

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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February 1, 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

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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

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Blessing

PRESIDING CELEBRANT & PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jane Billings | SIDESPERSON & READER: Naomi Francis

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 Chorale Prelude in Eb major

Healey Willan

HYMN 428 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

Abbot's Leigh

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.

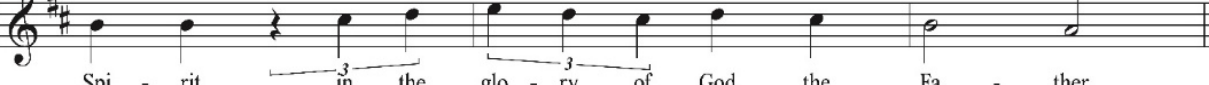
VERSE 3



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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 *cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. All repeat refrain when indicated.*

Timothy Piper



Help us to walk in your ways, ——— that we may a-bide u-pon your ho-ly hill.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart. **R**

There is no guile upon their tongue, they do no evil to a friend, they do not heap contempt upon a neighbour. In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honour those who fear the Lord. **R**

They have sworn to do no wrong and do not take back their word. They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown. **R**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Franconia

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

CONFESSIONS & ABSOLUTION

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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 617 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Botolph

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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

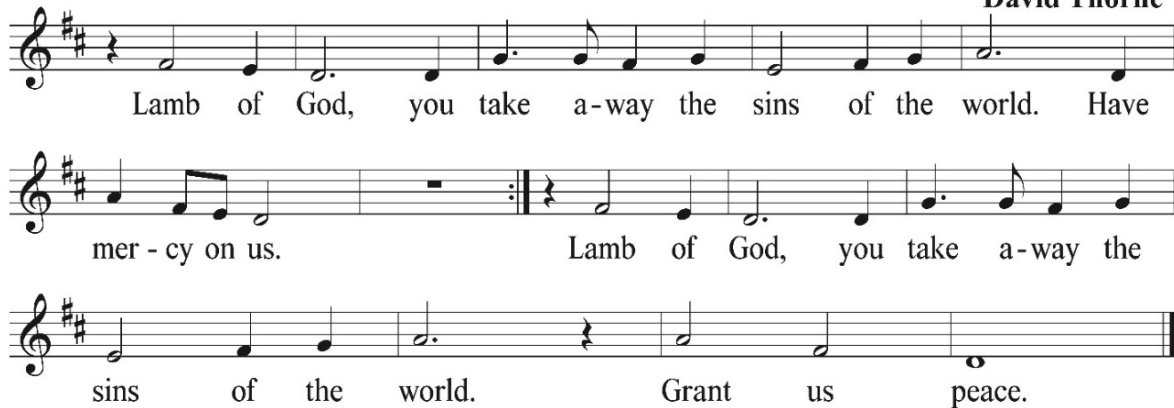
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Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never thirst."
All **Taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are they who trust in him!**

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 563 Mon âme se repose en paix

Taizé

COMMUNION MOTET Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Henry Walford-Davies

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*please stand*)

DOXOLOGY

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BLESSING

HYMN 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Cross of Jesus

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 & PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
SIDESPEOPLE: Regina Mittner-Robinson; Kim Peck | READERS: Patrick O'Keefe; Mary O'Keefe
INTERCESSOR: Ray Perrin | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Bob Orr; Judy Wiesinger

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. 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. Vestry Reports are available for pickup at the church entrances.

On Wednesday, February 4 at 7pm, there will be a pre-Vestry Zoom presentation on the financial statements and budget. For those who would like to attend this presentation please contact the Church office for the Zoom link.

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 England

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; our Diocesan partner Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI); the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishops Larry Kochendorfer and Carla Blakley; the Parish of Kanata North and the Reverend Canon Dr. Jon Martin.

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. We remember Dr. Erika Bruce who died last week. May her family and friends be comforted and strengthened.

THE CALENDAR

Candlemas

Candlemas brings Christmas to a close. On Monday, it will be 40 days after Christmas, and time for Mary and Joseph to bring their first-born infant son to the temple. We have the *Nunc Dimittis*, Simeon's poetry uttered in quiet relief that he could now depart in peace, he had seen the Messiah, the King of Isreal. Candlemas is for those who have just come into the world and for those who are about to leave it. Like Christmas, it comes upon us every year.

Christmas, especially, can become a routine festival, similar each time. We need to look for signs of freshness. To Geneva, then, early in Advent. To the Church of England parish there, with a board that traces it back to its time as a refuge for exiles from Queen Mary's persecution. John Knox was a parishioner; John Calvin lived there too. *Let's warm up with The First Nowell*, said Mark Charles, the organist to his choir at their practice. Expecting the familiar tune, I was knocked backwards by the setting, commissioned in 2023 by the Church of England from Bob Chilcott, a King's choir boy and man. Fresh and bright and joyful. Listen on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yb8JCKFI2vw>). It was unfamiliar and welcome. It renewed the Christmas story. *Born is the King of Isreal*.

Back home to the Poetry Group, reading through poems by George Herbert. Some familiar and warming, but some out-of-reach, until this week. The gift came in a literary book on the spirituality of the Reformation, describing the early Church of England at the time of Herbert. He wrote his poetry in 1610-1632, a relatively peaceful era enlightened by Shakespeare, Donne, the KJV, and so on. There was agreement in the church and the world that Salvation mattered. John Calvin had written persuasively in the *Institutes of the Christian Church*, one of the key Reformation texts, that there is nothing we can do to deserve God's Grace, it is for everyone. Thomas Cranmer then wrote it into the Prayer Book: *We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies*. Grim and stingy Calvinism came much later. Even Coleridge said Calvinism is a "lamb in a wolf's skin". In Herbert's day Calvin's ideas were mainstream, that we are fallen, that God calls us to join Him, that we can accept His call, that Jesus showed us the Way. Repentance, faith, love. Much of Herbert's poetry is draws from his passage to accepting God's Grace and then living in it. Justification and Sanctification, the theologians might say. *Love bade me welcome, but my soul held back / Guiltie of dust and sin ... But quick-ey'd Love, ... Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, / If I lack'd anything. You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat: / So I did sit and eat*. That is also a response to the Incarnation.

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 February 2 is Matthew 5:13-20

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 will meet in-person at the church and simultaneously on-line this Thursday, February 5.

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

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