



# The Church of St. Bartholomew

February 22, 2023

7:30 pm

## The Calendar

### Periodicals

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the firmament showeth his handy-work  
Psalm 19 (BCP), 4<sup>th</sup> Day, Morning Prayer. *Caeli enarrant.*

Prelude

**Hymn 556** *O for a closer walk with God* Caithness  
Greeting and Collect for Ash Wednesday p.281

### The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Joel 2.1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 103:8-18 p. 842 Anglican Chant  
Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
**Hymn 511** *Lord Jesus, think on me* Southwell  
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
Reflection  
Invitation to Lent p. 281  
Psalm 51.1-18 p. 282 Create in me a clean heart, O God

### The Litany of Penitence

Litany of Penitence p. 283  
Prayer over the Ashes p. 285

Those who desire the imposition of ashes are asked to come forward to the chancel steps

**“Remember you are dust  
and to dust you shall return”**

Absolution and Peace p. 285



### The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Hymn 613** *We lay our broken world* Garelochside  
Eucharistic Prayer 3 p. 198 Preface for Lent p. 220  
Lord’s Prayer p. 211  
Breaking of the Bread p. 213  
Communion  
**Hymn 549** *La ténèbre n’est point ténèbre* Taizé  
Motet *Ave Verum Corpus* William Byrd  
Prayer after communion p.286  
Blessing  
**Hymn 564** *Lead us heavenly Father lead us* Mannheim  
Postlude

We used to take periodicals, weekly, monthly, or quarterly. They were especially welcome on long winter evenings when it was blowing outside. We would read and listen to a ticking clock. Not any more. Now we have the internet, its immediate news, analysis to fit our palettes, streams of entertainment, and precise, atomic time. The dailies have evolved with technology, but many periodicals have gone the way of letter-writing, overtaken by Zoom and Whatsapp. When they were around we would dive into them, heading for a favourite writer or cartoon, knowing where to find it. A friendly neighbour gives me his *Spectator* and I pass it on in turn, once a fortnight if the mail is regular. We value good writing and good argument, and we needn’t agree with it. For many of us the Bible has become a periodical, with a weekly or, perhaps, monthly visit. Very few attend daily Matins or Evensong, where the Lectionary winds its way through the New Testament twice a year and the Old once. Instead, we hear the carefully selected weekly readings of years A, B, and C, and barely touch its breadth. Unpalatable passages come up only occasionally.

Accidentally, I imagine, the Psalms are repeated more than most of the Gospels. In 1662, the compilers of the Book of Common Prayer kept the translations of Myles Coverdale printed in England in 1537. We retained them again in 1962. It is a musical language, rhythmic and carefully scanned, in places genius. *Dominus regit me* – The Lord rules over me – we receive as *The Lord is my shepherd*. The original Preface of the Book of Common Prayer, published in 1549, described how important it is to read or hear the Bible daily. It needed saying to the backsliders of the day. Archbishop Cranmer insisted on the revolutionary notion that we should hear the Word in our own language. He laid out a scheme – a *Calendar* he called it – to transit the scriptures once a year and the Psalms every month. The readings were *lessons*, to be absorbed. It would be ambitious to read the whole Bible in Lent, but not the Psalms. We could follow a pattern that has been continuously woven every month for nearly 500 years.

O how lovely are they dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Psalm 84 (BCP), 16<sup>th</sup> Day, Evening Prayer. *Quam dilecta!*

Submitted by Chris Burn

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Chalice: Brian Eckert, Organist and choir director: Timothy Piper

**Lenten Series:** Thursdays 7 pm contact Chris crburn@rogers.com.