

THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



Mosaic of Jesus casting out the unclean spirit. Artist and location unknown

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist

**8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
January 28, 2024**

*We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe
Algonquin . May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:30a.m.

Holy Communion

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 67 ~ red prayer book

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Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Communion Assistant: Meriel Bradford
Sidesperson & Reader: Jim Bradford

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee & fellowship following this service.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10:30a.m.

Sung Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services ~ green prayer book

Prelude Musette

R. Vaughan Williams

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn 559 Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

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Greeting

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Collect for Purity

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Gloria

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Collect of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

Psalm 111

The cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. All repeat refrain at end of verses as indicated.



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them. *Refrain*

O Lord, your work is full of majesty and splendour, and your righteousness endures for ever. You make your marvellous works to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion. *Refrain*

You give food to those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant. You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations. *Refrain*

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all your commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. *Refrain*

You send redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever; holy and awesome is your name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures for ever. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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**The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution
The Peace**

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The Offertory *Generous financial support is our expression of gratitude which along with our time and talents enables us to provide worship at St. Bart's and support God's work in service in our community and beyond.*

Hymn 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

Repton

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer No. 1

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Sanctus

Setting: Creation Mass by M. Haugen

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread 1

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Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei *sung by the choir*

The Communion *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar rail. After receiving the bread, you may either drink from the cup or cross your arms to indicate your wish to honour it. Taking only the bread is considered a full communion. Dipping the wafer in the wine is not allowed. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who require it. Please advise the priest. If the steps to the rail are a challenge, please advise the sidesperson and communion will be brought to you.*

Communion Hymn 65 Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

St. Columba

Communion Motet O For a Closer Walk with God

Charles Stanford

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

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Blessing

Hymn 631 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Paderborn

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude, "The New Commonwealth"

R. Vaughan Williams

Please refrain from applause after the postlude.

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Sidespersons: John & Meehyun Leefe

Readers: Mary Capson; Richard Capson

Intercessor: Richard Remillard

Communion Assistants: Serge Belet; Robert Orr

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee & fellowship following this service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider contributing to Sunday's flowers to celebrate an event or to remember a loved one. Consult the flower chart in the parish hall to select a date and then contact the Pamela Mallon 613-724-0690 or pam.brian.mallon@me.com to confirm and provide details for the bulletin. A \$100 donation is suggested. Mark cheques *Altar Flowers* as tax receipts will be issued.

Pamela Mallon, Altar Guild

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, Linda, our Primate; Staff at Ascension House; Christ Church, Bells Corners and the Venerable Monique Stone

Canada: Members of the Governor General's Foot Guards and those serving in diplomatic missions and NGOs.

Parish: Isabel & Bob, Katie, Lise, Francis, Shirley, Susan, Cathy, Joanne, Greg, Michel, Ed, Melodie, John, Angeleigha, Jodi, Harriet and Family, Bill, and the residents, staff and volunteers of the Garry J. Armstrong Home.

Children are welcome in the liturgies. There are seasonal activity and story packs at the back of the church to keep active minds and hands busy during the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

This year's annual Vestry meeting will be held in person on **February 11, 2024** following the 1030am liturgy. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the annual reports of parish groups and committees, approve the year-end financial statements, adopt the 2024 budget and elect 2024 parish officers. The "snow date" for the meeting is Sunday, February 18. Copies of the Vestry Report are available at the church entrances, and through the office. Electronic copies are available by contacting the office at stbartsottawa@gmail.com.

EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1 AT 7PM

There will be sung Evensong to mark Candlemas (also known as the Feast of the Presentation) commemorating Mary and Joseph bringing the baby Jesus to the temple and offering a sacrifice for the dedication of the child. It is customary to bless candles at this service (hence the name) and people are welcome to bring candles from home if they would like them blessed.

