



Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN H-199 “Come, ye faithful, raise the strain” *St. Kevin*

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 4:32-35**
(spoken after the reading)
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: **Psalm 133** *Ecce, quam bonum!*

EPISTLE: **1 John 1:1-2:2**
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; Verses 3-4 are sung after the reading of the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN

HYMN H-209 “We walk by faith” *St. Botolph*

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

THE GOSPEL: **John 20:19-31**

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

Fellow children of God, peace be with you. Let us pray to our merciful Lord, saying,
Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, you have given your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world. 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.
Silence.

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations, especially Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; and Brenda, our Mayor. Fill this world, O God, with justice and peace.
Silence.

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose.
Silence.

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

Righteous God, you are pleased when we live together in unity. May the people of this region be at peace with one another. May our work be rewarding and our needs be met.
Silence.

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those for whom faith is a struggle. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you.

Silence.
Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

For those observing birthdays this week, especially Sandy Robinson; and those observing anniversaries this week, especially Mark & Cindy Fumich and James & Deb Marcinski.
Silence.

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

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.

Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

God of life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone, even to the grave. Preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

Silence.
Our Lord and our God,
Have mercy on us.

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-439 *(unison)* “What wondrous love is this” *Wondrous Love*

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

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-208 “The strife is o’er” *Victory*

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.

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.

Our Lenten Study, “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” about the spirituality of the Lord’s Prayer was held Wednesday evenings at 6pm during Lent. As many of you know, two sessions were postponed following Fr. Steve’s exposure to COVID. The final session will occur on April 10 at 6pm.

Tales & Ales: The Easter Laugh: Experience the lighter side of the Bible at our one-of-a-kind beer-tasting event! Join religious educator, Russ Tripi, on Friday, April 12 for an entertaining evening inspired by Risus Paschalis, the Easter Laugh tradition. Enjoy craft beer samples, heavy appetizers & desserts paired with a "Comedy Club" style presentation on overlooked humor in biblical content. A few tickets are still available on our website saintbartohio.org.

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.

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 7	Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
April 8	Monday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
April 9	Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	MayLynd AA
April 10	Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
April 11	Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
April 11	Thursday	1:00 pm – Friday pm	Set up for Tales & Ales
April 12	Friday	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Prayer
April 12	Friday	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Tales & Ales

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Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Witt, Supply Priest
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind
Lectors: Toni Tittle, Mike Tripi
Eucharistic Minister: Rich Wise
Usher: Mark Holland
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

The Rev. Stephen N. Ashby, Priest-in-Charge
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Fr. Steve Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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