

## 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.**

**Our Values: Belong- Equip- Reach!**

**1) Persecuted Church:** Please pray that President Trump's recent discussion with India's Prime Minister Modi about rights of persecuted religious minorities will bear fruit.

**2) On-line giving is available at our website: [www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org)**

## WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S!

If you are a first time guest, we're glad you are joining us today and hope you find our worship uplifting. Whether you are looking for a new church or searching for answers to life's most profound questions, St. Bartholomew's is a church family where you can belong. After service everyone is invited to our coffee hour in Fr. Amend Hall just behind the sanctuary. There you can enjoy refreshments and stop by our guest hospitality booth for a free gift. We'd love to meet you!

### ABOUT OUR LITURGY

Anglican worship is defined by two commitments: (1) to the authority of the Holy Scripture, and (2) to the Holy Sacraments. 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.

Far from empty ritualism, Anglican worship involves the active participation of the whole person: our spirit, soul, and body. Everything you will see and experience in the 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. 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 during the service is to keep an open heart to what God may desire to do in you!

**CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER:** New Bethel Community Church, Kenmore; New Covenant Tabernacle, Tonawanda; Tonawanda Free Methodist; St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

**WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Fr. David Harnish, All Saints, Rochester; Fr. David Metzinger, Fellowship of the Savior, Perry, NY

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Transformation Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX  
Clergy: The Rev. Don McLane (Glenna), The Rev. Bill Schulgen (Daymon), The Rev. Bob Hackendorf (Cheryl)

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

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

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### ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

Saturday March 21, 2020 4:30pm HE

Sunday March 22, 2020 8, 9:15 & 11am HE

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings

**Opening Hymn 9:15am  
11am**

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

**Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law, Kyrie**

**Pr.Bk.p.**

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent:** Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Introduction:** Saul was the first King of Israel - handsome, and so tall that he towered "head and shoulders" above everyone else. But while attractive (on the outside), he was disobedient (on the inside). This chapter begins with the "end" of Saul's reign, and the choosing of a successor, the youngest of Jesse's sons, David.

**1 Samuel 16:1-13:** "Now the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons." But Samuel said, "How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' "You shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one whom I designate to you." So Samuel did what the Lord said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and said, "Do you come in peace?" He said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Next Jesse made Shammah

pass by. And he said, ‘The Lord has not chosen this one either.’ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are these all the children?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the Lord said, ‘Arise, anoint him; for this is he.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.”

#### Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore I can lack nothing.
- 2 ***He shall feed me in green pastures and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.***
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
- 4 ***Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.***
- 5 You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 ***Surely your 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

**Introduction:** Like Saul in the past, many of today’s celebrity “gods and goddesses” in music, media and movies are attractive on the outside. But God’s Word reminds us that while man looks on the outward appearance, the Lord looks on the heart. Many who seem to shine and have it all outwardly, often are ‘dark’ in spirit. Here, St. Paul reminds us that the true natures of all will be “exposed by the light” of Christ’s judgment. The end of those who are outwardly “bright” and inwardly “dark” will be just like the judgment of King Saul - rejection; and someone else will receive the inheritance to which they were originally called.

**Ephesians 5:1-14:** “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the

unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.””

#### HOLY GOSPEL

**Introduction:** In today’s Gospel lesson, we are reminded that God also loves and ministers to the disabled: the crippled, the deaf, the dumb, the maimed, the sick, the afflicted and - in this case - the totally blind! God cares and reveals Himself to all people, regardless of their condition. Saul, in the first reading, had external eyes (he was tall and handsome) but was inwardly blind! God rejected him! So also, in the second reading, we learn that all who walk without God are spiritually blind. Here, a blind man hears the voice and touch of God, and in faith, sees and is saved - unlike others, who “seeing” become lost!

**St. John 9:1-13, 28-38:** “As Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him. “We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. “While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.” When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?” Others were saying, “This is he,” still others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.” So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.” They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind. They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. “We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.” The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. “We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. “Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. “If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out. Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.”

#### Children’s Homily

Sermon Hymn 9:15am  
11am “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Hymnal

The Sermon

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr Bk.pp. 127-129

Exchange of the ‘Peace,’ Announcements

Offertory 9:15am  
11:00am “God Leads Us Along” – George Young Senior Choir

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

\*\*\*During the 11am Holy Communion there will be prayer intercessors available to pray with anyone who would appreciate it.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) Pr.Bk.p. 132

Communion Hymns 9:15am  
11am #663 “The Lord My God My Shepherd Is” Hymnal

Thanksgiving and Priest’s Blessing

Closing Collect Pr.Bk.p. 137

Closing Hymn 9:15am  
11am #671 “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” Hymnal

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

#### Our Leadership & Staff

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