

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.*

CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER:

WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER:

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

If you are VISITING for the FIRST TIME please see one of our Greeters or Ushers. We have a gift at our Information Center that we would like to give to you.

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 4, 2020 4:30pm HE

Sunday, July 5, 2020 8 & 10am HE

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers"

Terry Gamble

Opening Sentences (Prayer Book Page 123)

Leader: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9: (Prayer Book Page 617) Grant us, O Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who can do no good thing apart from you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Introduction: Zechariah is the "Prophet of the Future." He predicts the return of Israel to be a nation, and the return of the Jewish Messiah to save the restored state of Israel in the End Times. Israel is prophesied to be attacked by all the united armies of the world. Zechariah sees the Messiah coming TWICE. First, (in this reading) in a humble way, mounted on a donkey entering Jerusalem. That vision was fulfilled by Jesus on the first Palm Sunday. Zechariah also sees the Messiah returning a *second* time. Why? To destroy the world's rebelliousness. During that final battle, Zechariah predicts that those protected by the "blood of the covenant" will escape the calamity of those coming days. Christians are those saved by the 'blood of the covenant' - the precious shed blood of Christ on Calvary.

Zechariah 9:9-12: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to

the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.”

Psalm 145:1-13 Exaltabo te, Deus (Prayer Book Page 461)

- 1 I will magnify you, O God my King, and I will praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 **Every day will I give thanks to you, and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord, and most worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 **One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your power.**
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and of all your wondrous works.
- 6 **They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts, and I also will tell of your greatness.**
- 7 The remembrance of your abundant goodness shall they proclaim, and they shall sing of your righteousness.
- 8 **The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and of great kindness.**
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone, and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 **All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants give thanks to you.**
- 11 They speak of the glory of your kingdom and talk of your power,
- 12 **That your power may be known to the children of men, even the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all ages.

SECOND READING

Introduction: There are five different LAWS in the Bible. The first is God’s MORAL LAW, whose foundation is the Ten Commandments. Jesus did not do away with this law (cf, Matt. 5:17, 19:17-19). Next is God’s WRITTEN LAW. The “Torah” or five books of Moses begins all Jewish and Christian Bibles. The third is the LAW OF SIN & DEATH. Jesus set us free from this law, but unbelievers are still under its curse. The fourth is the LAW OF ANIMAL BLOOD SACRIFICE in Leviticus chs. 1-7. Jesus did away with this law by offering Himself as the eternal sacrifice for man’s sin. And lastly, there is the code of ORAL LAW or “Traditions” of the Rabbis. These were all removed by Jesus (Mark 7:6-13). As far as the first two laws are concerned, St. Paul writes: *“Do we then overthrow the ‘law’ by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.”* (Rom. 3:31).

Romans 7:21-8:6: *“I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my*

members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.”

HOLY GOSPEL

Introduction:

St. Luke 21:34-38: *“Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. “But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”* Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

Sermon Hymn Hymnal

The Sermon Fr. Ward

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

Exchange of the ‘Peace,’ Announcements

Offertory

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Week Preface (Euch. Prayer B) Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymn “O Beautiful”

Thanksgiving & Priest’s Blessing Pr.Bk.p

Closing Hymn “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

The Dismissal CLERGY: “Let us bless the Lord.”
PEOPLE: “Thanks be to God”

THE CALENDAR

Sun.

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