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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

ABOUT US

We're so glad you're with us today. We're a **Christian Church**: we believe Jesus is our Lord & Savior and the Bible is God's Word for us. We're an **Episcopal Church** in the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin which is part of the **Anglican Communion** dating back to the first Christians in England in the 2nd century A.D.

Our Mission is *helping everyone become who God created them to be.*

WELCOME

If this is your first time here we'd love to **say Thanks or answer any questions.** You can call/text our pastor, **Father Joel** at **(262) 725-2691** or email: **pastor@stbartspewaukee.com.**

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

This bulletin will guide you through everything you need to participate in the service. Our worship is a "liturgy" with two parts: **THE WORD OF GOD** and **THE HOLY COMMUNION** which all baptized Christians are welcome to receive, including children.

KIDS

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary for the entire service (we don't mind babies behaving like babies).

Children's Chapel is available for kids Pre-K through Elementary. They will follow the Teacher to the classroom in the south hallway at *The Collect of the Day.* They will return at *The Peace.*



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The Hymnal 1982

The blue hymnal found in the pew racks is the collection of hymns, tunes, and service music authorized for use in the Episcopal Church. The Hymnal is a companion for the Book of Common Prayer, supporting the Lectionary and the Calendar. It includes service music and 720 hymns. The Hymnal is strongly founded on congregational singing.

We are singing the hymns that are in the hymnal from the hymnal. All other music will continue to have the lyrics in the printed worship bulletin.

If you are new to The Hymnal: hymn numbers are found in bold in the hymnal. The first quarter of the book is service music, such as the Song of Praise and the Sanctus that we sing every Sunday. Service music has an “S” in front of the number. Hymns comprise the rest of the hymnal, bold numbers 1 - 720. There are not page numbers. **Look for the hymn by its number, not its name.**

Opening Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King

Blue Hymnal 410

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit .

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.**

Song of Praise: Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest. Sing! Glory to God!

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.

Glory to God in the highest. Sing! Glory to God!

Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!

For You alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord, the most high Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest. Sing! Glory to God!

Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**A short prayer to unify, or "collect", our intentions for worship. It typically indicates the theme of the day.*

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children's Chapel

At this time kids Pre-K through Elementary are invited to come to the front for a blessing and then follow the Teacher to Children's Chapel.

The Lessons *(please be seated)*

A reading from the Book of Genesis (21:8-21)

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

The Psalms were originally written to be sung. These poems and prayers have been the foundation of worship for Jews and Christians for 3,000 years, and Jesus prayed and sang the psalms regularly.

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; * I call upon you all the day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, * and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, * nor anything like your works.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, * and glorify your Name.

For you are great; you do wondrous things; * and you alone are God.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child
of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because
you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (6:1b-11)

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual* Hymn: Indescribable

*Please stand as you are able. *This is a song to prepare us to hear Jesus' words. Its ancient name is from the Latin "gradus", the place it was sung in Church.*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea, creations revealing Your majesty. From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring, every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming: indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name. You are amazing, God; all powerful, untameable. Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God. You are amazing, God.

The Gospel (means "Good News")

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel + of our Lord Jesus Christ + according to Matthew + (10:24-39)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

+ You may make a small + Cross with your thumb over your mind, lips, and heart.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my

sake will find it.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

You are amazing, God. You are amazing, God.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Joel Prather

The Nicene Creed *(please stand and pray together)*

The Nicene Creed in this bulletin is slightly different than what you may be used to. This is because the Episcopal Church restored the original language of the Nicene Creed which was shared by all Christians until the 6th Century.

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, *(you may bow down here)* was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. *(you may rise)*

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. *(* means universal)*

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.

+ *you may make the Sign of the Cross here to acknowledge the hope that you will be resurrected*

The Prayers of the People

The Reader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, for this gathering, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matt our bishop, for Ann the bishop of the Armed Forces, and for all who minister in Christ's name.

Holy God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our

vocation and ministry we may truly and reverently serve you.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations of the earth, for the well-being of all people, and for those in authority. For the first inhabitants of Pewaukee: we honor the Potawatomi people, as well as the Oneida people who brought the Episcopal Church to Wisconsin. Help us to be instruments of your peace and justice.

God of compassion, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who govern the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, prisoners, the unemployed, and those in any need. Bless all those who serve them. Remembering especially those on our prayer list...

We also pray for our ministry partners:

- Arlo and Ashtyn's Hope
- Fr. Andrew and Amazing Grace AIDS Ministry
- Pastor David and Breaking the Chains Church
- Joe and Family Promise of Waukesha County
- Our Karén Families
- Dave, Judy, and the Pewaukee Food Pantry
- Bishop Daudi and Olivia in Tanzania
- and Bill and our Veterans and Families Group,

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered for us.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us pray for the mission of the Church and for the coming of God's reign among all nations and peoples.

Loving God, you have made all races and nations to be one family, and you sent Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of salvation to all people. Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation and hasten the coming of your reign of justice and love among the nations of the world.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us remember with thanksgiving before God those who have died in Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone. Let us pray that God may be glorified in all the saints.

Life-giving God, we give you thanks and praise for the wonderful grace and love declared in all your saints. Grant to us, and to all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, a share in the fulness of your joy.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for all God's goodness.

You are worthy, O God, to receive honor and blessing and praise. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We will observe silent reflection

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(All stand.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing "peace" with one another is an ancient Christian tradition, not only in the words of Jesus, but also in the practices of the Christian community. As you are comfortable, you are welcome to shake hands when we pass the peace. Please respect those that are not comfortable with hand shaking. A simple nod or the peace sign is also a meaningful way to share the peace of Christ.

