

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025, 9:30 AM

## St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude "Magnificat" by J. Michael Bach

Welcome *Susan Garrett*

Opening Hymn, #646 The King of Love *The Hymnal 1982*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
*People* Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Intern* Let every creature and creation rejoice!  
*People* All who know the power of Love cry, "Alleluia!"

*Celebrant* Let us share every story of coming alive again.  
*People* And testify to all that brings peace and justice.

*Intern* No spirit of destruction can silence us.  
*People* Let everything that has breath praise God!

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
*People* Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Gloria, S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect**

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People            **Amen.**

Children's Greeting

Mary Curlew, Pastoral Intern

### THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Linda Perkins

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector            The word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (sung by the St. Bart's Choir)

by Bobby McFerrin

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.*

*She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.*

*Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said She won't forsake me,  
I'm in her hand.*

*She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup overflows.*

*Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in her house,  
Forever, forever & ever.*

*Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter,  
And to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,  
World, without end. Amen*

**Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17**

*Linda Perkins*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**Gospel Hymn, #691**

My faith looks up to Thee

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Gospel: John 10:22-30**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel according to John  
*People*            **Glory to you, O God.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus

answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## Hymn, #708

Savior like a shepherd lead us

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Prayers of the People

*Jan Burson*

*Leader*            In joy and celebration let us offer our prayers to the source of all life.  
Sing out your joy, saying, "Blessed be the risen Christ!"

*A brief silence for reflection.*

Holy and faithful God, as your church throughout the world sings "Alleluia" and rejoices because of the power of your love, we pray for the church and for all who preach the gospel with their words and with their lives. May our witness to the risen Christ be a sure and unmistakable sign of God's victory over the power of hatred and death.

*People*            Sing out your joy;  
**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

May we hear that voice which promises, "Peace be with you." Lead us to live your peace in our hearts and in our homes. Work through us to establish your peace in our communities and into every corner of the world, remembering those places that suffer war and civil strife, especially Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan. Make us peacemakers in the world.

Sing out your joy;  
**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

As the risen Lord greeted his unbelieving followers and said to them "Do not be afraid," we pray for all who are consumed with fear for themselves or for others, all whose lives are scarred by prejudice, abuse, domestic violence, or addiction. We pray for those in the armed services or all whose labor or vocation places them in danger. May fear this day be replaced by faith and doubt turned to joy.

Sing out your joy;  
**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

As the risen Christ first appeared to disciples who were prepared to see only death and defeat, may he now be known in us and among us, and especially in those places where there is sickness and grief. We pray for the sick and those with special needs from our parish prayer list:

Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Will; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Richard; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jen; Heather; Vance; Gary; Ernie; Charlotte; Ted; Matt; Penny N; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Hartley; Isabel; Nancy W; Sally; Ed; Carol; and the Platt family.

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

With the words of resurrection fresh in our hearts and on our lips, we commend to your eternal love, O God, those who have died. We pray for those who have recently died, especially Priscilla Gray Platt, former spouse of David Platt.

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

Our prayers rise to you like the smoke of incense upon an altar. Receive the prayers offered by those who gather here this morning:

*A time for intercessions offered aloud or silently.*

Sing out your joy;

**Blessed be the risen Christ!**

*Celebrant:* Gracious God, by your mighty hand you raised Jesus from the grave and made him the author of eternal life. Bestow upon us who are baptized into his death the same power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the life and peace you give. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born among the dead, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ is always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the sign of peace.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* The scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) Let us, now, share the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the glory of God.

*Bread and wine are brought forward while the ushers pass the offering plates.*

### Offertory Anthem

"As Truly as God is Our Father" by William Mathias (text by Julian of Norwich)

*As truly as God is our Father,  
So just as truly is God our Mother.*

*In our Father, God Almighty,*

*We have our being;  
In our merciful Mother  
We are re-made and restored.*

*Our fragmented lives are knit together;  
And by giving and yielding ourselves  
Through grace, to the holy spirit  
We are made whole.*

*It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.  
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.  
It is I, the light and grace of holy love.  
It is I, the Trinity, it is I, the unity.*

*I am the sovereign goodness in all things.  
It is I who teach you to love.  
It is I who teach you to desire.  
It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.*

*All shall be well,  
And all shall be well,  
And all manner of thing shall be well.  
Amen.*

*The offering is brought forward.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

*Intern*            Let us pray,  
*People*            **All things come of thee, O God, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

