

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. page 3

July 26, 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 service in the summer months is found in the green Book of Alternative Services in the pew rack in front of you. 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.

A reminder: please ensure your mobile phones/devices and notifications are turned off or are set to silent or do not disturb mode.

PRELUDE**HYMN 328** Lo, God Is Here! Let Us Adore

St. Catherine

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**GREETING**

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**FIRST READING**

GENESIS 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 128 *(said responsively by verse)*

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, * and who follow in the ways of God!

You shall eat the fruit of your labour; * happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, * your children like olive shoots round about your table.

The one who fears the Lord * shall thus indeed be blessed.

The Lord bless you from Zion, * and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you live to see your children's children; * may peace be upon Israel.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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HYMN 515 Thou Art the Way: To Thee Alone

St. James

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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.**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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INTERCESSIONS

CONFESSION & 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 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

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SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD 2

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Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All We, being many, are none body, for we all share in the one bread.
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
All Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

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.

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 56 I am the Bread, the Bread of Life

Picket Wood

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

DOXOLOGY

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BLESSING

HYMN 343 When All Thy Mercies, O my God

St. Stephen

DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRESIDING CELEBRANT & PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
SIDESPEOPLE: Regina Mittner-Robinson; Sheila Perry | READERS: Bob Orr; Sheila Perry
INTERCESSOR: Ray Perrin | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Robin Dunbar; Brian Eckert

Please join us in the parish hall & labyrinth for lemonade & iced tea after this service.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Grace Watson (née Tomlinson) by Gina Watson.

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 613-724-0690 or pam.brian.mallon@me.com 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 Anglican Church of Tanzania

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Kathryn our Bishop; our Diocesan partners, Kairos Ottawa and St. Paul University; Staff at Ascension House and our Diocesan Archives; St. Clare's, North Dundas and the Reverend Jonathan Askwith; the residents, staff and chaplains at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre.

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

Parish: Charles, Linda D., Henri, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Elaine, Charlotte, Stephen, Martine, Pat, David, Felix, Michael, Judith, Barbara B., Shelagh, Linda, Pierre, Don, Kate M., Lauren, Richard, Isabel, Erica, Jane, Ron, John, Natasha, Margareta, Angeleigha, Susan, Christine, Harriet & family, the residents, staff and volunteers of the Garry J. Armstrong Home.

THE CALENDAR



The Calendar will return with its series on the Lord's Prayer next Sunday. Above, panels from the Church of Pater Noster, Jerusalem. Ceramic tile panels line the cloister and the interior of the church featuring the Lord's prayer in over 140 languages.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIDE OPEN WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday through August 26, the church's doors will be wide open to invite visitors from 9am - 1pm. At 12:15pm, there will be a short service of mid-day prayer. All are welcome for a time of quiet and reflection mid-day.

BACKPACKS FOR RRCRC

We are helping the RRCRC provide back-to-school backpacks for high school students again this year. If you are able to contribute to the initiative, any amount would be most welcome. Please ensure that your name is included with your donation, along with a note or comment "Backpacks". Last year, we filled and donated 50 packs. Let's see if we can match that again this year. Donations can be made by cheque, cash or through e-transfer to stbartsottawa@gmail.com. We will be shopping for the items and packing the backpacks the week of Aug 3, and blessing the packs on Sun Aug 9. If you would like to help with the shopping or the packing, please contact Canon Catherine. A specific shopping list will be provided.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Hunger never takes a holiday, and with grocery prices higher than ever, food insecurity continues to rise. Donations of non-perishable items for our local foodbank (administered through the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre) are gratefully received and can be left in the mauve bins outside the parish office.

EVENSONGS AT HOLY TRINITY, LASCELLES SUNDAYS AT 7PM

Up the river in West Quebec, The Anglican Parish of the Holy Spirit includes Holy Trinity Chapel in Lascelles. Every Sunday evening in July and August, you can enjoy a lovely service of Evensong, featuring music by a variety of guest choirs and reflections by guest preachers. The service is followed by a very generous reception, which is enjoyed in the historic church yard. The chapel is located at 5 Pritchard Rd., Lascelles, La Pêche QC, an easy 35-minute drive from St. Bartholomew's. This Sunday, The Reverend Rick Durrett is preaching and the choir from Trinity Church, Ottawa is singing.

NEWS ABOUT CENTRE 454

On July 20, Belong Ottawa and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa announced that Centre 454, currently located at St. Alban's Church, will be relocating after January 2027. This was a joint decision by Belong Ottawa and the City of Ottawa. The new location has not yet been identified, and the Centre will work to ensure uninterrupted delivery of services and safety for their participants. Please see the media release posted on the bulletin board in the link, or visit <https://belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454/>. Please continue to hold the staff, volunteers and participants in your prayers during this time of transition.

WILDFIRE RELIEF VIA ALONGSIDE HOPE

Alongside Hope is partnering with the diocesan and Indigenous leaders in the Diocese of Algoma to support relief efforts in Northwestern Ontario communities affected by the current wildfires ravaging the area. Through its In-Canada Emergency Response Fund and partnerships with local organizations, the agency is supporting immediate needs across the region and in the Dioceses of Moosonee and the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh (including the communities of Kingfisher Lake and Muskrat Dam). To donate to the In-Canada Emergency Response Fund, visit:

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E344492QE&id=69>

BAZAAR 2026

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 12NOON - 4PM

Our bazaar is only 4 months away! We always need your contributions of jams, jellies, preserves, knitting and craft items (warm scarves, gloves, baby clothes are always popular in this latter category).

Home baking will be needed, so if you are making pies and loaves with summer harvests to put in the freezer, please remember the bake table. If you are traveling, keep your eyes open for small and interesting souvenirs. We welcome donations of classic china, jewellery, works of art and any other items you might like to donate!

We can pick up your donations anytime after September 1st. If you would like to join the bazaar team - or know of young people who would like to help with set up, pack up and carry boxes, that would be great!



- **JAMS, JELLIES & PRESERVES**

As you make your jams, jellies, pickles and preserves this season, please set aside a jar or two (or twelve!) for our bazaar. Please contact Darlene Holden to be added to the list of contributors. Thank you.

In 2025, proceeds from our bazaar contributed towards the over \$25,000 of outreach funding St. Bartholomew's issued to: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Vanier (to support their ministries); The Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre (programs to assist newcomers and those living in poverty in the Rideau-Rockcliffe ward); Inuuqatigiit Centre for Children, Youth and Families in Ottawa; Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF - for their international development work and aid); St. George's College, Jerusalem (to help rebuild their programming and pilgrimage offering in the Holy Land.)

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During the summer, the office is open Tuesday through Friday 9am-1pm
except statutory holidays or when indicated. For access to the building on Mondays,
please make arrangements through the parish office *in advance*.

EVERY WEEK AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S IN THE SUMMER

MID-DAY PRAYER WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15P.M. A gentle, brief liturgy of the word is a chance to pause mid-day in prayer and reflection.

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) 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.

Monday night Pint & Passage Gospel discussion and Thursday morning Bible study on Zoom resume in September.

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