

# Choral Evensong

March 1, 2026, 4 pm

## St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

*Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense,  
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. ~ Psalm 141:2*

*Please silence all cell phones to enjoy the serenity of this evening's Evensong without distraction.*

Prelude "O God, Thou Faithful God" by J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn, #36 O gladsome light *The Hymnal 1982*

### Opening Sentence

*Presider* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Confession of Sin

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider* Almighty and most merciful God,

*People* we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto humankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*Presider* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins,  
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy  
Spirit.

*People* Amen.

**Preces, sung by the Presider and the Choir**

*setting by Stephen Cleobury*

*Presider* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
*Presider* O God, make speed to save us.  
*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.  
*Presider* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*Presider* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

**The Psalm, #130**

**"Out from the Deep" by Thomas Tallis (sung by choir only)**

*Out from the deep I call to thee, O Lord hear my invocation.  
Thine ears bow down; incline to me and hear my lamentation.  
For if thou wilt our sins behold, that we have done from time to tide,  
O Lord, who then dare be so bold as in thy sight for to abide.*

**A Lesson – Romans 6:3-14**

*Michele Johns*

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Magnificat, #S247**

*The Hymnal 1982*

*(Congregation please join)*

**A Lesson – John 5:19-24**

*Michele Johns*

Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all

judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Nunc Dimittis, S254

*The Hymnal 1982*

*(Congregation please join)*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Presider*        Let us pray together the words of the Apostle's Creed.

*People*            I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the  
quick and the dead.

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

## The Prayers, sung by the Presider and the Choir

*Presider*        The Lord be with you

*Choir*            and with Thy Spirit.

*Presider*        Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.

*Choir*            Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

*Together*        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.  
Amen.*

*Presider* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Choir* *And grant us thy salvation.*

*Presider* O Lord, keep this nation under thy care.

*Choir* *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Presider* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*Choir* *And make thy chosen people joyful!*

*Presider* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir* *And bless thine inheritance.*

*Presider* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Choir* *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

*Presider* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir* *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

## Collects

*Presider* Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

*Choir* *Amen.*

*Presider* O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Choir* *Amen.*

*Presider* O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Choir* *Amen.*

*Presider* Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.

*Choir* *Amen.*

## Anthem

### "Ecce Quomodo" by Jacob Händl

*Ecce quomodo moritur justus, et nemo percipit corde:  
et viri justi tolluntur, et nemo considerat:  
a facie iniquitatis sublatus est justus:  
Et erit in pace memoria ejus.*

*Tamquam agnus coram tondente se obmutuit, et non aperuit os suum:  
de angustia, et de judicio sublatus est.  
Et erit in pace memoria ejus.  
Ecce quomodo moritur...*

*English Translation:  
Behold how the just one dies, and no one understands in his heart:  
and just men are taken away, and no one considers it:  
the just one was taken away from the face of iniquity:  
And his memory will be in peace.*

*As a lamb before his shearer, he was silent, and he opened not his mouth:  
he was taken away from distress and judgment.  
And his memory will be in peace.  
Behold how the just one dies...*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Presider  
People*

Let us pray. Almighty God,  
**Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Presider* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn: #46**    **The duteous day now closeth**

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Blessing**    **"God be in my head" by John Rutter**

*God be in my head and in my understanding;*

*God be in my eyes and in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth and in my speaking;*

*God be in my heart and in my thinking;*

*God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

**Postlude**    **"O God, Thou Faithful God" by J. Brahms**

## SERVING AT EVENSONG

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| <b>Presider</b>       | The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson |
| <b>Music Director</b> | Dr. Christina Edelen          |
| <b>Musicians</b>      | The St. Bart's Choir          |
| <b>Lector</b>         | Michele Johns                 |
| <b>Ushers</b>         | Jennifer Willard, Pam Hobson  |
| <b>A/V</b>            | Joe Michaud                   |



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