

THE FEAST OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

EVENING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 5:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ, revealing his life, love, and light to the world.

OUR VISION:

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a welcoming, inclusive faith family; sharing and teaching the love of Jesus Christ through our worship, actions, and outreach: transforming ourselves and the world.

NUESTRA INVITACIÓN:

Si está buscando una misa u otros sacramentos en español en La Iglesia de San Bartolomé, comuníquese con nuestra Rectora, La Madre Nina Bacas a rector@stbartschurch.org o al 858-432-7107.

Please silence mobile phones and other noise-making devices.

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING HYMN (see next page)

"Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD, Irregular; words, Thomas Andrew Dorsey (1899-1993); music, George Nelson Allen (1812-1871)



WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider The God of love is with us.

People The Spirit of love is in us.

Presider Risen Lord, light of all peoples, come stand among us.

People Scatter the darkness before us, that we may walk as children of light.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

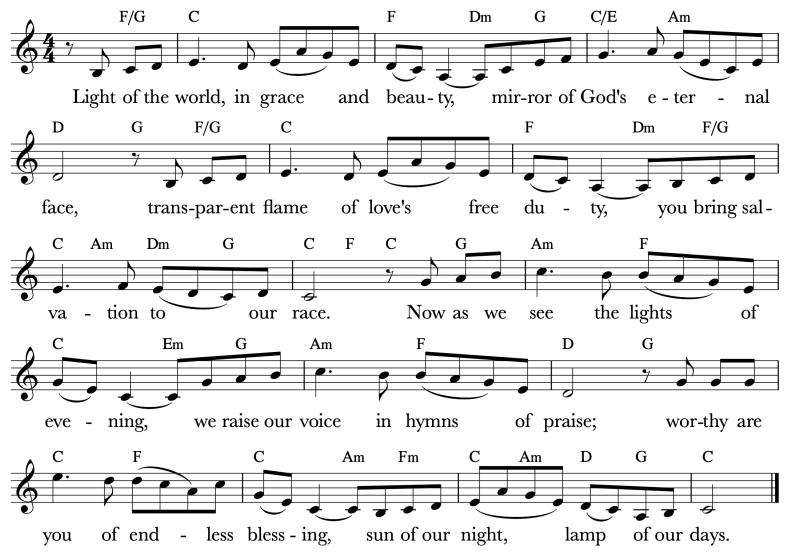
Presider We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

People Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Presider O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3: 7-12, Moses at the Burning Bush

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

THE Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the

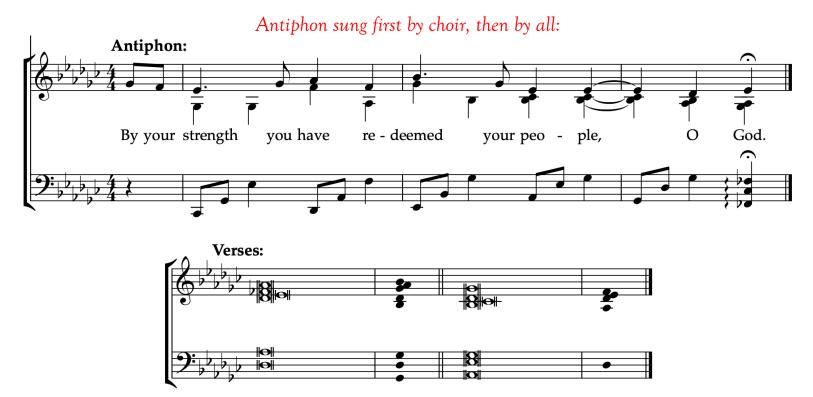
Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalm 77: 11-20: Voce mea ad Dominum; music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)



All sing the bolded lines as indicated:

- ¹¹ I will remember the works of the / Lord, * and call to mind your wonders of / old time.
- ¹² I will meditate on all your / acts *

and ponder your mighty / deeds.

- ¹³ Your way, O God, is / holy; *
 - who is so great a god as our / God?
- ¹⁴ You are the God who works / wonders *

and have declared your power among the / peoples.

- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your / people, *
 - the children of Jacob and / Joseph.
- ¹⁶ The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and / trembled; *
 - the very depths were / shaken.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies / thundered; *
 - your arrows flashed to and / fro;
- ¹⁸ The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the / world;* the earth trembled and / shook.
- Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great / waters, * vet your footsteps were not / seen.
- ²⁰ You led your people like a / flock *

by the hand of Moses and / Aaron.



THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6: 10-20, The Whole Armor of God

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL music, John L. Bell (b. 1949)





THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6: 27-36, Love for Enemies

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the repetition of the Gradual, please be seated.

EXCERPTS FROM "LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL"

THE IONIAN CREED

Please stand, as able.

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept after each petition:

Intercessor

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, and our Bishop, Susan; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison, and those in twelve-step programs; I ask your prayers for _____. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially _____. Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Presider

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says:

ALMIGHTY God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN (see next page)
"We Shall Overcome"

words and music, African-American Spiritual



words, William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898); music, Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

Please stand, as able.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

Presider And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WE offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:



Holy in the heights of heaven, holy in the depths of earth, O God, your glory knows no bounds, and your love is without end. The Word that was in the beginning, and through whom all things were made, you sent to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, that believing in him we may have springs of life within. We bless you that in love for the world, your Son laid down his life and overcame death's powers to be our hope of life everlasting; that in love he poured out his Spirit to lead us through encircling darkness into all truth; and that in love he returned to the Source of Light to draw all the earth to himself.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, gave the cup to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood which is poured out for you. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Following a brief silence, the Presider leads:

People Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us now, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, for you are the living bread that comes down from heaven to give life to the world; you are the true vine without whom we can do nothing. We pray in the name of Christ: by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

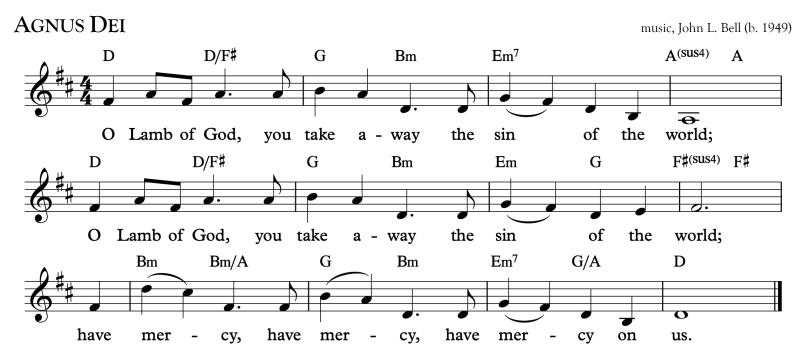
Presider Bread of life, nourish our souls.

People Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Presider continues:

THIS is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is made ready for those of us who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, those of us who have much faith, and those who have little; those of us who have been here often, and those who have not been here long; those of us who have tried to follow, and those who have failed. Come, because it is God who invites us; it is God's will that we should meet here.



Please be seated once you receive Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

God, in love you have called us to be your people, and in love we have shared this bread and wine; may the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts by this holy meal, and may its light guide us on our journey and lead us home to you; in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your participation in today's service; your presence is a blessing to us. "All are welcome. No exceptions."

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand, as able.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN (see next page)

"Go Down, Moses"

GO DOWN MOSES; Irregular; words and music, African-American Spiritual music, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

