



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Morning Prayer, Sunday March 22 10:30am

On the Labyrinth

Live streams of the service can be found on our [Facebook Page](#)

and videos will be posted on our [Youtube Channel](#).

Opening Sentence

Lent Jesus said: "If any of you would come after me, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Absolution

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

Opening Versicle

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

All And your glory all the day long.

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

Officiant: Our God is full of compassion and mercy: O come let us worship.

Invitatory Psalms

Psalm 63:1-8

Read responsively by half verse

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

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

The Lesson

A Reading from [Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle N ~ A Song of God's Love, 1 John 4:7-11

Read together in unison

**Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.**

Whoever does not love does not know God, *

for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from [John's Gospel 9:1-41](#)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 12 A Song of Creation

Read responsively by half verse

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

I. The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *

drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *

O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

II. The Earth and Its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains

and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *

O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *

and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

III. The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *

sing praise and give honor for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Song

The Sermon

Mark Johnson, Seminarian

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

Officiant God be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.**
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collects

The Collect of the Day	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 218
A Collect for Sundays	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 98
A Collect for Renewal of Life	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 99
A Collect for Mission	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 100

Song

Prayers of the People for Lent IV

As a sign of our obedience, let us bend the knee of our hearts, and make an offering of prayer and thanksgiving to God, as we respond, **God have mercy.**

That Christians throughout the world who are being persecuted for being followers of Christ may be protected by the strong armor of faith, and sustained by the fervent prayers of all the baptized; let us pray.

God have mercy.

That the work of God may be made visible through our weaknesses and shortcomings, bearing witness to others of the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the heartache and despair that visits every human heart; let us pray.

God have mercy.

For all who are preparing in their hearts for Holy Week and the Great Paschal Feast of Easter; let us pray.

God have mercy.

That those who have died may rest in peace, and we who hear of war and famine remain restless until the day of peace has come; let us pray.

God have mercy.

Knowing that Jesus opens the eyes of the blind, gives voice to the voiceless, and frees those who are imprisoned by fear, let us with confidence continue our prayers.

God have mercy.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The General Thanksgiving

All 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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant then concludes with the following

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13