

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. page 3

August 16, 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 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

Heathlands

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

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GLORIA

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

GENESIS 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and

wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133 *(sung by the cantor)*

*Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when kindred live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, * upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. * For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.*

SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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HYMN 613 We Lay our Broken World

Garelochside

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:21-28

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 left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 501 Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Wiltshire

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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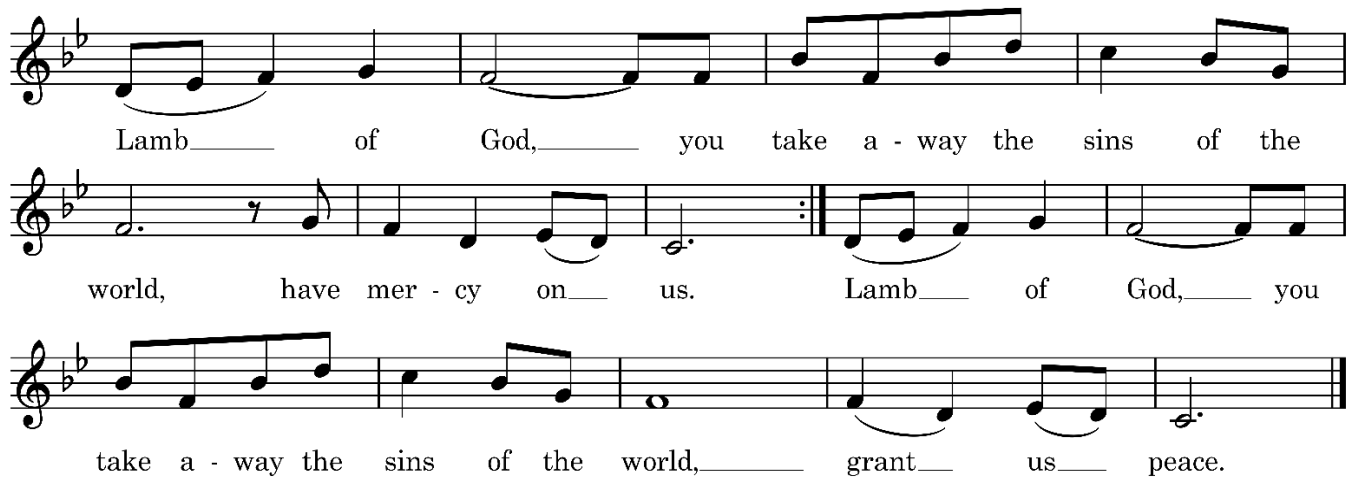
SANCTUS

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD 2

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 73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

One Bread, One Body

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING

HYMN 560 God Whose Almighty Word

Moscow

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

PRESIDING CELEBRANT & PREACHER: The Very Reverend Paul Millward
SIDESPEOPLE: Janet Uren; Karl Zeni | READERS: Sally Doherty; Karl Zeni
INTERCESSOR: Calum Carmichael | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Serge Belet; Diane Harper

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

Thank you to the Very Reverend Paul Millward, our celebrant and preacher today.
Canon Catherine is away from the parish until August 24th. In case of a pastoral emergency during her absence, please contact Reverend Paul Millward.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anton (Tony) Lovink, who died on August 21, 2024, by his spouse Alain Lanoix.

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. A \$100 donation is suggested. Mark cheques Altar Flowers as tax receipts will be issued.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Kathryn our Bishop; our Diocesan partners, Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation; The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Archbishop Christopher Harper, Sacred Circle Events and the ministry of reconciliation; St. Aidan's, Ottawa and the Reverend Rosemary Parker.

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

Parish: Charles, Hugh, Linda D., Henri, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Elaine, Charlotte, Stephen, Martine, Pat, David, Felix, Michael, Judith, Barbara B., Shelagh, Harry, Linda, Pierre, 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 life of Don Dalziel. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE CALENDAR

Thy Kingdom Come

A few weeks ago, we heard a sermon on the kingdom. It sprang from the gospel for that day, from Matthew 13. The passage was one of several parables in the chapter, all about how the kingdom is composed. The Lord's prayer asks for the kingdom to come, but we are never told explicitly what the kingdom is. It needs to be so for the gospel to be eternal. It must be presented in metaphor or simile to be recognized in every generation. Much of the gospel is implicit, and, hence, we need sermons.

Occasionally, the gospels tell us about aspects of the kingdom. When Mary visited Elizabeth, she was carrying Jesus and Elizabeth was bearing John the Baptist. John leapt in Elizabeth's womb when he recognized the arrival of Jesus. Jeremy Taylor, writing in the 17th century, described the encounter as a *collision of joy*. Mary's response to Elizabeth is the Magnificat, which presents a vision of God's kingdom that challenges our notions of society. *He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts/ He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek/ He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away* (Lk 1: 51-53). The Beatitudes echo the Magnificat: *Blessed are the poor in spirit; those who mourn; the meek; those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; the merciful; the pure in heart; the peacemakers; those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; those who are persecuted for being Christians* (Matt. 5: 3-10). Along with the Beatitudes, the Magnificat points out the nature of God's kingdom. Throughout history people have had difficulty making this kingdom come and have been content to wait awhile. But God is not bounded by time. His kingdom is here and now: love your neighbour as yourself, said Jesus. From Malcolm Guite:

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth
Can we imagine what we're asking for?
When all we know and all we think we're worth
As vanity might vanish, disappear,
Fading before the splendours you reveal:
The beggars crowned with glory, all the meek
Exalted even as the mighty fall,
And everywhere the triumph of the weak.*

*And we, who have been first, will be the last
And queue for mercy like the refugees
Whom only moments earlier we passed
By on the other side. For now the seas
That separated are no more. The Sun
Is risen like justice, and his will is done.*

In Parable and Paradox (2016)

Submitted by: Chris Burn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIDE OPEN WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday through September 2, the church's doors are wide open to invite visitors from 9am - 1pm. At 12:15pm, there is a short service of mid-day prayer. All are welcome for a time of quiet and reflection mid-day.

CELEBRATING ST. BARTHOLOMEW MONDAY, AUGUST 24th 7PM

On the Feast of St. Bartholomew, there will be a service of light at 7pm, followed by the unveiling and dedication of the recently re-framed tapestry worked by Lady Jane Carew and first presented to the church by the Governor General, Earl Grey in 1910. There will be a reception following the service and dedication.

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 purple 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 evening, The Reverend Deacon Elizabeth December is preaching and The Castenchel Choir is singing.

BIKE-UP FOR BELONG! - RIDE FOR REFUGE OCTOBER 3rd

St. Bart's has organised a team! To support our Community Ministry at Belong Ottawa you are invited to walk, ride, roll, and rally on Oct 3rd this will help the people they serve at The Well, St Luke's Table and Centre 454.

For more information on how to get involved and support this initiative visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/StBartsMovers26> or chat with our Team Captain Darlene Holden.

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 programing and pilgrimage offering in the Holy Land.)

THANK YOU FROM THE RIDEAU ROCKCLIFFE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Thank you to all who contributed to our annual backpack initiative in partnership with the RRCRC. St. Bartholomew's provided 45 fully loaded backpacks for high school students, allowing the RRCRC to fulfill the needs of all the students who had registered for the program. Thank you to Doris, Judy, Suzanne, Mary C., Mary M., Joan, Irene, Darlene, Linda, Penny, Meriel, Sally, Catherine, Dominique and others who shopped for an assembled the backpacks. The packs were distributed to some very happy students this past week at the RRCRC.



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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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