EVENSONG BY THE ANGLICAN CHORALE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 AT 4PM

On Sun Feb 11, we will welcome the Anglican Chorale of Ottawa, directed by Andrew McAnerney. The Anglican Chorale is a unique "church choir without a church building". They travel locally, singing Evensong and across the country and to the UK annually. There will be a free-will offering which will go towards ACO's August 2024 trip to be Choir-in-Residence at York Minster.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13 6PM

Before the fast, the feast! Come one, come all to enjoy pancakes & sausage before the austerity of Ash Wednesday and Lent. If you can, RSVP to the office so we can get a rough idea of numbers, but all are welcome, regardless of an RSVP or not. There will be activity sheets and fun for the whole family. Free-will donation.

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 7PM

Service of Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of ashes.

LENT & POETRY 2024 THURSDAYS 7PM STARTING FEBRUARY 15

Join us Thursday evenings starting Feb 15 and continuing weekly. The book this year is *The Heart's Time: A Poem a Day for Lent and Easter* by Janet Moreley. If you would like us to order the book for you, please email Karen as soon as possible (unless you have already done so) or you can order from your favourite bookstore. It will take a few weeks to arrive. Please email Karen McClure karemccclure@gmail.com and/or Robin Dunbar, rrdunbar@gmail.com, to let us know you will be attending, or if you have any questions. Look forward to seeing you!

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

St. Barts Walkers are going to hit the streets once more to raise funds for the Ottawa Mission and awareness about homelessness and the housing crisis. The website is up for pledges and registration. You can join or support the team by contacting Gina Watson after church or by visiting the website:

[https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?
teamID=1008435&langPref=en-CA](https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1008435&langPref=en-CA)

and clicking on "Join the Team" if you plan to walk on Feb. 24 or "Donate to Team" if you wish to support the St. Barts Walkers.

PONDERING THE PASSION SUNDAYS IN LENT 12:30PM

It's a story we know well. Or is it? On Sunday afternoons in Lent, we will spend time studying the passion and crucifixion accounts as depicted in the four Gospels as we journey to Holy Week with Jesus.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

Please consider signing up to host coffee hour after the 1030 service. This time of fellowship is an important part of our community time together. It doesn't need to be elaborate: a box of cookies or two is all that is expected, and help is available if you need some orientation in the kitchen. The sign-up list is on the board outside the kitchen.

BRIDGE CLUB PLUS MONDAYS 2—4 PM

There is bridge, and more! Bridge Club Plus invites seniors who would like a chance to enjoy some fellowship to drop by for tea and treats. You can join in a game of bridge, or other card games, bring your knitting or stitching projects, or just come to enjoy some company. Please contact Mary and Richard Capson at richardcapson.is@rogers.com for further details.

PINT AND A PASSAGE MONDAYS 7PM

Join the conversation (and the chaos!) around the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at the Clocktower Pub (Beechwood & MacKay) Monday evenings. The passage for discussion on January 29 is Mark 1:29-39. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS AT 10AM on Zoom.

Contact Michael Revere at mrevere@magma.ca for details and Zoom link.

WEEKLY MEDITATION THURSDAYS AT 8AM on Zoom.

Meditation Creates Community. Our meditation group is a member of the WCCM (wccm.org), a global spiritual community united in the practice of meditation in the Christian tradition. Contact Stephen Woollcombe for more information and Zoom coordinates. swoollcombe@sympatico.ca

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The time is at hand at last! Construction work on the washrooms beside the church has begun and should last two months. A call for tenders went out in November and after review, the contract was awarded to Premium Construction. The scope of work will see the replacement of the two small washrooms with three new washrooms, the removal of the disused janitor's closet and adaptations to the small office next to the vestry. Work will occur Monday through Friday (with some Saturdays possible.) A construction bin will be located on the south corner of the church property (near Queen Victoria) and access to the church and Vestry will be curtailed during working hours. (Arrangements have been made for Altar Guild access when required). Please note that the parking area behind the church will not be available for parishioner parking during this time. Access to the hall and office area will not be impeded.

It is very good news that Phase II of our capital campaign projects has begun at last. If you have any questions, please speak with Barry Walker, of the Building Committee.

THE CHURCH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

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Geddes Memorial Window. Photo by Brian Glen.

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