

# St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

## September 13, 2020



*Then Peter came and said to him,  
"Lord, if another member of the  
church sins against me, how often  
should I forgive?"*

**Prelude** Voluntary in A Major ( Prelude and Fugue) .....W. Selby

**Welcome** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

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.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

### **Clergy**

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.*

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## **Psalm 103:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## **Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>14</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **The Gospel According to Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**The Sermon            Rev. Cathie**

**Reflection Music    Soon and Very Soon .....Piano solo ....Arr. by J. Schrader   Soon Yeon Chung**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

#### ***Silence***

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael. our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye our Bishop; and  
for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

#### ***Reading of St. Bartholomew's Prayer List***

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

***Silence***

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

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

***Silence***

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

Let us pray for the whole human family.

**O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP pg. 815)**

## **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever **say** this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Celebrant and People**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

**On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

**Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Celebrant and People***

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take and Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him with your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Prayer for St. Bartholomew's

Dear Triune God, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We thank you for the love that you give to your children and your constant presence in our lives. We thank you for the gifts and talents that you have given to each of us.

We believe that because of God's love for us he sent Jesus to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins so that we may have eternal life. We know that we are called to be the light of Christ to those in need.

We ask for wisdom as we move forward seeking to know your will for our church family. We ask for courage so that we can boldly share the good news, loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Keep us united as a family. Please guide, protect, and equip us to do your will each and every day. And in the name of your son Jesus Christ, we promise to use our gifts and talents to bring honor and glory to you all the days of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Day of Discernment-September 29, 2018

## The Thanksgiving

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.

## Announcements & Milestones

### Blessing

**Dismissal** Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord  
Thanks be to God ALLELUIA!

**Postlude** #347 Go forth for God 1982 Hymnal

**Celebrant--**Rev. Cathie Sklenar-Studwell

**Music Director--**Soon Yeon Chung

**Usher-**Ghada Harb

**Lector-** Peggy Kievit

**Video Director-**Kathy Gabrielle

## The Week Ahead

**Monday-Saturday**-Morning Prayer 9:15-9:45 via Conference Call

**(339) 209-6277**

**Wednesday-September 16-** 7:30-8:30 Stewardship Team Meeting

**Thursday-September 17-10:30-11:30** Bible Study Acts 16 via conference call

**Thursday-September 17at 6pm** Lay Conversation with the Bishop via Zoom

**Friday-September 18-4:00-5:30** Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Sunday-September 20-11:15-1:15** Vestry Meeting via Zoom

## Save the Date

**Wednesday-September 30-** 7:30-8:30 Journey Forward Team Meeting

**Wednesday, September 30-Submissions for our cookbook fundraiser**

## Study on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit-Patience

**Sunday-October 11,** Coffee, Christianity, and Conversation after church

Discussion on Patience

**Please remember St. Bartholomew's in your giving.**

Checks can be mailed or taken to church

Donations can also be made via on-line giving.

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# St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Whether In-Person or On-Line  
You Are Welcome Here...Come and See  
**Worship Schedule**

September 20-On-Line via Zoom and FB with Coffee

September 27-In Person and On-Line via Zoom and FB

October 4-In Person and On-Line via Zoom and FB

## **Blessing of the Animals-Drive By**

October 11-On Line via Zoom and FB with Coffee

October 18-In Person and On-Line via Zoom and FB

October 25-On Line via Zoom and FB with Coffee

November 1-In Person and On-Line via Zoom and FB

## **All Saints Day-Reading of the Necrology**

November 8-On Line via Zoom and FB with Coffee

November 15-In Person and On-Line via Zoom and FB

November 22-On Line via Zoom and FB with Coffee

November 29-In Person and On-Line via Zoom and FB

## Prayer List-September 13, 2020

*Kindly keep the following parishioners and friends  
in your prayers this week:*

Sherri, Susie, Jeana, Michelle, Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Margaret, Allen, Peter, Karen, Peggy, Choi, Mason, Jody, Dean, Fred, Ron, Jim, Evelyn, Jimmy, Sherry, Meaghan, Larry, Donna, Dic, Rich, Lisa, Ted, Lesli, Richard, Jonathon, Diane, Sheila

For all families suffering from the loss of a loved one.

For those who have recently died.

For Wounded Warriors, All Medical Professionals, First Responders,  
Grocery Store Workers, Delivery People, and Everyone working to help our country.

Our Wardens, Vestry, Journey Forward Team and all Parish members needing prayer.

*Please remember in your prayers the friends and families of our parishioners and neighbors who are serving in the military:*

**Bobby, USA,**

**Jennifer, USA,**

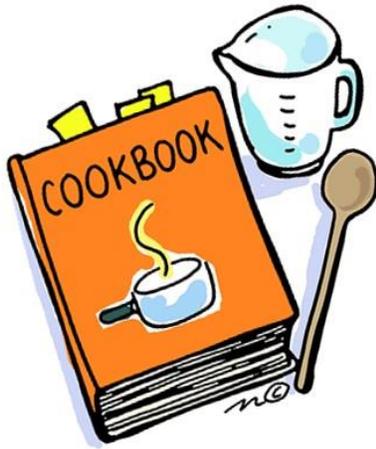
**Nicholas, USMC**

### **For a Birthday**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For an Anniversary**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



# Let's Get Cooking

St. Bartholomew's is producing a cookbook and we need

## Your Help

Please send us your favorite recipes especially vegetable ones as we will also be promoting our community garden.

Email your recipes to Rev. Cathie



"Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart."

*Ecclesiastes 9:7*