

PARISH LIFE

Our Vision: Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission: To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.

**** **Please check** the **Member's List** on the table in the Fr. Amend Hall for accuracy. Add/change any information that is not correct. Delete anything that you do not want published in a new **CHURCH DIRECTORY**.

1) CompassCare Walk for Life: Saturday, May 4. Hand-outs on how you can support this worthwhile ministry are in the Fr. Amend Hall.

2) Bishop Atwood's Retirement Dinner, Saturday May 4, 6pm. All are invited. Please sign up and bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. The church will provide pizza, wings and drinks.

3) HOLY CONFIRMATION, Sunday May 5th at the 10am service.

4) VBS "Camp Firelight": Please check the display in Father Amend Hall for items needed. **VBS Dates: July 7th-10th, 6pm-8pm.** There will be family dinners each day at 5:15pm. For more info contact Liz Burkett dce@stbartston.org or 716-831-1777

5) 55 Gallon Plastic Drums are available, \$6.00 each. Interested? Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall

**CHURCH FINANCES: March Income - \$ 50,833 Budget Expenses - \$ 59,540
YEAR TO DATE: Income - \$139,397 Expenses - \$174,498**

If you would like an Assisted Hearing Device to use during the service please see an Usher.

Please notify the Church Office of any address, phone number, or email changes so that we may keep our records current.

Please have someone notify the Church Office if you are or will be hospitalized so one of our clergy may visit with you.

Welcome Visitors!

It is our joy to have you worshipping with us today. At St. Bartholomew's we are on mission to see lives gloriously transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. If this is your first time at an Anglican service we want to help you become better acquainted with who we are and what you will experience today.

Our Background

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church was founded in 1955 not far from our current location. We are members of the Anglican Communion which has its roots in the Church of England and includes over 80 million members worldwide. Although formally established in the 16th Century during the Protestant Reformation our beliefs and worship have remained the same since the days of the early church. It might be helpful to think of Anglicanism as a "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

Today, St. Bart's continues its mission to our community. Even if you are not a member, we encourage all people to join us in our weekly services and bible studies, concerts, volunteer opportunities and numerous outreach events.

The Liturgy

Anglican worship is defined by two commitments: 1) the authority of Holy Scriptures (the Word of God) and 2) the Sacraments (Holy Communion and Holy Baptism). Together Word and Sacrament point us to Jesus Christ and, in doing so, work to shape us into a faithful Christ-centered community.

The way we express this worship is known as the Liturgy (our order of service). Far from empty ritualism, Anglican worship involves the active participation of the whole person: our mind, body, and soul. Everything you see and experience in today's service — the prayers, the symbols, and the actions — all invite us to share in the good news of God's salvation. The reading and teaching of the Holy Scriptures (the ministry of the Word) prepare us for the culmination of our service, which is the receiving of Holy Communion (also referred to as "the Lord's Supper").

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion with us today. If you would like to receive but are not able to come forward please tell an usher. The priest would be happy to bring communion to your pew.

If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive the sacrament, we warmly invite you to still come forward and receive a blessing. You may indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms across your chest. As our valued guest your only obligation in today's service is to keep your heart open to receive what God may desire to do in you!

Further Questions?

If you have any other questions be sure to ask an usher, or even the friendly people around you! After service, we invite you to meet with Fr. Ward.

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20, 2024 4:30pm HE

Sunday, April 21, 2024 8 & 10am HE

Prelude

**"An Easter Alleluia"
"Fairest Lord Jesus"**

**Enrico Rossi
David N. Johnson**

Introit "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

**High School Singers
Aaron Machelor, Guitar**

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn #518 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Opening Sentences (Prayer Book Page 146)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity: (Prayer Book Page 124) Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

The Fourth Sunday of Easter: (Prayer Book Page 612) O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 32-37: And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. For there was

not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need. Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me* (Prayer Book Page 295)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.*
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his names sake.
- 4 *Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-10: See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

Hymn "May the Peoples Praise You" High School Singers

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-16: "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd."

Hymn "Speak, O Lord"

The Sermon 4:30pm Fr. Ward
8 & 10am Don Sunshine

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr.Bk.pp. 127-130

Offertory 4:30pm "Jesus Christ My Sure Defense" Johann G. Walther
10am "Lord, Speak to Me" Warren Teall, soloist

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the 10am Holy Communion there will be Prayer Intercessors available to anyone wanting extra prayers.

Great Thanksgiving Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn #646 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Thanksgiving and Priest's Blessing

Closing Hymn #539 "O Zion, Haste Thy Mission High Fulfilling"

The Dismissal LEADER: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude "Festival Postlude" (Offertorio) Dominic Zipoli

THE CALENDAR

- Sun. 4/21 Don Sunshine 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School
11:45am Don Sunshine Presentation
- Tues. 4/23 6:30pm Men's Disc., Ladies Bible Study
- Wed. 4/24 9:30am HE, 10:30am Women's Bible Study
6pm Youth Group, Contemporary Singers
- Sat. 4/27 10:30am Confirmation and Acolyte Training, 4:30pm HE
- Sun. 4/28 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School
Cherub and Children's Choirs after the 10am service
11:45am New Member's Class

SICK LIST - MEMBERS: Frances Ballaro, Dorothy Bamberg, Joan Bella, Delores Bowker, George & Carol Brock, M.J. Brzezczkowski, John Calabrese, Joan Calamita, Richard Carter, Wanda Cosentino, Fay Crane-Preda, Tom Crane, David Dyviniak, Pam Fish, Muriel Forte, Kenny George, Lauri-Anne Hammond, Aggie Hawley, Craig Heer, Dick Herrmann, Rick Herrmann, Lee & Michael Hilliker, Anthony Horvath, Robert & Sharon Hughes, Danielle Hyland, Ken Johnson, Laura Klenk, Karen Kopper, Jeremy Kyser, Vicki Martino, Debbie McGuire, Peter Passino, Jon Prohaska, Florence Purchase, Michelle Rocker, Margie Saunders, Jim Scott, Jan Smalter, Bob Tackaberry, Sharon Tarapata, Susan Tobin, Holly Thompson, Fr. Burt Weigen, Brittany Wilkowski

SICK LIST- FRIENDS & FAMILY:

- 1 Dan Nichols, Jim & Nancy DiNicola, Mary Tobin, Tracey Kennedy, Charlene Walker, Donna Johnson, Mark Doran, Jackie Maher, Robert Hughes, Nancy Kenny, Sara Mihalovich
- 2 Larry Brzezczkowski, Scott Bell, Annette Hammond, Joan C., Renee P., Bob B.
- 3 Wayne Osborn, Sheila Biles, Heather Lankes, Al Schultz, Molly Tobin, Chrissy Vantrease, Natalie Collins, Debra Sereno, Sue Smolen, Nancy Kenney
- 4 John Ruch, Mathew Frain, Rosemond Ruhland, Janet Ballaro, Angie, Paul, Al, Pam, Shawn & Melissa Young, Tim Herrmann

OUR MILITARY: Virginia Boy- Navy, James Kerins- Army, Sean MacLeay-Navy, Matthew Miller- Army, Matthew Prohaska- Air Force, Andrew Rebl- Army

OUR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bill Atwood, Bishop
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