

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEASON OF CREATION

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September 20, 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 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.

Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

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Blessing

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

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

PRELUDE Prelude in F major

Flor Peeters

HYMN 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

Warrington

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

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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

EXODUS 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45 *The cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. All sing refrain after verses, as indicated.*



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples. Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord. Glory in the holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **R**

Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek the face of God. Remember the marvels the Lord has done, the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord, O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord. **R**

You led out your people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled. Egypt was glad of their going because they were afraid of them. You spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season. **R**

They asked, and quails appeared, and you satisfied them with bread from heaven. You opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. For you, O God, remembered your holy word and Abraham your servant. **R**

So you led forth your people with gladness, your chosen with shouts of joy. You gave your people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil, that they might keep your statutes and observe your laws. Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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HYMN 477 Lamp of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace

Gräfenburg

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

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 said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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LITANY (*response: hear our prayer*)

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.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GREAT THANKSGIVING (SUPPLEMENTAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

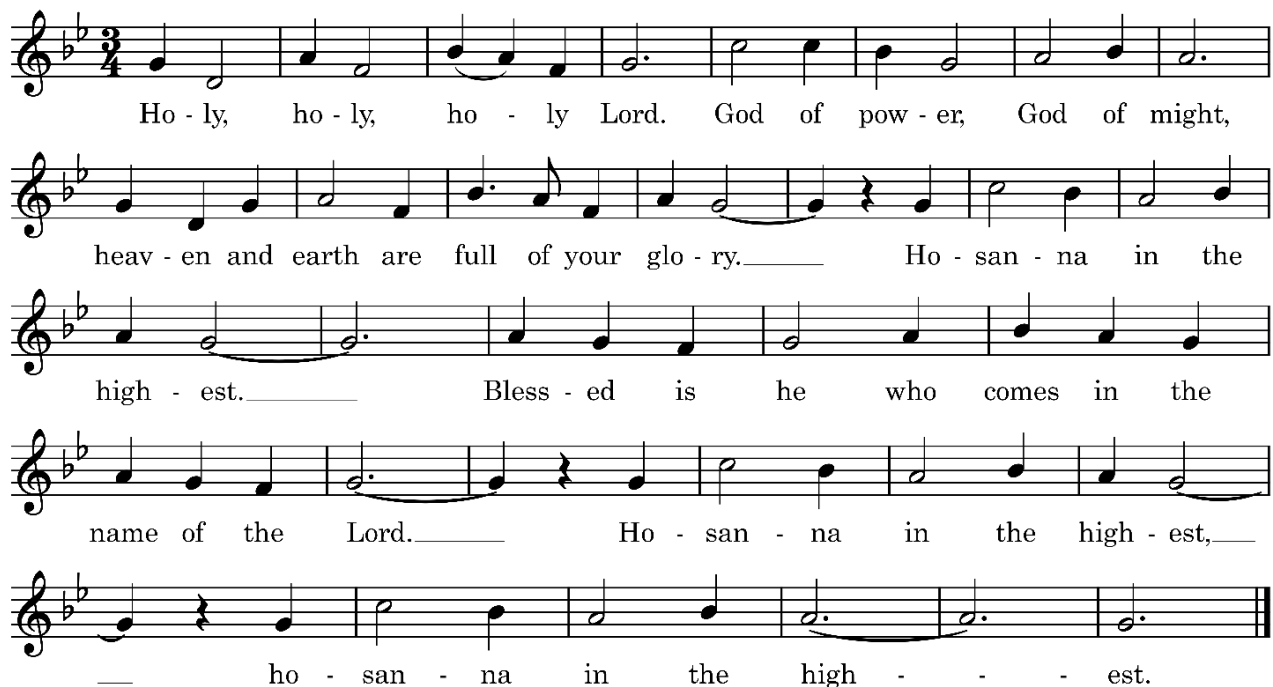
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

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.

Presider Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD 3

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Presider Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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.

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COMMUNION HYMN 63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Taizé

COMMUNION MOTET For the Beauty of the Earth

Andrew Carter

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

DOXOLOGY

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BLESSING

HYMN 598 Go to the World

Engelberg

DISMISSAL

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE March in D major

Flor Peeters

PRESIDING CELEBRANT & PREACHER: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
SIDESPEOPLE: John & Meehyun Leefe | READERS: Mary Capson; Peter Hyde
INTERCESSOR: Michael Beall | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Calum Carmichael; Zoë Stonyk

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen Brereton by Carolyn Brereton and sons William and James.

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 Anglican Church of Australia.

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Kathryn our Bishop; The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Archbishop Christopher Harper, Sacred Circle events and the Ministry of reconciliation; our Diocesan partner, Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI); The Parish of the Holy Spirit, Quebec and The Reverend Dr. Caroline Ducros, The Reverend Dr. Sony Jabouin and the Venerable Chris Dunn.

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

Parish: Jean Pascal, Marie, Sue A., Ian, Jason, Linda D., Henri, Gabrielle, Amy, Michael, Elaine, Stephen, Martine, Pat, David, Felix, Judith, 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.

THE CALENDAR...

Will return next week!

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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. On September 21, we will discuss Matthew 21:23-32

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.

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

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