# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTERNOOST

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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**

Everything you need today is in this bulletin. 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*.



#### 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: O God, Our Help in Ages Past Blue Hymnal 680

#### 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

Blue Hymnal S278

#### 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Wisdom of Jesus, Son of Sirach (35:12-17)

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,

and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,

and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it

and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,

and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor;

but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 84:1-6

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.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of <u>hosts!</u> \* My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living <u>God</u>.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her <u>young</u>; \* by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my <u>God</u>.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in <u>vou!</u> \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' <u>way</u>.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of <u>springs</u>, \* or the early rains have covered it with pools of <u>water</u>.

They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

#### A reading from the second letter to Timothy (4:6-8,16-18)

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### The Gradual Hymn\*: Seek Ye First

Blue Hymnal 711

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.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto You.

Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel (means "Good News")

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel + of our Lord Jesus Christ + according to Luke + (18:9-14)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Sermon Fr. 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 foregiveness 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

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our President, Tony our Governor, Paul our County Executive, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

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, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

We also pray for our ministry partners:

- Arlo and Ashtyn's Hope (Canavan's Disease)
- Fr. Andrew and Amazing Grace AIDS Ministry (Malawi)
- Pastor David and Breaking The Chains Church (Felmers O. Cheney Correctional Center, Milwaukee)
- Joe and Family Promise of Waukesha County (Homelessness)
- Our Karén Refugee Families and their Beautiful Garden
- Dave, Judy, and the Pewaukee Food Pantry
- Bishop Daudi and Olivia in Tanzania
- Bill and our Veterans and Families Groups
- Sharon and our Waukesha County Affordable Housing Coalition ...we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O 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, we pray to you, O 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.

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

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

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Confession of Sin

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

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

#### The Absolution

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: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place Blue Hymnal 517

#### 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: Sanctus 6

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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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, 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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.\* Alleluia

(\*1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

#### Agnus Dei

(The Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God.", is based on John 1:29, and is used in the celebration of the eucharist at the breaking of the bread. Say together.)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

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 haptized 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: Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliverer.

#### [Chorus]

You are the everlasting God,

The everlasting God.

You do not faint,

You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak.

You comfort those in need.

You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

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#### [Chorus]

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

#### Communion Song 2: Build My Life

#### [Verse 1]

Worthy of every song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring. Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You.

#### [Verse 2]

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name. Jesus the only one who could ever save. Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for You. We live for You.

#### [Chorus]

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You. Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

[Verse 1 & 2]

[Chorus - Sing 2 times]

#### [Bridge]

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken.

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#### **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: Come Thou Fount

Blue Hymnal 686

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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.

Please scan here to support the mission and ministry of St. Bart's.

We thank you for your generosity.



# SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, Apostles

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Little is known about Simon and Jude, both named in New Testament lists of the twelve disciples, but tradition has consistently associated both apostles with one another, and with missionary work in Persia and Armenia. According to most ancient authorities they were martyred together, possibly in Beirut, but accounts vary.

There are other scholarly questions about both men. One involves Simon's appellation "Zelotes" or "the Zealot". Whether in fact he had been a member before his conversion of one of the several Jewish factions called "Zealots," or whether this title refers to his zeal for the Jewish law, is not known, but he has consistently been identified by it.

Jude has long been regarded in popular devotion as the patron of desperate or lost causes. The Epistle of Jude, which is attributed to the disciple, concludes with this striking doxology: "Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all time and now and forever" (Jude 24–25).

## 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. Such witnesses, by the grace of God, live in every age. It should encourage us to realize that the saints, like us, are first and foremost redeemed sinners in whom the risen Christ's words to St. Paul come to fulfillment, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

#### 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?

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