

THE FEAST OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

EVENING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025 5:00 P.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.

NUESTRA INVITACIÓN:

Si está buscando una misa u otros sacramentos en español en La Iglesia de San Bartolomé, comuníquese con nuestra Rectora, La Madre Nina Bacas a rector@stbartschurch.org o al 858-432-7107.

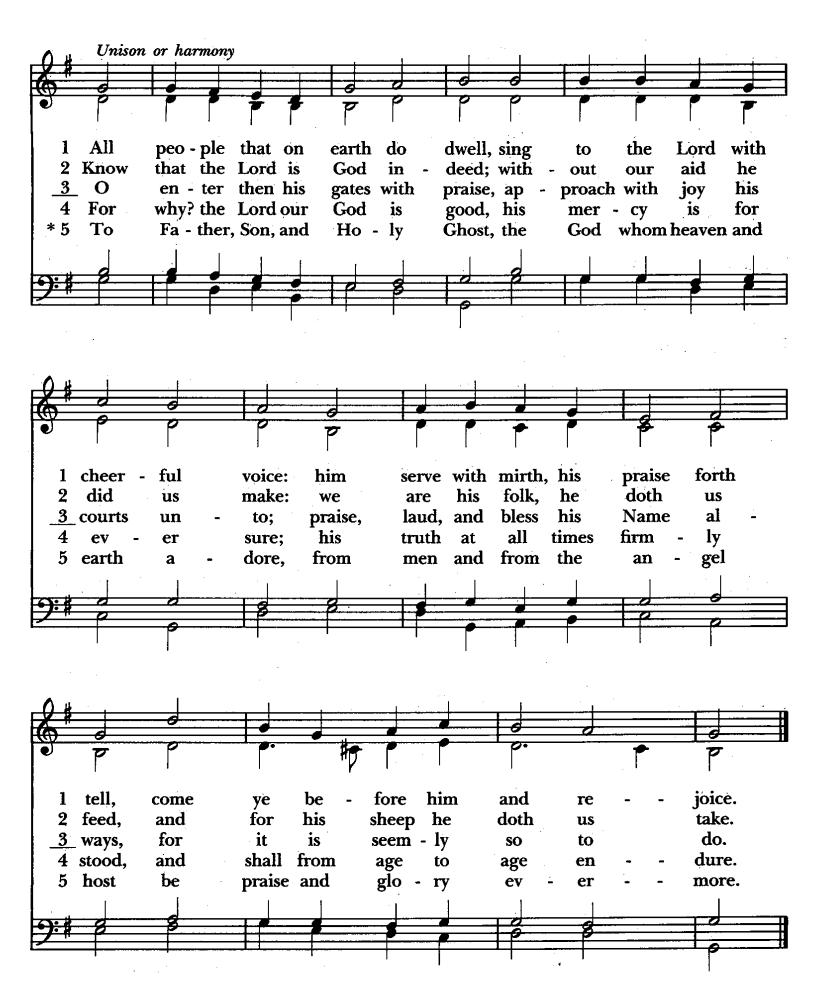
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GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING HYMN (see next page)

"All People that on Earth do Dwell"

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



WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider The God of love is with us.

People The Spirit of love is in us.

Presider Blessed be the One whose Spirit burns in our hearts.

People May the Spirit set us afire with its love.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

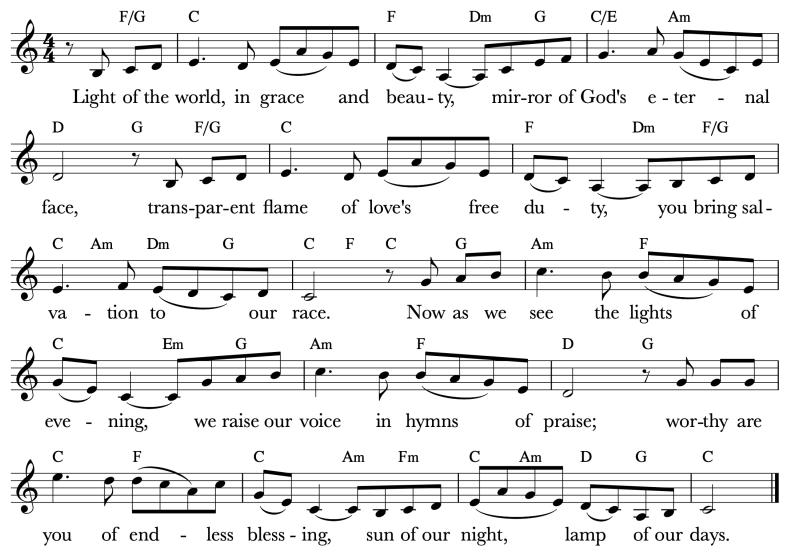
Presider We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

People Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Presider

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 10:17-21, The Essence of the Law

