



## Saint Bartholomew EPISCOPAL CHURCH *a house of prayer for all people*

### The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### THE PEOPLE GATHER

*The service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, found in the red Book of Common Prayer. It is customary for the people to prepare for worship in quiet and in prayer.*

**PLEASE NOTE: ALTHOUGH MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED DURING THIS SERVICE, THERE WILL BE NO SINGING.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand*  
**HYMN H-379** (vs 1 & 2) “God Is Love” *Abbot’s Leigh*

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. alleluia**

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant and people stand to say:*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### GLORIA *the people stand to recite together:*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

*The people sit for the readings printed on the insert.*

#### THE LESSONS *(see insert)*

**FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**  
*(spoken after the reading)*  
*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM: 22:24-30** *Deus, Deus meus*

**SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21**  
*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel.*

**HYMN H-512**(vs 1 before the reading, vs 2 after)  
“Come, Gracious Spirit” *Mendon*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**  
*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### THE SERMON *The Rev. Stephen Secaur*

**THE NICENE CREED** *The people stand to say:*  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People:* **That we all may be one.**  
*Leader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People:* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
*Leader:* We pray for all bishops, priest, and deacons;  
*People:* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
*Leader:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People:* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People:* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**  
*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Vinnie, Maisie, and Josh, Richard and Mary, Tom and Joanna Mary and Nancy, Bob and Fran, Adam, Cynthia, Jane, Fr. Jim, Sally, Marie, Shirley, John, Jennifer, Dan, Jane, Joe, Leanna, Judith,

Myron and Nancy, Emanuel and Lucy, Drew, Renee, Emily, Nancy, Millie and Bill, Carol and Jim, John, Tom, Bill and Donna, Jim, Vida (*Vee-da*), Jamie, Jack, Diane, and Jack.

*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
*Leader:* Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People:* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
*Leader:* We give thanks for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Nicholas Jakse; and for those observing wedding anniversaries this,

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**  
*Leader:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People:* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
*Leader:* We pray for those serving the armed forces and their families, especially Jason Thompson, David Marcinski, Mark Ditchman, Kyle Lewis, Paul Workman, Becca Voigt, CJ Voigt, Anthony Worst, and Patrick Renwick, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**  
*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

#### THE PEACE

*All stand. Celebrant says to the people:*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

**All greet one another in the name of the Lord, OBSERVING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND NO-TOUCH RESTRICTIONS.**

#### PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTION

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ALTAR PREPARATION

**HYMN H-187** “Through the Red Sea Brought at Last” *Straf mich nicht*

#### OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant and people stand to recite:*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

*The people remain standing to recite responsively:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**  
*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*People:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**  
*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and people recite together:*

## SANCTUS

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,  
*People and Celebrant*

***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 FRACTION ANTHEM

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## THE ACT OF RECEPTION

*The people join in saying*

***In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come***

***into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.***

*Celebrant:* 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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN H-323 "Bread of Heaven" *Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people:*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

HYMN H-182 (*vs 1 & 2 only*) "Christ is Alive!" *Truro*

## EASTER DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for joining us today.* If you are a visitor, please consider signing the red guest register on the white podium near the front door.

*Sign-up sheets for donations for altar flowers* and to maintain the Sanctuary Lamp are posted on the bulletin board in the coatroom. Please consider making a donation to dedicate altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one for a Sunday service; or to make a donation for the maintenance of the Sanctuary Lamp for a similar purpose. There are also

envelopes in a plastic display rack adjacent to the bulletin board where you can place your donation. Leave the donation envelopes in the Treasurer's box outside the church office in the parish hall. Suggested donation amounts are \$30 - \$40 for flowers; \$25 - \$30 for the lamp. If you attend services virtually, you may email or call the church office to reserve a Sunday to dedicate flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp.

*Vestry and Fr. Steve will discuss whether or not to return to the pre-pandemic Sunday worship schedule of services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., based on the responses to our recent parish-wide survey. If you have not responded and wish to weigh in, please contact the church office at 440-442-2290 or by email at [saintbartohio.com](mailto:saintbartohio.com); or call Fr. Steve at 440-541-8359.*

*We continue to collect food* for those in need. Please bring your donations of canned or other nonperishable food and leave them on the benches between the front doors.

*Please consider joining St. Bart's Zoom Coffee Hour*, starting weekly on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Access to these virtual gatherings is available by internet link or by telephone if you prefer to call in. The link to the weekly Zoom Coffee Hour is on the church's website ([www.saintbartohio.org](http://www.saintbartohio.org)) about half-way down the home page. Directions on accessing the meeting via telephone are published on the website; copies are also on the library table outside the nave.

*The following groups* are currently scheduled for use of the building this week:

May 3	Monday	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	St. Bart's Bible Study
April 4	Monday	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Adult Children of Alcoholics
April 5	Wednesday	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Emotions Anonymous
April 6	Thursday	7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts

*Vestry continues to meet on the third Monday* of every month at **6:00 p.m.** May's meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 17, 2021.** Vestry meetings are open to any parishioner to attend and are currently held in person, observing social distancing requirements. Please contact Fr. Steve or Matt Matthews if you wish to attend but prefer to attend via telephone.

*All are invited to submit* any questions, concerns, ideas, etc. to the red, white, and black "Sharing Box" on the shelf outside the church office.

*While Aleksandr plays the hymns*, please considering reading the lyrics to the hymns. There is inspiration and comfort in them.

*Feel free to submit changes* to the recently published directory in writing by leaving them in the Secretary box outside the church office or by email to: [saintbartohio@gmail.com](mailto:saintbartohio@gmail.com). **Stephanie Berhannan Clark's new mailing address is: 1077 Avondale Road, South Euclid, OH 44121.**

*Last week's collection* was \$680.00.

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**Celebrant:** The Rev. Stephen C. Secaur, Priest-in-Charge  
**Lectors:** Mike Tripi, Sue Paine, Diane Bellas  
**Organist:** Aleksandr Leybkind  
**Sr. Warden:** Matt Matthews  
**Jr. Warden:** John Connelly  
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**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday 9-noon, and by appointment  
In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church and leave a message.

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