



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SEASON OF CREATION

CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
10:00 A.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ,
revealing his life, love, and light to the world.

OUR VISION:

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a
welcoming, inclusive faith family; sharing and
teaching the love of Jesus Christ through our
worship, actions, and outreach:
transforming ourselves and the world.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX, 7.7.7.7.7.7;
words, Folliott Sanford Pierpoint (1835-1917);
music, Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

Please stand, as able, at the tolling of the bell.

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *(see next page)*

"A California Benedicite"

words, adapt. Bill Doggett (b. 1956);
 music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

*During the Hymn of Praise, children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.
 They will return at the Peace, in time to receive communion with their families.*

Cantor: *People:*

O give thanks to our
God who is good: Whose love en - dures for ev - er.

Cantor: *People:*

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

² You sun and moon, you stars of the western sky:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

³ Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

⁴ All mountains and valleys, desert and grassland, beaches, chapparal, sand dunes and forests:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

⁵ You live oaks and gray pines, sequoia and ocotillo, sage and sugarbush:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

⁶ Gray whales and humpbacks, otters and sea lions, crabs and kelp, garibaldi and grunion:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

⁷ Jackrabbits and coyotes, bighorns and tortoises, deer and condors, roadrunners and mountain lions:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

⁸ You native peoples and immigrants, people of all genders and ages, all who inhabit this blessed place:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

⁹ All you saints and martyrs of the Golden West:

Give to our God your thanks and praise.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

GRANT us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11, *God's Justice and Mercy*

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

YOU, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 119:33-40: *Legem pone*;
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Antiphon sung first by choir, then by all:

Antiphon:

Give me und-er-stand - ing, and I shall keep your law.

Verses:

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your / statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the / end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your / law; *
I shall keep it with all my / heart.

All sing the bolded lines as indicated:

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your / statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the / end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your / law; *
I shall keep it with all my / heart.

- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your com- / mandments, *
for that is my de- / sire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your de- / crees *
and not to unjust / gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is / worthless; *
give me life in your / ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your / servant, *
which you make to those who fear / you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I / dread, *
because your judgments are / good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your com- / mandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my / life.



THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14, *Love for One Another*

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

OWE no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

Verses 1 and 2 before the Gospel, Verse 3 after.

1. All crea-tures of the earth and sky, come, kin-dred, lift your voi-ces high,
2. Swift rush-ing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heav'n a-long,
3. Em-brac-ing earth, you, day by day, bring forth your bless-ings on our way,

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Choir Where two or three are gathered in my / name,
 I am there a- / mong them. *(to verse 2)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20, *Reproving Another Who Sins*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following verse 3 of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Creating God, even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she places her young near your altar. You are attentive to all you have made. Help us provide refuge to every animal and plant with whom we live. Help us be attentive to all you have made. God, who listens to every living thing,

People Help us listen as you do.

Intercessor Creating God, when Jesus cried out and gave up his Spirit, the earth shook and the rocks split. You are known by the whole of creation that listens to you. You are present in your creation and seek to heal her wounds. You can be found walking in the garden. Open our eyes to see you, the gardener. God, to whom all creation responds,

People Help us respond to you.

Intercessor Creating God, we often abandon your creation and cause its wounds. Help us to follow in your footsteps and learn to walk in the garden like you. Help us, and heal all your children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit: the poor, the hungry, the sick, the oppressed, those in prison and those in recovery programs. Help those in any need or trouble, especially ____

A period of silence is kept.

Intercessor God, who is present with your creation,

People Help us be present too.

Intercessor Creating God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth and its inhabitants: teach us to listen. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may listen to the world you have created and not close ourselves off from it. Reveal to us the ways in which we have failed to hear your voice in how we treat the earth. Bring into your loving embrace all those who have died, especially _____.

A period of silence is kept.

Intercessor God, who listens to every living thing,
People **Help us listen as you do.**

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S HYMN

SIYAHAMBA, Irregular;
words and music, trad. Zulu

The children process in from Children's Chapel, as the hymn is sung.

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1. march-ing in the light of God. 2. God.
hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. khos'.

We are march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba,

light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo
march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
ham - ba, ham-ba, si-ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Morning has Broken”

words, Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965);
music, trad. Gaelic melody

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.*

*Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.*

*Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!*

*Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD HUNDREDTH, 8.8.8.8;
words, William Kethe (d. 1594);
music, attr. Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561)

Please stand, as able.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low,
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider 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.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider 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.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider 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.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider 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:

The musical score is written for organ and all voices (ALL:). It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The organ part is indicated by a treble clef and a sharp sign. The vocal part is indicated by a treble clef and a sharp sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Organ ALL:
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho
san-na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

People **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.

People **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.



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa-ther, in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our

dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as we for-give those who

sin a-against us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-li-ver us from

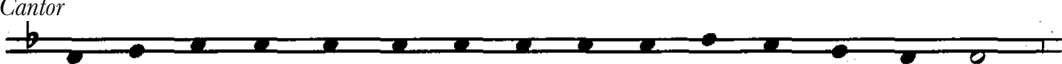
ev - il. For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are

yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the bread is broken:

Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Presider Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

Presider 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 Presider offers an invitation to Communion.

Organ



ALL:
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the



world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Please be seated, and come forward for Communion when guided so.

All are welcome to receive at St. Bartholomew's.

COMMUNION MOTET

"Look at the World"

music, John Rutter (b. 1945)

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world and marvel everyday;

Look at the world: So many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see
all the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower, look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;

Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains; valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before winter's cold.

Everything grows, everything has a season, til it is gathered to the Father's fold:

*Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his Love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty, his is the earth, and his the heavens above.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for your participation in today's service. Your presence is a blessing to us.
"All are welcome. No exceptions."*

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF QUILTS

The Presider says:

CREATIVE God, we give thanks for the loving hands who made this outward symbol of your loving care. Bless this quilt that it may enfold your servant with comfort, mercy, and grace, easing any concern that may hinder them from enjoying the promise and peace of your Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *(see next page)*

"Earth and all Stars"

*EARTH AND ALL STARS, 4.5.7.4.5.7 with refrain;
words, Herbert Brokering (1926-2009);
music, David Johnson (1922-1987)*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets
 2 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals
 3 Steel and ma - chines, loud pound - ing ham - mers sing to the
 4 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test tubes
 5 Knowl - edge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute and lyre, loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams, loud build - ing
 Ath - lete and band, loud cheer - ing
 Daugh - ter and son, loud pray - ing

Refrain
 snow - storm
 cel - los
 work - ers sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 peo - ple
 mem - bers

mar - vel - ous things. We will sing prais - es with a new song!

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