Announcements

Be sure to sign-up for our eNews using the Welcome! card in your pew rack or at our website. We also encourage you to follow us on our YouTube, Facebook and/ or Instagram accounts to stay up-to-date and hit "Share" to let your friends see what's happening.

The Offertory

God tells us in the Bible, no one should feel pressured about giving (2 Corinthians 9:7). Please be at peace about what you choose to do or not to do. The most important offering God wants from us is our life & our hearts. You can place an offering in the basket passed by the ushers or in the wooden box marked Donations near the exit of the Church.

Offertory Hymn: His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come, Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav'n and home; When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

[Refrain]

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear, And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. [Refrain]

When ever I am tempted, When ever clouds arise, When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. [Refrain]

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(The Celebrant reads a Preface of the Lord's Day - a variable portion of the text of our Eucharistic Prayer that plays an important role in aligning our worship with the theme of a particular occasion or season.)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People: Mass of Ascent - Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say together

We remember his death † We proclaim his resurrection † We await his coming in glory

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where,

with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

The Lord's Prayer

Together

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.* Alleluia

*(*1 Corinthians 5:7-8)*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for livestream worshippers - a personal devotional that anyone can pray to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in circumstances which prevent them from actually receiving communion. The prayer will be displayed on the screen.

About Communion at St. Bartholomew's

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us, including children. If this doesn't describe where you're at, you are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing which you can indicate by crossing your hands over your heart. Or feel free to stay in your seat to pray or reflect.

Please come to the rail in front of the altar to receive the Bread & Wine. Bread will be served to you as you stand or kneel. We have gluten free bread if you prefer it, simply let the minister know. We have two options for receiving the wine. You may take a sip of wine from the shared Chalice or you make take small cup of wine from the tray, and place the empty cup in the bowl near the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. We use alcoholic wine.

If you need Communion brought to you just let one of our Usbers know.

Prayer Ministry is offered confidentially during the Eucharist in the side chapel. Let us pray for all those in need; for yourself, family, or friends. You may also be anointed with oil for healing as the Bible teaches (James 5:14). We do so by making a small sign of the Cross upon one's forehead. All are welcome.

Communion Song 1: I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

[Chorus]

I'll fly away, O Glory: I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O Glory: I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. *[Chorus]*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.

To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away. *[Chorus]*

Communion Song 2: Lamb of God

You came from heavens throne, acquainted with our sorrow
To trade the debt we owed, your suffering for our freedom

[Chorus]

The Lamb of God, in my place, your blood poured out, my sin erased. It was my death you died; I am raised to life. Hallelujah, the lamb of God.

My name upon your heart, my shame upon your shoulders,

The power of sin undone, The cross for my salvation. *[Chorus]*

[Bridge - sing 2 times]

There is no greater love. There is no greater love.

The savior lifted up. There is no greater love.

[Chorus - sing 2 times]

The Lamb of God, in my place, your blood poured out, my sin erased. It was my death you died; I am raised to life. Hallelujah, the lamb of God.

Prayers After Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant & 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.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Go into the world in peace, be of good cheer, hold fast to that which is good, return to no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the poor, honor all people, love and serve our Lord Jesus, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart (verses 1-3) Blue Hymnal 556

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

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We thank you for your generosity.



Celebrating the Lives of Saints

Christians have, since ancient times, honored people whose lives represent heroic commitment to Christ and who have borne witness to their faith even at the cost of their lives.

Tomorrow, we celebrate the life of:

ALBAN, Martyr, c.304

Alban is the earliest Christian in Britain who is known by name and, according to tradition, the first British martyr. He was a soldier in the Roman army, stationed at Verulamium, a city about twenty miles northeast of London, which is now called St. Alban's.

Alban gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing from persecution and was converted by him. When officers came to Alban's house, he dressed himself in the garments of the priest and gave himself up. Alban was tortured and martyred in place of the priest, on the hilltop where the Cathedral of St. Alban's now stands. The traditional date of his martyrdom is 303 or 304, although the dates 209 and 251 have also been suggested by some scholars.

The site of Alban's martyrdom soon became a shrine. King Offa of Mercia established a monastery there about the year 793, and, in the high Middle Ages, St. Alban's ranked as the premier abbey in England.

Bede gives this account of Alban's trial: "When Alban was brought in, the judge happened to be standing before an altar, offering sacrifice to demons... 'What is your family and race?' demanded the judge. 'How does my family concern you?' replied Alban; 'If you wish to know the truth about my religion, know that I am a Christian and am ready to do a Christian's duty.' 'I demand to know your name,' insisted the judge. 'Tell me at once.' 'My parents named me Alban,' he answered, 'and I worship and adore the living and true God, who created all things.'"

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even unto death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world that we may receive with him the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BECOMING A MEMBER AT ST. BART'S

You can become a Member any Sunday.

What does it mean to be a Member of the Church?

1. Make it official.
2. Participate in worship, in-person and/or online, more often than you don't.
3. Connect with other Members.
4. Serve.
5. Give.

Membership Starts With Baptism

If you, or your children, are not baptized you can do so any Sunday. Simply talk to Father Joel and he'd be glad to answer any questions and help you prepare for Baptism.

So How Do I Make It Official?

- Talk to our pastor Father Joel.
- During Sunday worship you'll be invited up front to...
 - ◊ Renew your Baptismal Promises with two questions.
 - ◊ The congregation will then promise to "do all in their power to support you in your life in Christ."
 - ◊ We'll say a prayer for you.
 - ◊ We'll present you with a gift of Membership and a beautiful watercolor Membership Certificate by our own Dulcie Shupe.
 - ◊ Thunderous applause for you!
 - ◊ That's it...Congratulations!

So...Want To Make It Official?