

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. page 3

August 2, 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 381** Praise, my Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my Soul

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**GREETING**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**FIRST READING**

GENESIS 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-7, 16*(sung by the cantor)*

*Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; * listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips. Let my vindication come forth from your presence; * let your eyes be fixed on justice. Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me. I give no offence with my mouth as others do; * I have heeded the words of your lips. My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble. I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words. Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, * O Saviour of those who take refuge at your side from those who rise up against them. But at my vindication I shall see your face; * when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.*

SECOND READING

ROMANS 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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HYMN 521 Dear Shepherd of your People, Hear

Stockton

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:13-21

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 this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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 451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

Hermon

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

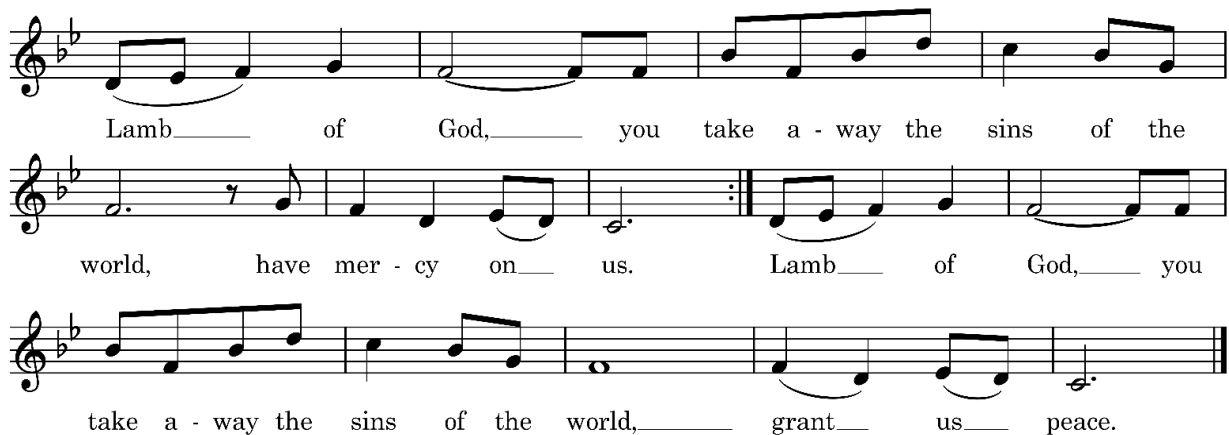
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BREAKING OF THE BREAD 2

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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



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 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

St. Agnes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

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BLESSING

HYMN 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Nettleton

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: Jim Bradford; Tony Kellett | READERS: Judy Wiesinger; Jim Bradford
CANTOR: Martha Patterson | INTERCESSOR: Robin Dunbar
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barbara Konst; Nancy Millson

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
Susan Eggleton
by her children Chris and Tarah and her brother Michael Revere.*

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 the Province of Uganda

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Kathryn our Bishop; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and their Bishops Larry Kochendorfer and Carla Blakley; our Diocesan partner, The International Women's Anglican Network in Canada (IWAN Canada); The Parish of Bearbrook-Navan and all who minister there.

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.

We give thanks for the lives of Linda Malko and Anne Rowley. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE CALENDAR

Who art in Heaven

Last month, one of the Old Testament readings was the story of Jacob's ladder, a staircase between earth and heaven. It was revealed in a dream. In Genesis (28: 17), Jacob tells us the place where he had slept was *the house of God and the gate of heaven*.

We have no doubt that heaven is the dwelling place of God. Traditionally, it is a bounded place, originally the garden of Eden. Paradise, Dante called it. It may not be a place we will recognize, or a place with human beings, or even a place. There will be spirits and there will be God. Ronald Blythe always said of his dear ones, *they have gone to God*.

The Lord's Prayer begins with great familiarity, but the second phrase separates us from God until we loosen ourselves from the sense that heaven is a place. *Heaven in ordinarie*, wrote George Herbert, one of his phrases describing prayer. The analogies for heaven we heard last week were domestic or agricultural. Ordinary. In Herbert's instructions for parish priests, *The Country Parson* - written while he was the rector of Bemerton, near Salisbury, in 1630-1633 -there is a passage that suggests our image of heaven may be romanticized and overly exclusive: *Neither distaineth he (the priest) to enter into the poorest Cottage, though he even creep into it, and though it smell never so lothsomly. For both God is there also, and those for whom God dyed.* (from Ch. 14)

Dante imagined a journey in heaven, gradually approaching the Beatific Vision. We seem to coalesce around a similar view, and so we pray for the departed, that their journey will bring them closer to God. At the same time, we can seek, even glimpse, heaven in ordinarie. R.S. Thomas did, here in *The Bright Field*:

I have seen the sun break through
To illuminate a small field
For a while, and gone my way
And forgotten it. But that was the pearl
Of great price, the one field that had
Treasure in it. I realize now
That I must give all that I have
To possess it. Life is not hurrying

On to a receding future, nor hankering after
An imagined past. It is the turning
Aside like Moses to the miracle
Of the lit bush, to a brightness
That seemed as transitory as your youth
Once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

Submitted by: Chris Burn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIDE OPEN WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday through September 2 (new date!), 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. It's not too late! 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 are packing the backpacks this week, and blessing them next Sunday, August 9.

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 Jonathan Holgate is preaching and Ottawa Choral Workshops 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://tinyurl.com/wildfires-alongsidehope>

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! For further details please call Liz at 613-745-4677 or Linda at 613-298-9980.



- **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 email holdendarlene@hotmail.com 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 will meet in person at the church August 6.

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

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