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IN  
LENT

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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 *before The Litany of Penitence.* They will return at *The Peace.*



## WHO'S WHO

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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: Be Thou My Vision

Blue Hymnal 488

#### **The Opening Acclamation** *(remain standing)*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People: His mercy endures for ever.**

#### **The Decalogue** (the Ten Commandments) *(you may kneel)*

Celebrant: God spoke these words, and said:

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

### ***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.*

**TRISAGION** (*sing three times*)

Blue Hymnal S102

### **Litany of Penitence**

*The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*The Reader continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The Priest, stands and, facing the people, says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Collect\* of the Day** *(please stand)*

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.*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons** *(Please be seated)*

### **A reading from the First Book of Samuel (16:1-13)**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sh'ma Yisrael (Hear, O Israel)

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echod.  
Baruch shem ch'vod, ch'vod malchuto l'olam vaed.

(Hear O'Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.  
Praised be his name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.)

## Psalm 23

*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.*

The Lord is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with  
me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## A reading from the letter to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn: Change My Heart

*(Please stand as you are able) \*This is a song to prepare our hearts to bear the Words of Jesus. Its ancient name is from the Latin “gradus”, the place where this song was sung in Church.*

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.  
You are the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

# **The Gospel** (means “Good News”)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel + of our Lord Jesus Christ + according to John + (9:1-41)

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they

reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

## The Sermon

*The Rev'd Joel A. 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

## **Prayers of the People** *(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

*The Reader and People pray responsively*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, let us pray to the Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our president, Tony our governor, and Paul our County Executive, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; and for those who serve them especially...

- Arlo and Ashtyn's Hope *(children with Canavan's Disease)*
- Fr. Andrew and Amazing Grace AIDS Ministry *(Malawi)*
- Pastor David and Breaking the Chains Church *(in Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center, Milwaukee)*
- Joe and Family Promise of Waukesha County *(homelessness)*
- Our Karén Families and their Beautiful Garden
- Dave, Judy, and the Pewaukee Food Pantry
- Fr. Daudi and Olivia in Tanzania
- Bill and our Veterans and Families Group

... let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Bartholomew and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*We will observe an extended moment of silent reflection before proceeding. Please feel free to relax and sit down if you prefer.*

## **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *(1 John 2:1-2)*

## **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 You Tube, 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*

**Celebrant:** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

*Psalms 50:14*

## **The Offertory Hymn: Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness** **Blue Hymnal 144**

### **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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

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.

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

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.

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

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:

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**Blue Hymnal S129**

*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.

*\*Christ = Greek word for "The Messiah", it literally means "the anointed one" and points to Jesus as God's long-awaited king and savior who was promised, and prophesied, in the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament.*

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 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 are bold to say,

*\*A priest is one who serves as a "bridge" between God and people: communicating God's blessings to people, and people's needs to God. The High Priest was "the priest of priests" representing all of God's people as their ambassador before God. Jesus is ours, and the whole world's, great High Priest.*

## **The Lord's Prayer** *(say 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.\*** *(\*1 Corinthians 5:7-8)*

## **The Agnus Dei** (Latin for "Lamb of God")

Blue Hymnal S157

*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 and Wine. We have Gluten free Communion Bread for those who desire it. We use alcoholic wine. Bread will be served to you as you stand or kneel. Small cups of wine will be presented to you. Take a cup of wine. As you leave, place the empty cup in the bowl near the end of the first pew and return to your seat. Thank you.*

*If you need Communion brought to you just let one of our Ushers 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: Stronger

There is Love, that came for us. Humbled to a sinner's cross.  
You broke my shame, and sinfulness, You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny. Through the storm and through the fire.  
There is truth that sets me free. Jesus Christ who lives in me!

*[Chorus]*

You are stronger. You are stronger. Sin is broken, you have saved me.  
It is written, Christ is risen! Jesus you are Lord of all!

No beginning and no end. You're my hope and my defense.  
You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it all upon the cross. *[Chorus]*

*[Bridge - sing 4 times]*

So let your name be lifted higher, Be lifted higher, be lifted higher.

*[Chorus - sing 2 times]*

## Communion Song 2: Goodness of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me. All my days, I've been held in Your  
hands. From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*[Chorus]*

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so so good.  
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire. In darkest night You are close  
like no other. I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God. *[Chorus]*

*[Bridge - sing 2 times]*

Your goodness is running after. It's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after. It's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything.  
Your goodness is running after. It's running after me.

*[Chorus - sing 2 times]*

I will sing of the goodness of God

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.**

## **Solemn Prayer**

*(In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used.)*

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: Now Let Us All With One Accord**

**Blue Hymnal 147**

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

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# **BECOMING A MEMBER AT ST. BART'S**

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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?**