



Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 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. Hymns identified with the letter “H” are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymns identified with the letter “L” are found in the “Lift Every Voice and Sing” hymnal. It is customary for the People to gather in quiet reflection and prayer.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN H-379 “God is Love”

Abbot’s Leigh

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 8:26-40**

(spoken after the reading)

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

SEQUENCE: **Psalms 22:24-30**

Deus, Deus meus

EPISTLE: **1 John 4:7-21**

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; Verse 3 is sung after the reading of the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN

HYMN (see insert) “I am the Vine”

I am the vine

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

THE GOSPEL: **John 15:1-8**

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Steve Ashby

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, how pleasant it is to honor God with praise! Let us pray, saying, great you are, O God,
Hallelujah!

O God, your Son Jesus came into the world to proclaim your message. Give your Church, the body of Christ, that same passion to be all things to all people that we might show forth your salvation. 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. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Secretary of Convention, Convention Delegates, and all those involved in our Annual Convention.

Silence.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, you cast the wicked to the ground and lift up the lowly. Protect and defend those living under oppressive rulers and those living under the oppression of hunger, poverty, and war. Raise up leaders who follow your way of justice and mercy. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; and Brenda, our Mayor.

Silence.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, you prepare rain for the earth and make grass to grow on the plains and hills. Provide food enough to support all creatures that inhabit the earth.

Silence.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, there is no limit to your wisdom. Your understanding is unsearchable. Bless all teachers and students. Sustain our school systems and universities. Bless your people with knowledge.

Silence.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, you give power to the faint and strengthen the powerless. In the name of Jesus, we ask that you heal those with diseases and set free those in bondage. Heal the brokenhearted and care for the wounded. We pray especially for Jim and Deb; Sally and Larry; Al; Andrew; Ann; Barb; Bernice; Bre; Bruce; Dan; David; Diane; Doug; Florence; Gena; Harriot; Holly; Janet; Jennifer; Jerry; Jim; Joe; John; Judy; Julee; Lauren; Linda; Margaret; Molly; Monica; Nancy; Patrick; Patsy; Sally; Sarah; Shirley; Sophia; Steve; Vida; and Vinnie.

Silence.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

For those observing birthdays this week; and those observing anniversaries this week.

Silence.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

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.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, you are everlasting, the creator of the ends of the earth. We entrust to your tireless care those who have died.

Silence.
Great you are, O God.
Hallelujah!

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-512 “Come, Gracious Spirit”

Mendon

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-323 “Bread of heaven” *Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt*

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-529 “In Christ there is no East or West” *McKee*

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.

Flowers on the altar are given by Hal and Jo Ann Buckley in memory of Michael Doran and Matthew Schnirel.

The Hillcrest Interfaith Association will host their annual National Day of Prayer vigil at 6:30 pm on May 1st at Church of the Good Shepherd. Please join us as we pray for our nation and the world.

The next vestry meeting will be May 16th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday May 18th will be a Grounds Cleanup Day at St. Bartholomew. Parishioners are asked to help beautify our property with a spring cleaning. Details will be provided 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.

If you notice anything in our parish building that needs attention, please inform the office by sending Mark an email (saintbartohio@gmail.com) or leaving a note in his mailbox.

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 28	Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
April 29	Monday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
April 30	Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	MayLynd AA
May 1	Wednesday	8:00 am – 10:00 am	TMCC
May 1	Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
May 2	Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
May 2	Thursday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ManKind Project
May 3	Friday	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Prayer

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Celebrant: The Rev. Steve Ashby, Priest-in-Charge
Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind
Lectors: John Charny, Diane Bellas
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
Classroom Teacher: Kinsey Robinson

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