table. You can also contact the office at saintbartohio@gmail.com or 440-449-2290.

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.

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:

April 14	Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
April 15	Monday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
April 16	Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	MayLynd AA
April 17	Wednesday	8:00 am – 10:00 am	TMCC
April 17	Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
April 18	Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
April 18	Thursday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Vestry
April 18	Thursday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ManKind Projpect
April 19	Friday	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Prayer

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Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Anne Bryson Jolly
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind
Lectors: Diane Bellas, John Charny
Eucharistic Minister: Wendy Charny
Usher: Tom Robinson
Sr. Warden: John Charny
Jr. Warden: Vinnie Christie
Treasurer: Jack Rendlesham
Director of Religious Education: Russ Tripi
Parish Administrator: Mark Holland
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