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EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

COMMEMORATION OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

August 25, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 928 461 1047, Passcode: StMichael

PRESIDER	RESPONDER	READER
Richard Hendricks	Nani Banks	Dave Waller

OPENING SENTENCE PHILIPPIANS 1:2 *(BCP p. 115)*

Presider: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION *(BCP p. 116)*

Presider: 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.

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider: O God, be not far from us.
Responder: **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**. **Alleluia**.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT (EOW p. 23)

*Presider and **responder***

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.
Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;
Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

PSALM APPOINTED

PSALM 91 *(BCP p. 719)*

*Presider and **responder** alternate by whole verse.*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 **He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, ***
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 **He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; ***
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 **Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, ***
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.

8 **Your eyes have only to behold ***
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 **There shall no evil happen to you, ***
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 **They shall bear you in their hands, ***
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; ***
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 **With long life will I satisfy him, ***
and show him my salvation.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 18:15-18 DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY:

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Responder: **Thanks be to God**.

THE SONG OF MARY LUKE 1:46-55 (EOW p. 27)

*Presider and **responder** alternate by whole verse.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior; *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name.
You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm, *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones, *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things, *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
The promise you made to our forebears, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING LUKE 22:24-30 DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

A dispute arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Responder: **Thanks be to God**.

THE SONG OF SIMEON LUKE 2:29-32 (BCP p. 120)

*Presider and **responder** alternate by whole verse.*

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

APOSTLES' CREED *(BCP p. 120)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP p. 121)*

Presider: God be with you.
Responder: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

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

SUFFRAGES A *(BCP p. 122)*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE *(BCP p. 243)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST *(BCP p. 124)*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen**.

A PRAYER FOR MISSION *(BCP p. 124)*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Presider: Are there any prayers or thanksgivings you wish to offer?

The people may offer their intercessions and thanksgivings.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(BCP p. 125)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen**.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
Responder **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 *(BCP p. 126)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**.

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