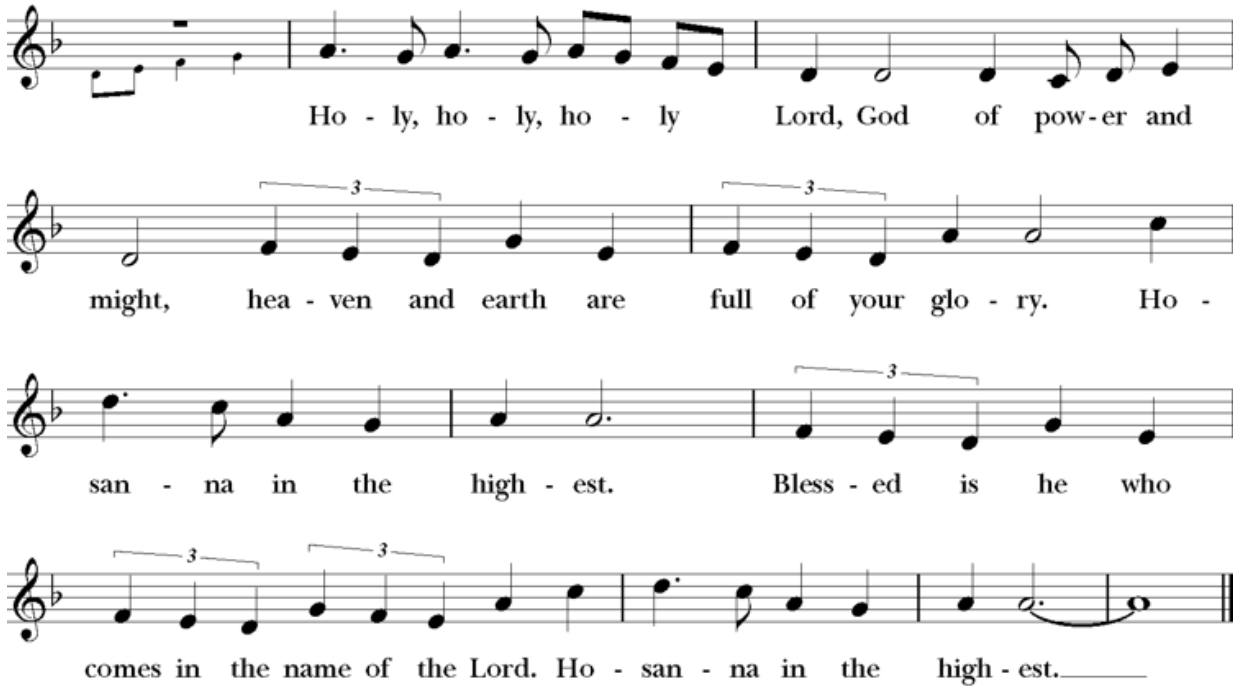
### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*        May God be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them to our God.**  
*Celebrate*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*        It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.  
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
and knit us into one body.  
Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### Sanctus, S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By his baptism of suffering and death  
you give your church birth into a living hope.  
Raising Jesus from the dead,  
you make a new covenant with us,  
by water and the Spirit,  
and deliver us into freedom.  
We who were no people are now your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
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."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,



do this for the remembrance of me.”  
On the third day you raised him from the dead  
and revealed him to the women  
who came to the tomb to care for his body.  
On that day he was recognized by his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these  
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
and we praise you and we bless you.  
**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give you thanks, God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ  
that we may be for the world  
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in loving service to all the world,  
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
*People*

**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**

### The Fraction

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### The Invitation

*Celebrant* Come, for all is now ready! The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Communion

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.*

## Communion Hymn, #313

Let thy blood

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Intern*

Let us pray.

*People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant*

God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, #523

Glorious things of Thee are spoken

*The Hymnal 1982*

## The Dismissal

*Intern*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

"Das Magnificat Mariae" by J. Pachelbel

Please grab a cup of coffee and join us after the service as Herb Blake, Director of Friendship House, speaks to us about this home for men in recovery from addiction.

## Serving in Worship Today

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Pastoral Intern</b>	Mary Curlew
<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Musicians</b>	The St. Bart's Choir
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Jan Burson
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Perkins
<b>Ushers</b>	Nancy Gunzelmann, Ann Donaghy
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jamie Michaud, Paule French
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Carol Hayes
<b>A/V</b>	Joe Michaud
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Sukie Curtis
<b>Counters</b>	Jan Burson, Pal Covie
<b>Lawn Care</b>	John Duncan
<b>VPOW</b>	Susan Garrett
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Carol Hayes, Mary Calvin

## Resources

Opening Acclamation: *Liturgy that Matters*, enfolded

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Prayers of the People: written by The Rev. Stephen White

Great Thanksgiving, Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: *Enriching Our Worship*

Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.



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