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

THE Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him

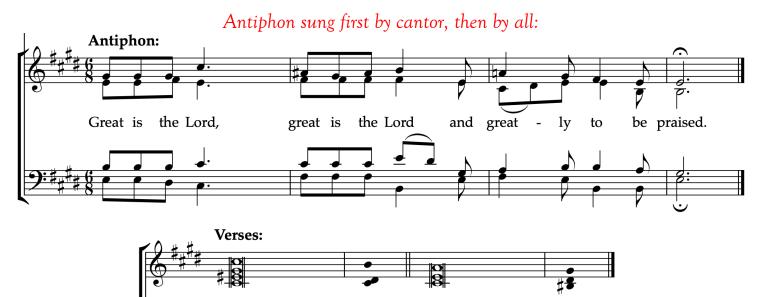
alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 145:1-9, Exaltabo te, Deus; music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)



All sing the bolded lines as indicated:

- ¹ I will exalt you, O God my / King, * and bless your Name for ever and / ever.
- ² Every day will I / bless you *
 - and praise your Name for ever and / ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be / praised; * there is no end to his / greatness.
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to a-/ nother * and shall declare your / power.
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your / majesty * and all your marvelous / works.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous / acts, * and I will tell of your / greatness.

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great / goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous / deeds.

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of com-/ passion, *

slow to anger and of great / kindness.

⁹ The Lord is loving to / everyone *

and his compassion is over all his / works.



THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:8-16, The Faith of Abraham

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

music, John L. Bell (b. 1949)



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48, Love for Enemies

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the repetition of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE IONIAN CREED

Please stand, as able.

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop; and for all bishops and other

ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: especially ____

A period of silence is kept.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially ____

A period of silence is kept.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom:

especially ____

A period of silence is kept.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Other petitions may follow.

Presider

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN

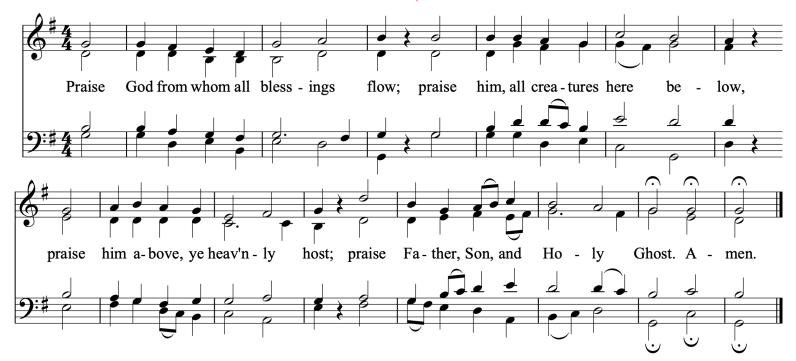
"This is God's Wondrous World"

TERRA BEATA, 6.6.8.6 D; words, Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901); music, Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930)



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

Please stand, as able.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

Presider 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.

WE offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose words the heavens were formed and the earth was brought forth from the waters. The power of your love sets aflame each created thing. And though earth's fires will die, you keep the flame of love alive in us and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. Therefore with heaven and earth's host of light, and with all who live in the Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:



Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that we and all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire the hope in us that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out, and gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Following a brief silence, the Presider leads:

People Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves: a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, and through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that, in the outward things of life, we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation; through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

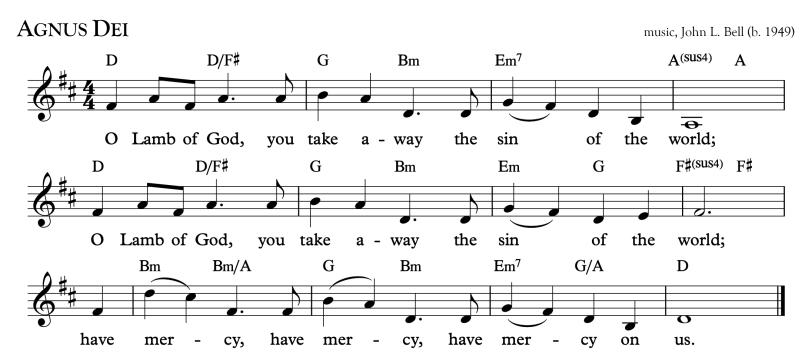
Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 continues:

OME to this table, those who have much faith and those who would like to have more; those who have been to this sacrament often and those who have not been for a long time; those who have tried to follow Jesus and those who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.



Please be seated once you receive Communion. All are welcome to receive at St. Bartholomew's.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

God, in love you have called us to be your people, and with love you have given us this bread and wine; may this holy meal fill us with the flame of your love, that renewed and warmed in the comfort of your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. 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

ATCH 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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

words, Francis Scott Key (1779-1843); music, John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)

Please stand, as able.

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN (see next page)

"Faith of our Fathers"

ST. CATHERINE, 8.8.8.8.8.8; words, Frederick William Faber (1814-1863); music, Henri F. Hemy (1818-1888)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

