

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist

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

March 30, 2025

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30a.m.

Holy Communion

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

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Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Communion Assistant: Jane Billings
Sidesperson & Reader: Sarah Jennings

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

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

Prelude Romanze (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Announcements

Hymn 503 Fight the Good Fight

Pentecost

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 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 striven for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32 *The cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. All repeat after the verses as indicated.*

Timothy Piper

You are my hid - ing place, in time of trou - ble. Be
glad, you right - eous, and re - joice in the Lord.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! *R*

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. *R*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. *R*

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *R*

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." *R*

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. *R*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hymn 547 I Sought the Lord

Faith

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Intercessions

The Peace

Offertory Hymn 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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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

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-gainst 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

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 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

St. Flavian

Communion Motet Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

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Blessing

Hymn 399 Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket

Dismissal

Postlude Menuetto (Symphony in G minor)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Sidespeople: Michèle Corriveau & Jake Harding

Readers: Mary O'Keefe; Patrick O'Keefe | Cantor: Martha Patterson | Intercessor: Nancy Millson

Communion Assistants: Sandy Beeman; Alain Lanoix

ALTAR FLOWERS

Easter Flowers - You are invited to contribute towards the flowers at Easter in memory of or in thanksgiving for the special people and/or events in your life. These dedications will be included in the bulletins on Easter Sunday. Forms are available at the back of the church and in the parish hall or contact Pamela Mallon. Deadline for receiving requests is Monday, April 14, 2025. Pamela Mallon, Altar Guild

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan and Acting Primate; and the Area Parish of the Valley, with the Reverend Matthew Brown, the Reverend Gillian Hoyer, the Reverend Nicholas Forte and the Reverend Christine Muise..

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

Family Love

John Donne's Holy Sonnets are poems of faith, not vision. Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday. In some countries it is called Mother's Day, especially where the daffodils are already in bloom and the trees are in bud. There is little written about Donne's mother, Elizabeth, but we are much more aware of Anne, his wife and mother to their 12 children 10 of whom survived their birth. Their last child was still-born, and it took her too. That was 1617, two years after his ordination. His grief found solace in his faith, which seems in sonnet XVII, printed below, to have been strengthened by her death. It is not a grieving poem, but rather analytical. It does not show off Donne's wit as in some of the other sonnets, which were written seven or eight years earlier. This was appropriate after his loss. He had been a loyal and devoted husband but had shared a tough life with Anne, for their marriage was not planned by her family and in consequence he was jailed for a while, along with the priest who had married them. *John Donne, Anne Donne, Undone*, he quipped. It was a love match, not an imposed contract. He struggled to support her and their children, and they were only financially secure after his ordination.

Mothering Sunday is a celebration of love. The Greeks called family love *storge*, distinguishing it from its other forms. John Donne is most well known for his poems about *eros*. Many of these reflected Anne. But in this Holy Sonnet he recognizes the source of Anne's love to be divine: *so streams do show their head*, he says. Divine love is *agape* in Greek. It can flourish between individuals but it needs a community. St Columba said that *we are all of one substance, and members of one another*, just like a family. By the time he wrote this poem, Donne had experienced such love abundantly. His experience was not emotional but satisfying. Like all love, *agape* must be nurtured and sometimes this involves self-restraint, as implied at the end of the sonnet. *Storge* also needs self-restraint, especially when we are tempted to give unsolicited advice. But that does not stop it being unconditional, just as we experience at its head.

Since she whom I lov'd hath paid her last debt
To Nature, and to hers, and my good is dead,
And her Soul early into heaven is ravished,
Wholly on heavenly things my mind is set.
Here the admiring her my mind did whet
To seek Thee God; so streams do show their head;
But though I have found Thee, and Thou my thirst has fed.
A holy thirsty dropsy melts me yet.
And why should I beg more Love, when as Thou
Dost woo my soul for hers; off'ring all Thine:
And dost not only fear lest I allow
My Love to Saints and Angels, things divine,
But in Thy tender jealousy dost doubt
Lest the World, Flesh, yea Devil put thee out.

Submitted by: Chris Burn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT POETRY STUDY: THURSDAYS 7PM

7pm for tea with discussion starting at 7:15pm. We are looking at poetry from *A Century of Poems, 100 Poems for Searching the Heart*, by Rowan Williams. Please contact Robin rrdunbar@gmail.com or Chris crburn@rogers.com 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.

RIDEAU ROCKCLIFFE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Please consider donating non-perishable food items to the food bank at the RRCRC between now and Easter. The Centre is in particular need of healthy children's snacks (low-sugar juice boxes, granola bars, nutritious snacks etc.) and empty egg cartons (to portion out eggs they get in 30-egg flats.) Other needed items are listed on the poster in the link and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/RRCRCfoodappeal>

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Save the dates. St. Bartholomew's is putting together a new photo directory (our last one was in 2017!) Photos will be taken May 13-17. More information will be coming shortly.

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 31 we will discuss John 12:1-8

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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