

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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January 25, 2026

Welcome to the Church of St. Bartholomew. We are a Christian church in the Anglican tradition. We are the church in the community and a community in the church. It is a privilege to gather here this morning on what has been a site of worship and storytelling for thousands of years - the ancestral territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin, who have acted as guardians and stewards of this land and its waterways. As they have passed on their traditions through storytelling and worship, we do so as well.

If you are visiting St. Bartholomew's, we hope you find peace and welcome within these walls. Here generations of the faithful, the seeking and the lost have come to find meaning, holiness, friendship and an encounter with the divine. Your presence adds to the great cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded. People have often spoken of St. Bartholomew's as a "thin place" - a tradition in Celtic Christian spirituality where the veil between the material world and the spiritual realm diminishes, making it easier to encounter God. We hope this is your experience here too.

If you are new to Anglicanism, or it has been a while since you have been to church, and you are not quite sure what happens and when, do not worry. Anglican worship has a particular structure, and we do love our books! It can seem like a lot of page-turning and book-juggling. There is a rhythm to it, but it can take some getting used to. Don't feel you have to be on the right page all the time. Let the liturgy wash over you. If you would like some help, ask a neighbour - they will be glad to point you in the right direction, but being on the right page isn't necessary. Just let things unfold. Our worship services are found in two different books in your pew racks: The burgundy Book of Common Prayer used at 8:30 a.m.; the green Book of Alternative Services used at 10:30 a.m. Most hymns can be found in the blue Common Praise hymn books, and the hymn numbers in this bulletin reference the hymn numbers in the book

When it comes to "posture", there is a lot of standing up and sitting down! Generally, we stand up to sing and to profess our faith (such as at hymns, the Gospel and the Creed); we sit to hear the word (readings, sermon); we kneel or stand to pray. If you cannot stand or cannot kneel, you can sit.

We do take up a collection of funds at the Offertory - around the middle of the service. Sidespeople will pass an offering plate along the pews and if you are moved to contribute, there are visitor envelopes in the pew racks in which you can put your offering, or you can scan this QR code with your phone to make your donation securely on-line.



When it comes time for Communion, everyone who is baptized, regardless of their denomination, is welcome to receive the bread and the wine. We use the common cup for wine, so if you would prefer not to drink from the cup, simply cross your arms over your chest as the chalice is offered to you. Intinction, or the dipping of the bread into the wine, is not permitted. If you are not baptized, or wish to receive a blessing, you are welcome to come to the Altar rail at the time of Communion, cross your arms as the priest approaches, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available (just let the priest know). And, if the steps leading to the Altar rail are a challenge because you have mobility constraints, let a sidesperson know you would like Communion brought to you in your pew. For questions about baptism, please speak with the priest.

Children are welcome in the church for worship. There are seasonal activity packs on the credenza in the narthex and in the box under the table by the porch door to keep young hands and minds engaged. There is also a children's room in the parish hall with stations of activities where you can take your child during the service if they would prefer to have a bit more room to move. The audio from the service is broadcast into the hall so you can hear the liturgy.

Again, welcome to St. Bartholomew's. We are blessed that you are here.

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8:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 67

Greeting

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 with thy Spirit

Announcements

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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. Thank you for your offering.

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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. 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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Blessing

PRESIDING CELEBRANT: The Reverend Canon Catherine Aschah

PREACHER: Dr. Murray Watson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Meriel Bradford | SIDESPERSON & READER: Jim Bradford

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

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10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST FROM THE BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES P. 185

PRELUDE Minuet in Bb major

G. F. Handel

HYMN 432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

St. Oswald

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA

REFRAIN



Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

VERSE 1



Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we — praise you for your glo - ry.

VERSE 2



Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are



sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

VERSE 3



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord,



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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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

ISAIAH 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 5-13 *cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. All repeat refrain when indicated.*

Timothy Piper

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. The Lord is the strength of my life.

I will sing and make mus - ic, and put my trust in God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? **R**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, beholding the fair beauty of the Lord and seeing God in the temple. **R**

For in the day of trouble, O God, you shall keep me safe in your shelter; you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock. Even now you lift up my head above my enemies round about me. Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

Gather Us In

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:12-23

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

INTERCESSIONS (*response: Lord, graciously hear us*)

CONFESSIONS & ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE (*please stand.*)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN 525 The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

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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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD 1

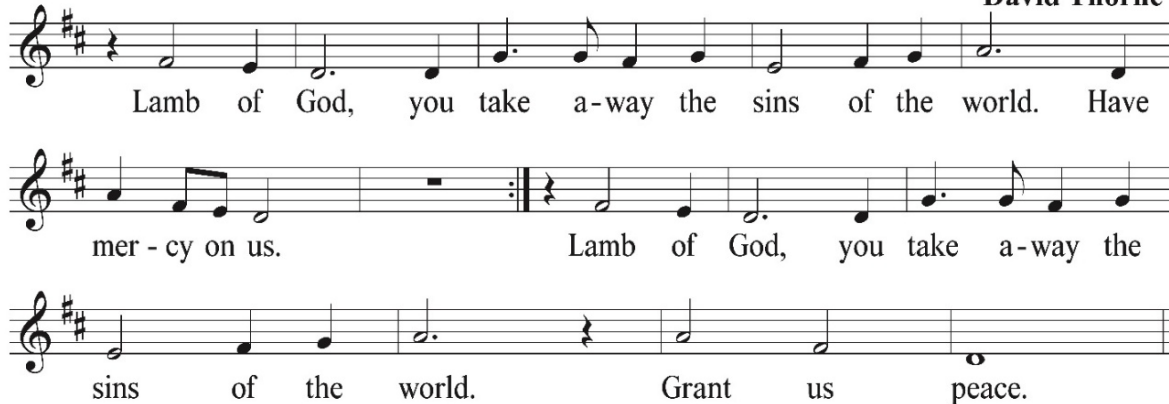
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Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never thirst."
All **Taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are they who trust in him!**

