

# CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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March 22, 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**

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**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**

*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 & PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Brian Eckert | SIDESPERSON & READER: Jane Billings

*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**

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**PRELUDE** HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND

GEORG BÖHM

**HYMN 515** Thou Art the Way: To Thee Alone

St. James

### **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 striven to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, respecting, sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.

*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

HYMN 706/RUSSIAN CHANT

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 130

Timothy Piper

I wait for you O Lord, my soul waits for you. I wait  
for you O Lord, in your word is my hope.

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. **R**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you; in your word is my hope. My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than sentinels for the morning, more than sentinels for the morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; with whom there is plenteous redemption, and who shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

## SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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## HYMN 454 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

Carlisle

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 11:1-45

Gospeler The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son

of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

**Gospeler**    **The Gospel of Christ.**

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**P. 189**

**INTERCESSIONS** response: *give us strength, and hear our prayer*

**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 501** Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Wiltshire

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3**

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**SANCTUS**

HYMN 719/LAND OF REST

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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Our Fa-ther in heav'n, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav'n.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de-li-ver us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, 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

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, grant us peace.*

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**COMMUNION HYMN 649** Breathe On Me Breath of God

Trentham

**COMMUNION MOTET** Lent Prose

Mode V Plainsong

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(please stand)*

**DOXOLOGY**

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**BLESSING**

**HYMN 631** The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Paderborn

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** PRAELUDIUM IN C MINOR

J. S. BACH

PRESIDING CELEBRANT & PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah  
SIDESPEOPLE: Mary Ann de Chastelain; Tony Kellett | READERS: Janet Uren; Albert Lessiwe  
INTERCESSOR: Michael Beall | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Sandy Beeman; Sally Doherty

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

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES

<b>Sun Mar 29</b> Palm / Passion Sunday	830am 1030am	Holy Communion & Blessing of Palm Crosses Sung Eucharist; Liturgy of the Palms & Procession
<b>Mon - Wed</b> <b>Mar 30, 31 &amp; Apr 1</b> Holy Week	7pm	Contemplative Eucharist
<b>Thurs Apr 2</b> Maundy Thursday	730pm 9pm - 9am Fri	Sung Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar Potluck supper to precede at 5:30pm Vigil-keeping in the Church (sign up sheet on link bulletin board)
<b>Fri Apr 3</b> Good Friday	1030am 1pm	Solemnity of the Lord's Passion Meditation on the Seven Last Words
<b>Sat Apr 4</b> Easter Eve	7:30pm	A Vigil for Easter
<b>Sun Apr 5</b> Easter Day	830am 1030am	Holy Communion Festive Sung Eucharist with brass & timpani

## EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to contribute towards the flowers at Easter in memory of loved ones. 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, March 30, 2026.

Pamela Mallon, Altar Guild

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Korea.

**Diocese:** We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Kathryn our Bishop-elect; our Diocesan partner Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI); staff at Ascension House, including our Diocesan Archivist Dr. Glenn Lockwood and our Diocesan Administrator The Right Reverend Michael Bird; 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:** Shelagh, Harry, Michael, Reidar, Jeannie, Gabrielle N., Amy, Erika, Linda, Pierre, Don, Kate M., Lauren, Jane G, Paul, Stephen, Rhondda, 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

## Grace

Grace is a word we use every Sunday and often at the end of church meetings. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*; we can say it by heart. It comes from St Paul (2 Cor. 13: 14), who always associated grace with Jesus. Almost every sermon and certainly every eucharist are about grace. For many of us it is being made able to follow the example of Jesus. It could be the living out of loving kindness.

Grace has, of course, a technical definition: *sovereign divine favour bestowed on undeserving and ungrateful people simply on account of their need*. It is shown in three principal ways: our redemption through the death of Jesus; the calling of the Church into existence and its mission; and the making of apostolic ministers. The last is not limited to ordained people. We translate St Paul's Greek word *charis*, meaning graciousness of manner or act, as grace, but he didn't spell out what he meant. So later, there was discussion. Tertullian (d. 240) taught us that grace is divine energy working in the soul. He knew that good deeds and concerns are prompted by grace. St Augustine (354-430) was more rigorous, all people deserve damnation, he said, so we need grace because our reflexive instinct is towards sin. We are saved by grace, and working in us, it fosters kindness, compassion, patience and other gifts of the Spirit. We receive it mysteriously through the sacraments.

George Herbert had little time for academic theology, but he was comfortable with Augustine. Being Calvinist, he knew that grace is undeserved, cannot be earned, and is freely given. And he knew he needed it. His words on *Grace* are prayers suitable for Lent, especially as Holy Week approaches.

1. My stock lies dead and no increase Doth my dull husbandry improve O let thy graces without cease Drop from above!
2. If still the sun should hide his face, Thy house would be but a dungeon prove, Thy works, night's captives: O let grace Drop from above!
3. The dew doth ev'ry morning fall; And shall the dew outstrip thy love? The dew, for which grass cannot call, Drop from above!

4. Death is still working like a mole And digs my grave at each remove; Let grace work too, and on my soul Drop from above!
5. Sin is still hammering at my heart Unto a hardness, void of love: Let slipping grace, to cross his art, Drop from above!
6. O come! For thou dost know the way Or if to me thou wilt not move, Remove me, where I need not say, Drop from above!

Submitted by: Chris Burn

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except statutory holidays or when indicated.

## 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 passages for discussion on March 23 are Matthew 21:1-11 and Matthew 27:11-54.

**WEEKLY MEDITATION THURSDAYS 8 A.M. 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](http://wccm.org)) for information about the organization and contact the Parish office for Zoom co-ordinates. We meet in person on 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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