




Church of St. Bartholomew
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Cornerstone Sunday

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Commemorating the Laying of the Cornerstone May 9, 1868

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday

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Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15. 57.*

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Prelude: *Now the Day is Over* Rev. S. Baring-Gould

Welcome: *The Reverend Canon David Clunie*

Cornerstone Prayer Almighty God, who has built your church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here in St Bartholomew's parish may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for those at Sea O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: We give thee thanks for all who have served in the Royal Canadian Navy and in the Merchant Navy, especially during the Battle of the Atlantic. Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection all those who this day are on active duty in Canada and abroad. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea and grant that they may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies, to praise and glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: 567 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease, and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso' er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Opening responses

O Lord, open thou our lips. **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm 95 *Venite Exultemus Domino*

Reading: 1 John 4:7-12 *read by Stephen Woollcombe*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon *Reverend Canon David Clunie*

Lesser Litany

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord. **And evermore mightily defend us.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect for St Bartholomew O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: *We Love the Place, O God* St Bartholomew's Choir from *Season's at St Bart's CD*.

Prayers

Announcements

Postlude: *Prelude in G major* J.S. Bach

In appreciation for this week's online service
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1. Illuminated initial "C" with full border, beginning of Psalm 95, *Rice Psalter*, c. 1450–1460
2. Henry Ossawa Tanner, (1859-1937), *The Pilgrims of Emmaus*, 1905. Musée d'Orsay, Paris