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

AGNUS DEI

David Thorne



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COMMUNION HYMN 559 Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

Liebster Jesu

COMMUNION MOTET Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*please stand*)

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BLESSING

HYMN 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Thornbury

DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

PRESIDING CELEBRANT: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

PREACHER: Dr. Murray Watson

SIDESPEOPLE: Tony Kellett; Mary Capson | READERS: Bob Orr; Judy Wiesinger

INTERCESSOR: Judy Wiesinger | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Nancy Millson; Ray Perrin

As we conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we welcome our preacher today, Dr. Murray Watson. Murray is a Catholic Biblical scholar, ecumenist and inter-religious educator. He serves as the Adult Faith Animator for the Simcoe Muskoka District Catholic Schoolboard.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

St. Bartholomew's annual Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026 in the parish hall following the 1030am liturgy. The "snow date" is February 15. Vestry reports will be available shortly. The business of the Annual Vestry Meeting is the election and appointment of parish officers, the reception of the 2025 financial statements, the adoption of the 2026 budget and the reception of reports.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Robert Charles Butcher from Linda and family.*

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; our Diocesan partner the International Anglican Women's Network in Canada (IAWN); staff at Ascension House including our Diocesan Administrator, the Right Reverend Michael Bird and our Diocesan Archivist, Dr. Glenn Lockwood; Christ Church Bells Corners and the Venerable Monique Stone.

We pray also for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to elect a new bishop: for those discerning a call to let their name stand for election; for the candidates; for the Synod Secretaries, Election Committee members and Members of Synod.

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

Parish: Linda, Pam, Pierre, Kate M., Laurent, Maris, Don, Lauren, Jane G, Paul, Stephen, Rhondda, Shelagh, Letitia, Richard, Donna, Nancy, Rachel, Kelly, Isabel, Erica, Jane, Pam, Ron, John, Natasha, Margareta, Ed, Angeleigha, Susan, Christine, Harriet & Family the residents, staff and volunteers of the Garry J. Armstrong Home.

THE CALENDAR

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity *Reprint of January 19 2025*

In 1964, Pope Paul VI promulgated *Unitatis Redintegratio*, the Second Vatican Council's decree on Ecumenism. He wrote *the restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council*. It was a dramatic pronouncement given the Roman church's historic view of its position in Christendom, and because it recognized the authenticity of separated Christian communities. A well-known photograph, taken later, of Archbishop Michael Ramsey and the Pope sitting together near the altar of the Sistine Chapel demonstrated the intentions liberated by *Unitatis*. Some Anglicans remain ambitious to be reunited with Rome, our original separation being political not doctrinal. At a high level there is now greater understanding and agreement between us than in 1964, partly from careful attention to language. Our Bishop Baycroft played a significant part in this convergence. The differences that remain are principally matters of practice, not doctrine, and certainly do not concern anything covered by the Nicene or Apostles' creeds, both being fundamental statements we hold together. This is an example of progress towards church unity, and commonly the week we mark has directed our attention in this direction. Not necessarily towards Rome; usually to the Protestant diaspora.

But the week is not for Church Unity, it is for Christian Unity. In 2026, we may profitably look inward within our communion, an international church we claim is united though we may have alternative suspicions. It is hard to understand when we have settled matters at home why others should differ. In 2014, Archbishop Justin Welby spoke on an LBC Radio phone-in show: *I've stood by a graveside in Africa of a group of Christians who'd been attacked because of something that had happened far, far away in America*, he said. *What was said was that 'if we leave a Christian community in this area' – I am quoting them – 'we will all be made to become homosexual; so we are going to kill the Christians.'* *The mass grave had 369 bodies in it, and I was standing with the relatives. That burns itself into your soul.* For us, for me, it is unimaginable and oh so tempting to adopt a self-righteous response. But it is real. It tells us what is at stake. We may expect Christian unity on our terms, nurtured in tolerant and comfortable Canadian pews, of no cost to us. And we must not go back. The way forward is not clear and that is why we should be on our knees. All week.

Submitted by: Chris Burn

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EVERY WEEK AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

BRIDGE CLUB MONDAYS 2-4 P.M. All are invited to come and play bridge. Please contact Mary and Richard Capson for further details.

PINT & A PASSAGE MONDAYS 7 P.M. Join the conversation (and the chaos!) at the Clocktower Pub at Beechwood & MacKay to discuss the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Our passage for discussion on January 26 is Matthew 5:1-12

WEEKLY MEDITATION THURSDAYS 8 A.M. 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 the Parish office for Zoom co-ordinates. We meet in-person at the church and simultaneously on-line the first Thursday of the month.

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS 10 A.M. on Zoom. Contact the Church Office for details and the Zoom link.

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