

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m.
August 31, 2025**

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

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Prelude

Hymn 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Primrose

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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Collect of the Day

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *Sung by the cantor.*

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, 'Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.' And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me. So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices. Oh, that my people would listen to me! That Israel would walk in my ways! I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. Those who hate the Lord would cringe before me, and their punishment would last for ever. But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy them with honey from the rock."

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hymn 478 Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

Albano

The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Sermon

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn 377 To the Name of Our Salvation Oriel

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

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Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all shared in the one bread.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei Hymn 745

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Communion *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. Dipping the wafer in the wine is not allowed. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who require it. Please advise the priest. If the steps to the rail are a challenge, please advise the sidesperson and communion will be brought to you.*

Communion Hymn 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's Hymn

Prayer after Communion

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Blessing

Hymn 598 Go To the World

Engleberg

Dismissal

Postlude Nun danket alle Gott (Op.65, No.13)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Sidespeople: Meriel Bradford; Mary Ann de Chastelain

Readers: Meriel Bradford; Chris Silvermoon Cutler

Intercessor: Ray Perrin

Communion Assistants: Sandy Beeman; Judy Wiesinger

REMINDER

We return to two Sunday services next week.

Sunday, September 7th

**8:30am Holy Communion (BCP); 10:30am Sung Eucharist (BAS)
with a "welcome back" breakfast at 9:30am.**

The flowers on the flower stands in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their nephew, Thomas Butler, by Susan and Michael Revere.

The flowers at the Cross in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of 40 years of marriage, today, August 31, by Chris Burn and Joan Ramsay Burn.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider contributing to Sunday's flowers to celebrate an event or to remember a loved one. Consult the flower chart in the parish hall to select a date and then contact Pamela Mallon to confirm and provide details for the bulletin. A \$100 donation is suggested. Mark cheques *Altar Flowers* as tax receipts will be issued.

Pamela Mallon, Altar Guild

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India (United)

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Bishop and Primate; Anne our Metropolitan; The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Most Reverend Hosam Naoum; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishops Susan Johnston and Carla Blakley; for all who labour for the good of society on this Labour Day Weekend; for the new school year, students of all ages, their teachers, parents and guardians.

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

Parish: Nancy, Donna, Rachel, Kelly, Ton, Chanthorn, Richard, Donna, Nancy, Rachel, Kelly, Sonja, Hamish, Isabel, Erica, Lisa & her Dad, Jane F., Sharon, Pam, Ron, John, Natasha, Margareta, Ed, Angeleigha, Shirley, Harriet & Family the residents, staff and volunteers of the Garry J. Armstrong Home, and their Chaplain.

THE CALENDAR

Anglicanism

Our life is hid with Christ in God

Colossians 3: 3

It is the last day in our first phase of Ordinary Time and the summer's Salad Days are over again. For George Herbert there was no ordinary time. He lived in a special time, the peaceful interregnum between the working out of the Elizabethan Settlement that established our church and the storms of the Civil War, soon to begin. His Anglicanism was one we treasure, a middle way between *a few barren notions in the form of dry or sapless opinions* and *nothing else but a dancing up and down*, as the Low Church and High Church were caricatured in 1647. That commentator, Ralph Cudworth of Clare Hall, Cambridge, knew his church was an intellectual entity but not preoccupied with systems of Divinity. Rather, his, and Herbert's, and our religion is a moral activity worked out daily in tolerance, virtue, holiness, and love. All need thought, not just instinct and not just faith, as they are applied in the situations and challenges we meet. But the newly formed Church of England was not exclusively for the intelligentsia or the well-schooled nobility. It was for the population, most of whom were, still, uneducated and illiterate. He was happy to go to Bemerton to bring God to his people and them to God.

Herbert had, like us all, a public life and an inner life. His public life, like many others, is relatively well known. Unusually, however, we can imagine his inner life through his poetry, set in the contexts we know about. Few leave such a similarly skillful trace. Daily he reflected and incorporated what John Drury called the *transcendentally possible* into the *immanently actual*. *A man that looks on glass,/ On it may stay his eye;/ Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,/ And then the heav'n espy*. His parishioners recognized this taking place. It is the work of Incarnation. It showed in his desire for simplicity, an aspect of genius and hence part of the divine way. He valued domesticity, perhaps because love and kindness are most easily recognized at home. And he sought reciprocity with God, interaction with his Master, reassurance and inspiration returning his supplication and praise. He called it *double motion*, given here in the poem whose title is our epigraph. The italics are his, the intention can be ours.

*My words and thoughts do both express this notion,
That Life hath with the sun a double motion.
The first Is straight, and our diurnal friend,
The other Hid, and doth obliquely bend.
One life is wrapt In flesh, and tends to earth.
The other winds towards Him, whose happy birth
Taught me to live here so, That still one eye
Should aim and shoot at that which Is on high:
Quitting with daily labour all My pleasure,
To gain at Harvest an eternal Treasure.*

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