

## 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.*

*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.***

***Also, please have someone notify the Church Office if you are or will be hospitalized so one of our clergy may visit you.***

# ***St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church***

*Serving as the Pro-Cathedral of the International Diocese of the ACNA*

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## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Saturday, July 18, 2020 4:30pm HE**

**Sunday, July 19, 2020 8 & 10am HE**

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings

Opening Hymn #372 "Praise to the living God!" vs. 1,2,4 Hymnal

### **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.**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11: (Prayer Book Page 618)** O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:** Cars rust, appliances break down, houses deteriorate, and we all grow old. God reveals to the Apostle Paul what modern science did not discover until this century - the "Carnot-Clausius Law of Irreversible Entropy" or "Second Law of Thermodynamics." All creation is dying, or losing energy. The Bible says the "Creation was subjected to futility." But why? The answer? The curse of death that God placed on our creation after the Fall in Genesis, will be repealed at the Resurrection when Jesus returns. In that day, this "law of decay" will be replaced by eternal life: for man and the entire physical creation!

**Romans 8:18-25:** "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having

**the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it."**

**Psalm 86 *Inclina, Domine* (Prayer Book page 381)**

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 ***Preserve my life, for I am faithful; my God, save your servant who puts his trust in you.***
- 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon you.
- 4 ***Comfort the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.***
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and gracious, and of great mercy to all those who call upon you.
- 6 ***Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and attend to the voice of my humble supplications.***
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you answer me when I call.
- 8 ***Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any deeds like yours.***
- 9 All nations that you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your Name.
- 10 ***For you are great and do wondrous things; indeed, you are God alone.***
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; O knit my heart to you, that I may fear your Name.
- 12 ***I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will praise your Name for evermore.***
- 13 For great is your mercy toward me; you have delivered my life from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 ***O God, the proud have risen up against me, and the company of violent men have sought after my life, and have not set you before their eyes.***
- 15 But you, O Lord God, are full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
- 16 ***O turn then unto me, and have mercy upon me; give your strength unto your servant, and help the son of your handmaid.***
- 17 Show me some token of your favor, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because you, Lord, have been my helper and comforter.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Introduction:** Matthew 13 is unique in the New Testament, with its 7 parables of what will happen to the people of God in the Church Age before Jesus returns. Last Sunday the parable of the "Four Soils" predicted that many in the Church would not really know the Lord. Today's lesson continues the same theme. The devil constantly "sows" false Christians in the Church. They are to test those who are true. Jesus declares that both are to be permitted "to grow together until the harvest (Judgment Day)." On that Day, it will be the angels who will

separate the false from the true Christians. However, until that time, good and evil, true and false, will exist side by side in the Church.

**St. Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43:** "Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'"

Sermon Hymn

**The Sermon**

Fr.Thebeau

**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 "One Bread, One Body"**

Thanksgiving & Priest's Blessing

Pr.Bk.p

**Closing Hymn #470 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"**

Hymnal

**The Dismissal** CLERGY: "Let us bless the Lord."

PEOPLE: "Thanks be to God"

## **THE CALENDAR**

### **Our Leadership & Staff**

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bill Atwood, Bishop**

**The Very Rev. Arthur W. Ward, Jr., Dean and Rector**

**The Rev. Andrew J. Thebeau, Curate**

Dn. John Reitz, Dn. Gary Wisniewski, Dn. Jacob Bush

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