



Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026, Noon & 7:00 pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two



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Ash Wednesday

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD.

Please stand after the bell is rung for a silent procession.

SALUTATIONBCP 264

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

OLD TESTAMENT READINGJoel 2:1-2, 12-17

Reader A reading from the Book of Joel.

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near--a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is

gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 103:8-14 *Benedic, anima mea*

The Psalm is read responsively by verse.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

***9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.***

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

***11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.***

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

***13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.***

14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

Reader A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader The word of the Lord.

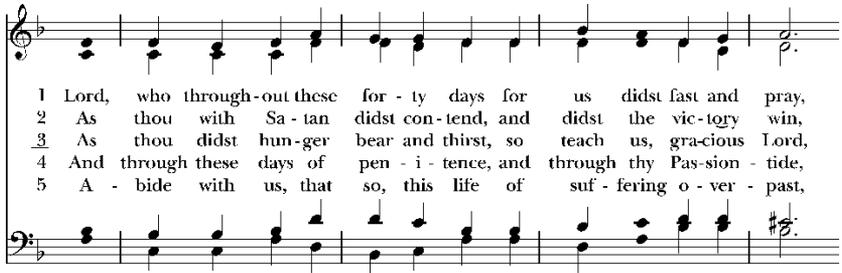
People *Thanks be to God.*



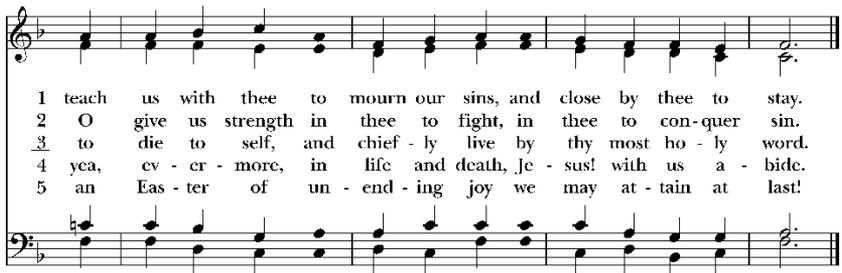
Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Lord, who throughout these forty days ...* 142 Hymnal

7:00 pm Service only



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, cv - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hemaman (1838-1898). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that

they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Please be seated for the sermon.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson

Please kneel as you are able.

PSALM 51 BCP 266

The Psalm is said responsively by verse.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

***2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.***

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

***4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.***

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

***6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.***

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

***8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.***

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

***10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.***

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

***12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.***

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

***14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.***

15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

***16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

LITANY OF PENITENCEBCP 237

The Celebrant and People Together.

Most holy and merciful Father:

***We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.***

Celebrant We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People ***Have mercy on us, Lord.***

Deacon We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People ***Have mercy on us, Lord.***

Deacon We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People ***We confess to you, Lord.***

Deacon Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People ***We confess to you, Lord.***

Deacon Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People ***We confess to you, Lord.***

Deacon Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
People ***We confess to you, Lord.***

Deacon Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure
to commend the faith that is in us,
People ***We confess to you, Lord.***

Deacon Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have
done: for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
People ***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

Deacon For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts
toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and
contempt toward those who differ from us,
People ***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

Deacon For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our
lack of concern for those who come after us,
People ***Accept our repentance, Lord.***

Deacon Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart
from us;
People ***Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.***

Deacon Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
People ***That we may show forth your glory in the world.***

Deacon By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
People ***Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his
resurrection.***

Celebrant Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that
they may turn from their wickedness and live, has
given power and commandment to his ministers to

declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
✠ the absolution and remission of their sins. He
pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and
with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance
and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him
which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life
hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we
may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen*

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACEBCP 360

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCEBCP 376

OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY 380 v. 3 Hymnal

Sung by all.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER BBCP 367

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

PROPER PREFACE.....BCP 361

The Celebrant says the Proper preface.

SANCTUSS130 Hymnal

Celebrant

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sung by all.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION.....BCP 362

The people stand or kneel. Then the celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Bartholomew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....BCP 363

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All ***Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,***

*on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.....BCP 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive communion.

Please let us know if you need gluten-free communion.

If you are unable to come to the altar,

let the usher know and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER.....BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all in unison

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please join in saying:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your

humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

THE BLESSING.....BCP 366

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Please stand and join in singing.

POST COMMUNION HYMN *Forty days and Forty nights* 150 Hymnal

7:00 pm service only



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant We have just received the Body of Christ, now let us be the Body of Christ and go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE



If you experience a **Pastoral Emergency**, sudden hospitalization, or end of life needs, please call **Candine** on her cell: (856) 739-5343.

Prayer List

Those with immediate needs: Heather, Win, Julie, