

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

March 23, 2025

*We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe
Algonquin. May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30a.m.

Holy Communion

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 67 ~ red prayer book

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Generous financial support is our expression of gratitude which along with our time and talents enables us to provide worship at St. Bartholomew's and support God's work in service in our community and beyond.

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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar rail. After receiving the bread, you may either drink from the cup or cross your arms to indicate your wish to honour it. Taking only the bread is considered a full communion. Dipping the wafer in the wine is not permitted. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who require it — please advise the priest.

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Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Catherine Aschah

Preacher: Sony Jabouin

Communion Assistant: Barbara Konst

Sidesperson & Reader: Rosemary MacDonald

Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments after this service

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services p. 185 ~ green prayer book

Prelude Adagio Dolente

Dom Andrew Moore

Announcements

Hymn 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Liebster Jesu

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

All kneel as they are able

Presider Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts. And most especially, let us remember the covenant of our baptism and test our hearts and conscience to know how faithfully we have sought and served Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves

silence is kept

Presider Most merciful God,
All 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 neighbours 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

David Thorne

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 63:1-8 *The cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. All repeat after the verses as indicated.*



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. **R**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. **R**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed and meditate on you in the night watches. **R**

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your mighty hand holds me fast. **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hymn 478 Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

Albano

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Intercessions

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer No. 3

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Sanctus

David Thorne

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

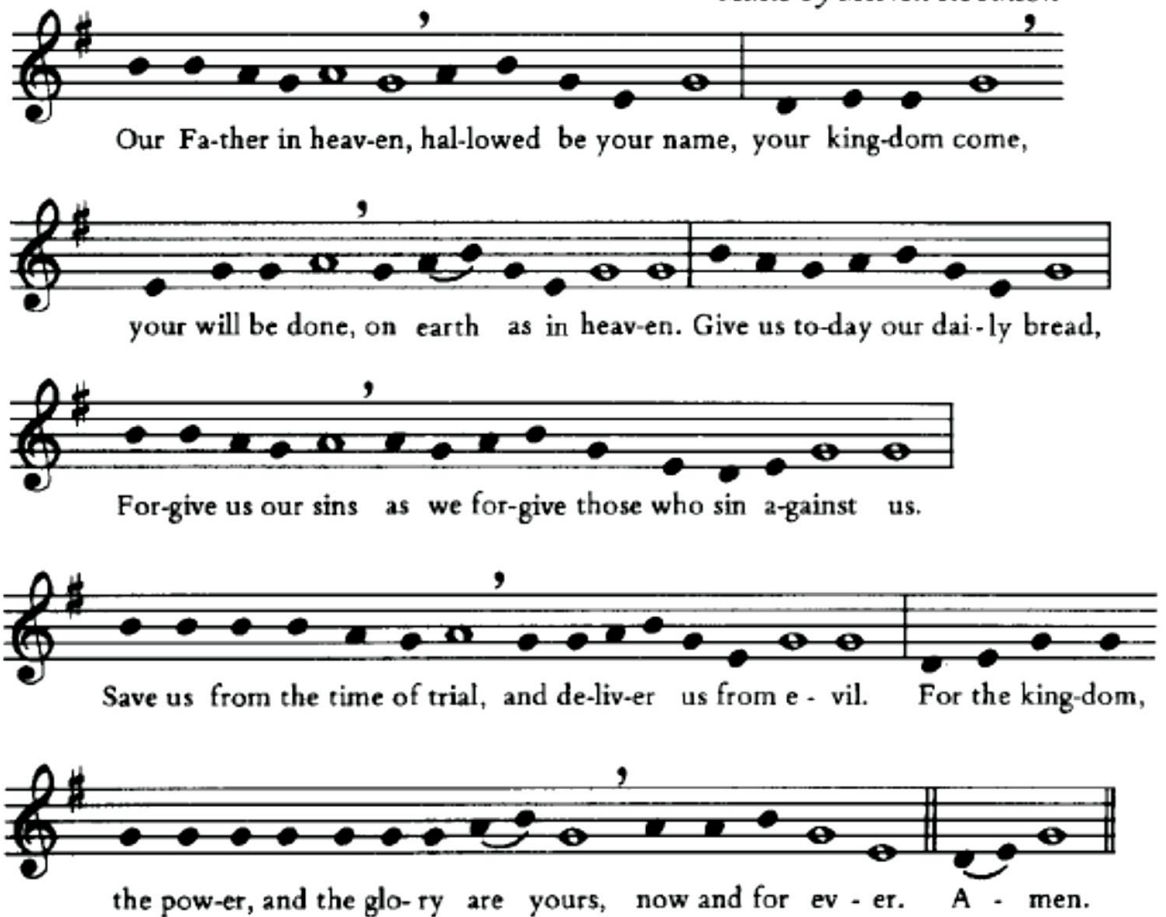
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho -

san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Music by McNeil Robinson



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,
 For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
 the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread 7

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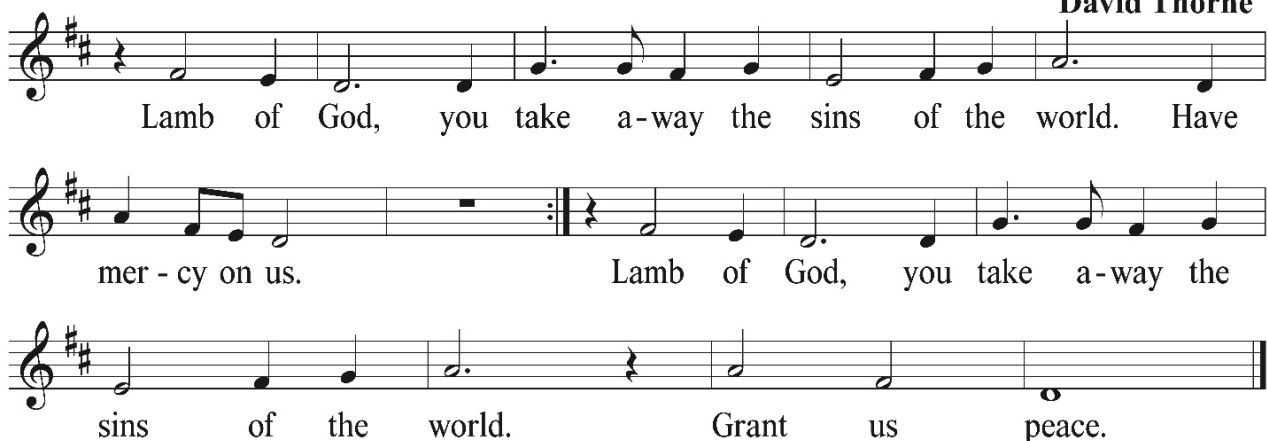
Presider We break this bread,
 All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
 All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

David Thorne



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sins of the world. Grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn 634 Jesus, Remember Me

Taizé

Communion Motet Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

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Blessing

Hymn 560 God, Whose Almighty Word

Moscow

Dismissal

Postlude Tuba Tune

Dom Andrew Moore

All are welcome to enjoy refreshments in the parish hall following this service.

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah | Preacher: Sony Jabouin

Sidespeople: Michèle Corriveau & Jake Harding

Readers: John Parker Leefe; Martha Patterson | Intercessor: Judy Wiesinger

Communion Assistants: Michael Beall; Bob Orr

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are not placed in the Sanctuary during Lent. Please consider contributing towards our Easter flowers when the Easter flowers form is available in early April.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan and Acting Primate; staff at Ascension House; St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa and the Reverend Canon Gary van der Meer.

Canada: Members of the Governor General's Foot Guards, the CAF and those serving in diplomatic missions and NGOs.

Parish: Jane F, Sharon, Jane L, Pam, Ron, John, Natasha, Margareta, Ed, Angeleigha, Harriet & Family, the residents, staff and volunteers of the Garry J. Armstrong Home, and their Chaplain.

THE CALENDAR

Attention from God

Some critics think that John Donne's Holy Sonnet XIV is his best. Certainly it completes its message exactly within 14 lines and certainly the two themes of the poem in the first eight lines and the last six are suitably contiguous but distinct. Certainly it displays his wit and ability to express spiritual desire surprisingly and succinctly. Throughout the sonnet Donne seeks God's attention. His language may be uncomfortable, as violence and physical allusion are not what we normally expect in a divine poem. But there is a lot of violence in the Old Testament and our physical bodies are as much a part of us as our souls, regardless of Victorian inhibitions. He writes knowing that God is involved with all of us. Donne wrote the Holy Sonnets before his ordination when he was acutely conscious that he was a sinner, that is, someone separated from God, who needed redemption. He wrote desperately but did not plead for mercy.

Some poems and psalms write about fear of God's anger and wrath. Punishment is the anticipated consequence and the supplicant begs mercy. What Donne feared instead was to be ignored or dismissed and that he would be denied close experience of God. We know Donne came to have a religious mind because of the intellectual sermons he wrote after his ordination. But earlier he was struggling. This holy sonnet, like the others, is a meditation. In each of them he described an image he used to focus his attention in prayer. As a besieged town, he was pleading for redemption yet acknowledging his resistance, desiring the town to fall and God to overcome the barriers he could not shake free from. He needed help from the Lord to become wholly His. He thought initially of surrender, but at the end of the poem, couples this with intimate joy.

Batter my heart, three-person'd God; for, you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise, and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force, to break, blow, burn and make me new.
I, like a usurp'd town, to another due,
Labour to admit you, but Oh, to no end,
Reason your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be loved fain,
But am bethroth'd unto your enemy:
Divorce me, untie, or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

Submitted by: Chris Burn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT POETRY STUDY: THURSDAYS 7PM

7pm for tea with discussion starting at 715pm. We are looking at poetry from *A Century of Poems, 100 Poems for Searching the Heart*, by Rowan Williams. Please contact Robin or Chris Burn for more information.

"EN-CHANTER" A CONCERT: TODAY MARCH 23 4PM

Billed as an afternoon with French composers! Come and celebrate spring as local musicians serenade with works by Debussy, Massenet, Saint-Saëns and others. Free-will offering.

MEALS @ FRIEL: WED MARCH 26

St. Bartholomew's is partnering with St. Alban's Anglican Church to provide a hot meal for U of O students living in residence without a meal plan. We need volunteers to prepare batches of meat (halal) and vegetarian sloppy joe's and batches of apple crumble along with some to help serve dinner and socialize with students. There is a sign-up sheet outside Canon Catherine's office, along with recipes and instructions for drop off. Halal meat will be provided. Please be sure to sign up and speak with Canon Catherine for more information.

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES ON SALE DURING COFFEE HOUR

It's Girl Guide cookie season once again! This year your support will fund an extra special adventure. This spring marks the start of a 3-year campaign to raise \$100,000 to send 25-30 local teen Girl Guides to an international Guide/Scout jamboree in Finland in 2028. Cookies are \$6 per box and will be available before and after the 1030 service for the next several weeks.

Contact Martha Patterson to order.

EVERY WEEK AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

BRIDGE CLUB MONDAYS 2PM-4PM

All are welcome to come and play bridge. Please contact Mary and Richard Capson for further details.

PINT & A PASSAGE MONDAYS 7PM

Join the conversation (and the chaos!) at the Clocktower Pub at Beechwood & MacKay to discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. On March 24 we will discuss Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

WEEKLY MEDITATION THURSDAYS AT 8AM on Zoom.

Our meditation group is a member of the WCCM, a global spiritual community united in the practice of meditation in the Christian tradition. Visit (wccm.org) for information about the organization and contact Stephen Woollcombe for Zoom co-ordinates.

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS AT 10AM on Zoom.

Contact the Church Office stbartsottawa@gmail.com for details and Zoom link.

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