

# Eastertide

## April 7, 2024, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

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Organ Prelude "O Filii et Filiae" by C. Mawbry

Welcome & Announcements *Harriet Davis*

Opening Hymn, #212 Awake, arise! *The Hymnal 1982*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

*Deacon* 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.**

*Deacon* 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 (*see next page*)

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 of Easter

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Children's Greeting

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

*Pal Covie*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 133

*Barbara Barhydt*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

### Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2

*Pal Covie*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

**Gospel Hymn, #206**

O Sons and Daughters

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Gospel: John 20:19-31**

*The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel according to John

*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn, #209

We walk by faith

The Hymnal 1982

Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant  
People*

Let us confess our faith using the words of 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.**

Prayers of the People

*Barbara Barhydt*

*Leader*

When Jesus first appeared to his disciples, he said, "Peace be with you." In the midst of this world's chaos, violence, fear and uncertainty, Christ continues to greet us today, speaking peace to us and to all.

As we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings today, may we pray with one heart and mind for God's peace.

Jesus, God with us, you met your disciples where they were, hidden in confusion and fear, and offered them your peace. As your disciples today, we are also in need of your peace, courage, and fortitude as we live out our faith in the world. We pray for the witness of your Church, that it can, by word and example, proclaim your message of life and love.

*People:*

In your Church, loving God:  
**May your peace abide with us.**

Jesus, God with us, the world was in turmoil and dangerous even to you when you walked the earth; yet you invite us to be the peacemakers. We pray for this

world's leaders and those in positions of public trust in our country, that wisdom, justice and desire for peace may direct their decisions.

In your world, loving God,  
**May your peace abide with us.**

Jesus, God with us, you walked the hillsides, weathered storms, and fished in the sea; you love your creatures and your creation. We pray that we may mindfully care for this earth and its creatures, and always use its resources wisely and according to your purposes.

On this earth, loving God,  
**May your peace abide with us.**

Jesus, God with us, you loved the poor, healed the sick, wept at the grave of Lazarus; you know our broken human condition because you lived it and live it still today. We pray for all who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, that your loving presence may abide with them. We remember especially today those on the St. Bart's prayer list:

**Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Curt; Bethany; Zach; Andy; Mark; Sally; Ruth; and Sue & Dan.**

Are there others we wish to commend to Christ today? (*pause for additional intercessions*)

In our bodies, minds, and spirits, loving God,  
**May your peace abide with us.**

Jesus, God with us, you overcame death and the grave. Because you live, we live too. We pray for the dying, that they may rest secure in the hope of your abiding love and eternal life and for all who have died, that they will continue to grow in your love and service. Are there loved ones we wish to remember before the God and this congregation today? (*pause for additional intercessions*)

In death, as in life, loving God,  
**May your peace abide with us.**

Jesus, God with us, you lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for your abiding presence and your peace, which only you can give. We thank you for the many ways you continue to make yourself known to us, even now, today, as we greet each other and share bread and wine around the table. May we go out of this place today and share what we have received.

In our world, loving God,  
**May we share your peace today.**

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
**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* As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For 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 lives and labor to the glory of God.

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

### Musical Meditation

"Offertoire" by Johannes Donjon, played by Nan White, flute.

*The offering is brought forward.*

### Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant* 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.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Holy One.  
*People* **It is right to give our 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, S128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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  
People*

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

**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 but not to dip. 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.*

*During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.*

Communion Hymns                      334 Praise the Lord / 337 And now, O Father                      *The Hymnal 1982*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* 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.  
*People* Amen.

Closing Hymn, #208                      Alleluia, the strife is o'er                      *The Hymnal 1982*

## The Dismissal

Deacon  
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

“O Filii et Filiae” by L.C. Daquin

## RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: *Liturgy that Matters*, enfolded

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Prayers of the People: written by The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

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

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<b>Lector</b>	Pal Covie
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Imelda Schaefer
<b>A/V</b>	Dan Hudkins
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Nancy Gunzelmann
<b>Counters</b>	Harriet Davis, Susie Soule
<b>Lawn Care</b>	David Heald
<b>VPOW</b>	Harriet Davis
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Pam Hobson + Jay & Basil Souder
<b>Prayers in the Chapel</b>	Mary Curlew
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