



Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023
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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN H-412

“Earth and all stars”

Earth and All Stars

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant says

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

S-280

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(see insert)*

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people sit for the readings printed on the insert.

THE LESSONS *(see insert)*

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

(spoken after the reading)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE: Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

EPISTLE: Romans 13:8-14

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 H-602

“Jesu, Jesu”

Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

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 – FORM III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Bob and Fran; Chris and Bill; Glen and Sandy; James and Deborah; Marjie and JP; Myron and Nancy; Sally and Larry; Sonya and Mike; Bill; Bob; Chuck; Dan; David; Doug; Drew; Florence; Gabe; Glenn; Herbert; Holly; Janet; Jaquine; Jeff; Jennifer; Jerry; Jim; Joe; John; Judy; Julee; Lauren; Laurie; Linda; Margaret; Marie; Mikey; Nancy; Sally; Sandy; Scott; Shirley; Sloan; Sophia; Steve; Uli; and Vida.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

For those observing birthdays this week, especially Linda Poelking, Margaret DeMarco, and Bob Witt; and those observing anniversaries this week.

Hear us, O Lord.

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

Hear us, O Lord.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

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

The Celebrant says

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 says to the people

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.

OFFERTORY

HYMN H-581

“Where charity and love prevail”

Cheshire

THE DOXOLOGY H-380 *(vs 3)*

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing to sing responsively:

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.**

Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *S-129*

Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. ***Amen.***

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM *S-154*

Celebrant continues:

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN
Selections by Aleksandr Leybkind

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-688** "A mighty fortress is our God" *Ein feste Burg*

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 community meal ministry we share with Church of the Epiphany is taking shape! The meal, to be called "The Welcome Table," will occur the fourth Sunday of each month at 1pm at Church of the Epiphany. The meal set for September 24 will be a practice run for volunteers. Please speak with Fr. Steve if you are interested in taking part.

St. Bart's is co-sponsoring a "Blessing of the Animals" service along with Church of the Good Shepherd and the South Euclid Humane Society. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 1pm at the S. Euclid Dog Park on the corner of Belvoir and Monticello. Some promotional material will be available soon to share with your neighbors who have pets or at businesses that cater to pets.

Saint Bartholomew will be reintroducing ushers. One reason is so that we can reintroduce the discipline of passing the plate and offering up our gifts to God as part of the service. We will not be going back to using the alter rails, and the duties will therefore not need to include helping people up the stairs. Another implication is that we will only need one person rather than two for a service. The usher will not be responsible for handing out the bulletins except when we have a visitor who does not know what they are. For a visitor, the usher will greet them and briefly explain the bulletin and the books used. The usher will be responsible for making copies of the bulletin if we run out. If you would like to help, please contact Wendy Charny and/or Father Steve. Wendy will be scheduling this activity along with the reader schedule she already does. We are aiming to implement this starting in November.

The next vestry meeting will be September 21st at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Sunday School options are available for children during the 9:30 a.m. service! Please contact our Director of Religious Education, Russ Tripi, at saintbarteducation@gmail.com for more information. If someone comes to the church and Neither Russ or Kinsey are Scheduled, please direct the person to see Betty Rendlesham or Sue Ann Worley. They have volunteered to fill in if this happens. We are still looking for additional volunteers to fill this role. Please contact Russ Tripi if you can help occasionally.

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

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

September 10 Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
September 11 Monday	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
September 12 Tuesday	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	MayLynd AA
September 13 Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
September 14 Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
September 15 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, John Connelly
Eucharistic Minister: Rich Wise
Sr. Warden: John Charny
Jr. Warden: John Connelly
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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