



Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church

A house of prayer for all people

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 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. It is customary for the People to gather in quiet reflection and prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN H-437 “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!” *Birmingham*

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: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

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

SEQUENCE: **Psalm 111**

Confitebor tibi

EPISTLE: **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

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 H-440 “Blessed Jesus at thy word” *Liebster Jesu*

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

THE GOSPEL: **Mark 1:21-28**

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, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Let us appeal pray, saying, great are you, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, your Son Jesus came into the world to proclaim your message. Give to 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 ask your blessing upon St. Timothy’s in Massillon, Trinity Church in New Philadelphia, Church of Our Savior in Salem, and New Life Church in Uniontown.

Silence.
Great are you, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, you cast out 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. Inspire our leaders to rule with your justice and mercy. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; and Brenda, our Mayor.

Silence.
Great are you, 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 are you, O God.
Hallelujah!

O God, you give power to the faint and you 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 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.
Great are you, O God.
Hallelujah!

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

Silence.
Great are you, O God.
Hallelujah!

For those observing birthdays this week, especially Alyssa LePage; and those observing anniversaries this week.

Silence.
Great are you, 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 are you, O God.
Hallelujah!

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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-448 “O love, how deep, how broad, how high” *Deus tuorum militum*

THE DOXOLOGY H-380 *(vs 3)*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

SURSUM CORDA

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.**

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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

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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

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN H-117 “Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”

Morningstar

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-567 “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”

St. Matthew

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 - “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.

Diocesan Winter Convocation is February 2nd and 3rd at Kalahari resort in Sandusky. It includes a keynote address from the College for Congregational Development and several workshops aimed at helping clergy and laypeople build stronger and more vibrant ministries. Fr. Steve recommends anyone who can attend to go! You can find a link to registration in the email newsletter.

The next formation session will be after worship on Sunday, February 4th and will cover the history and theology of the creeds.

We will have a dry run for the Fish Fry on Friday, February 9th from 5PM to 7PM. A sign-up sheet for this dry run is posted on the bulletin board. We need volunteers to work, and we need some volunteer “customers.”

St. Bart will have altar flowers for our services until Ash Wednesday, February 14th. No altar flowers are used during Lent. If anyone would like to purchase the Sunday flowers and make a dedication in the bulletin, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the cloak room and give payment to Jack Rendlesham. Checks are made out to Saint Bartholomew Episcopal Church, with “flowers” on the memo line. We use Ballantine’s in Mentor, and the cost is \$40. Let Cindy Fumich (440-537-3578) know if you have a special flower request. Please consider this option to remember loved ones or a special occasion.

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 outside 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.

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 paintings of the trees, there are a number of vases, baskets, books, and miscellaneous items retrieved from throughout the building. Please take whatever you want. Remaining items will be donated to charities.

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:

January 28	Sunday	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	BSA Troop 124
January 29	Monday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics
January 30	Tuesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	MayLynd AA
January 31	Wednesday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Emotions Anonymous
February 1	Thursday	8:00 am – 9:30 am	BNI
February 1	Thursday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ManKind Project
February 2	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: Rich Wise
Sr. Warden: John Charny
Jr. Warden: Vinton 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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