



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

READINGS AND MUSIC

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE SEASON OF CREATION HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026, 8:00 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.

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.

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.**

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*

The Psalm is read responsively, by half verse, led by the Presider.

- 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 commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
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 commandments; *
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.

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.

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.**

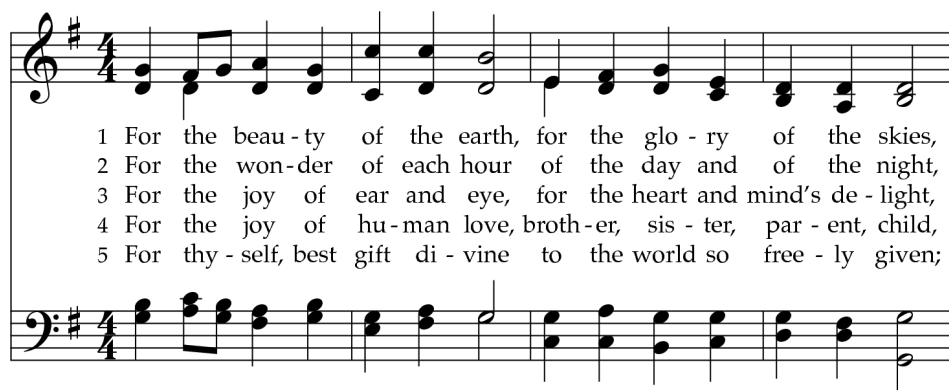
CLOSING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

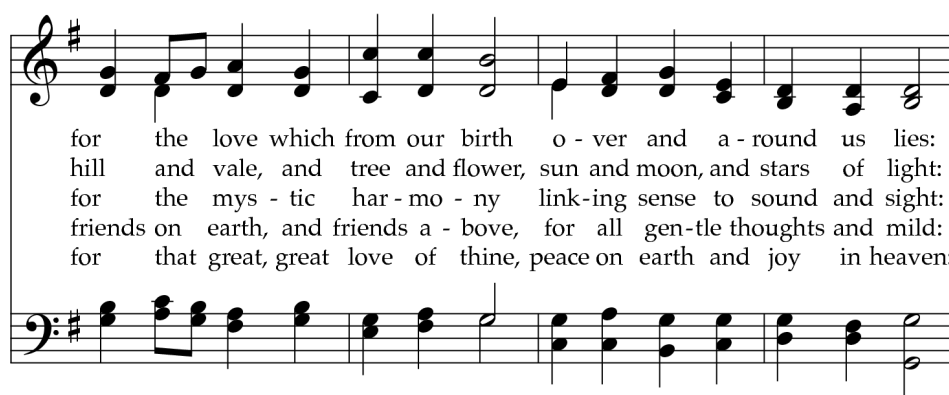
DIX, 7.7.7.7.7.7;

words, Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917);

music, Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)



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.