



# Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

*A house of prayer for all people*

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 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.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**HYMN H-58** “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending” *St. Thomas*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH-HOPE

As we light the first candle of our Advent wreath symbolizing Hope, let us pray together, saying,

**Almighty God, you sent your son to teach us to love. Inspire and strengthen us, as we await the coming of the Christ child, to look with love on your children around the world. Guide us to do your will by shining that love on them from our own bounty, in the light of our Savior, born a child, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN H-56** “O come, O come, Emmanuel” (verses 1 & 2)

### ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living one.  
*People:* **You came to your people and set them free.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY** *BCP page 355*

**KYRIE ELEISON** *S-91*

*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.*

**FIRST LESSON:** **Isaiah 64:1-9**  
*(spoken after the reading)*  
*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE:** **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Qui regis Israel*

**EPISTLE:** **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**  
*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-73** “The King shall come” *St. Stephen*

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

**THE GOSPEL:** **Mark 13:24-37**

*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

Fellow children of God, what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake. Let us appeal to God, saying, Show the light of your countenance.  
**And we shall be saved.**

Restore your holy catholic Church, O God of hosts. Give us eyes to see that we are not lacking any spiritual gift. Strengthen us that we may be blameless on the day of our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Steve, our Priest; and John and John, our Wardens.  
*Silence.*  
Show us the light of your countenance.  
**And we shall be saved.**

Restore justice throughout the world, O God of hosts. You work for those who wait for you. Come to the help of the oppressed and the needy. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; and Brenda, our Mayor.  
*Silence.*  
Show us the light of your countenance.  
**And we shall be saved.**

Restore the weak to strength, O God of hosts. Come quickly with healing in your wings. We pray especially for Chris and Bill; Glen and Sandy; James and Deborah; Marjie and JP; Myron and Nancy; Nancy and Ricky; Richard and Mary; Sally and Larry; Sonya and Mike; Bill; Bob; Chuck; Dale; Dan; David; Diane; Doug; Drew; Florence; Gabe; Garret; Glenn; Hannah; Herbert; Holly; 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. The congregation may add their prayers of intercession and petition.*  
Show us the light of your countenance.  
**And we shall be saved.**

Restore our hope, O God of hosts. Though we all fade like a leaf, still you are faithful. You have called your people into the fellowship of your Son forever.  
*Silence.*  
Show us the light of your countenance.  
**And we shall be saved.**

For those observing birthdays this week, especially Russ Tripi; and those observing anniversaries this week, especially Joseph & Debbie Kampman.  
Show us the light of your countenance.  
**And we shall be saved.**

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.  
Show us the light of your countenance.  
**And we shall be saved.**

*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 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-615** “Thy kingdom come!” *St. Flavian*

**THE DOXOLOGY H-380** *(vs 3)*

## LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

#### 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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-130*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember His death.**  
**We proclaim His Resurrection.**  
**And we await His coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Bartholomew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 sing,

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER (see insert) *David Haas*

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### FRACTION ANTHEM HYMN S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God” *Agnus Dei*

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 HYMN H-62 “Sleepers, wake!” *Wachet auf*

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN HYMN H-640 “Watchman, tell us of the night” *Aberystwyth*

#### 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.*

*Please consider using the envelopes in your bulletin to make a one-time gift to St. Bartholomew's during the holiday season.*

*The community meal ministry we share with Church of the Epiphany - “The Welcome Table” - will occur the fourth Sunday of each month at 1pm. Please speak with Fr. Steve if you are interested in taking part.*

*The South Euclid Humane Society has asked Fr. Steve to preside at their annual holiday season Animal Blessing. It will occur at 2 pm today.*

*Please join us after worship on December 10th (Advent 2) for the annual St. Nicholas Potluck brunch. Please also invite any young children that you know. David LePage will provide the Kris Kringle bread pudding. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.*

*The next vestry meeting will be December 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 is available for children during the 9:30 a.m. service! Please contact our Director of Religious Education, Russ Tripi, at [saintbarteducation@gmail.com](mailto:saintbarteducation@gmail.com) for more information. If someone comes to the church and neither Russ nor Kinsey is scheduled, please direct the person to Betty Rendlesham or Sue Ann Worley. We are still looking for additional volunteers. Please contact Russ Tripi if you can help occasionally.*

*Please see your flocknotes and the website ([saintbartohio.org](http://saintbartohio.org)) for additional information announcements and information.*

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

December 3	Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
December 4	Monday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
December 5	Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	SHANO
December 5	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	MayLynd AA
December 6	Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
December 7	Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
December 7	Thursday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ManKind Project
December 8	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: Wendy Charny**  
**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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**Fr. Steve Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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