



Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

**Last Sunday After Epiphany
February 11, 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. It is customary for the People to gather in quiet reflection and prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN H-427 “When morning gilds the skies” *Laudes Domini*

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**
Celebrant: 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.**

THE GLORIA *S-280*

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: **2 Kings 2:1-12**
(spoken after the reading)
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: **Psalm 50:1-6** *Deus deorum*

EPISTLE: **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**
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 - 3 are sung before the reading; Verses 4 – 5 are sung after the reading of the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN

HYMN H-137 “O wondrous type! O vision fair” *Wareham*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: **Mark 9:2-9**

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

God will come and will not keep silence. So let us pray saying, “Open our eyes.”
Open our ears.

Rabbi, it is good for us to be here in your presence. Open our eyes to your glory. Open our ears to your call. Open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

To those who do not know your love and mercy, reveal yourself, Great God. shine your light through us that our lives might witness to your Son Jesus.
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

Holy One, you have chosen to wear the clouds and meet our forebears on the mountains. In doing so, you remind us that you created all things good and continue to manifest your glory through those things you have created. Remind us to also honor your creation.
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

O God, we thank you for those in our lives who parent us, teach us, and mentor us. Raise up strong leaders, O God, leaders who follow in the footsteps of Jesus. In the Church, we pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Steve, our Priest; John and Vinnie, our Wardens; and the following congregations of the Cuyahoga Mission Area: St. Barnabas, Bay Village; St. Thomas, Berea; St. Matthew’s, Brecksville; St. Andrew’s, Cleveland; and St. Luke’s Cleveland
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

In our nation we pray for Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; and Brenda our Mayor.
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

You are a powerful God—the ruler of the heavens and the earth—and yet, you are close enough to hear our humble prayers. Attend to our loved ones, especially Chris and Bill; Glen and Sandy; Heather and Pam; James and Deborah; Marjie and JP; Myron and Nancy; Nancy and Ricky; Richard and Mary; Sally and Larry; Sonya and Mike; Barb; Bill; Bob; Chuck; Dale; Dan; David; Diane; Doug; Drew; Florence; Gabe; Garret; Gena; Glenn; Hannah; Herbert; Holly; Jack; Janet; Jaquine; Jeff; Jennifer; Jerry; Jim; Joe; John; Judy; Julee; Kirk; Lauren; Laurie; Linda; Maddie; Margaret; Marie; Mikey; Monica; Nancy; Phil; Robert; Ron; Sally; Sandy; Scott; Shirley; Sloan; Sophia; Steve; Sue; Terrie; Uli; and Vida.
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

For those observing birthdays this week; and those observing anniversaries this week.
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, especially Danielle Camperchioli, Sophia Cerjan-McGuay, Duncan LePage, Ethan LePage, David Marcinski, Malachi McGuay, Jessica Ramirez, and Anthony Worst.
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

God, you are our hope. Trusting in your goodness, we make our song even at the grave: We pray especially for Shirley Spear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Silence.
Open our eyes.
Open our ears.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as they are able. Celebrant and people recite together:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord 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-133 “O Light of Light, Love given birth” *Elmhurst*

THE DOXOLOGY H-380 *(vs 3)*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *S-130*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

S-164

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN

“Come, share the Lord” *Come share the Lord (Leech/Larson)*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN H-460 “Alleluia! sing to Jesus!” *Hyfrydol*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: 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 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be a joint event hosted at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on Tuesday, February 13 at 6pm.

Fr. Steve will preside over two Ash Wednesday services on February 14th. The first will be at Church of the Good Shepherd at noon, and the second will be at St. Bart at 6pm.

The next vestry meeting will be February 15th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

St. Bart’s Fish Fries will occur from 5PM to 7PM on each of the six Fridays in Lent. Volunteers are needed to fry, work in the kitchen, serve customers, clean up, and bake desserts. Please sign up for any or all weeks on the white board by the kitchen.

Our Lenten Study, “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” about the spirituality of the Lord’s Prayer will be held Wednesday evenings at 6pm during Lent beginning on February 21st. The bulletin board has a sign-up sheet where you can volunteer to bring soup and bread to three of the sessions.

Bishop Anne B. Jolly will be visiting St. Bartholomew’s on Sunday, April 14. Anyone wishing to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed, should speak with Fr. Steve soon.

In the back of the Parish Hall under the painting of the trees are several items found while cleaning out the church. Some were donated earlier this week, and anything left after worship today will be donated on Tuesday. Please take any items you want.

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:

February 11 Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
February 12 Monday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
February 13 Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	MayLynd AA
February 14 Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
February 15 Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
February 15 Thursday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Vestry
February 15 Thursday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ManKind Project
February 16 Friday	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Prayer

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Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Witt, Supply Priest
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind
Lectors: Diane Bellas, Tom Robinson
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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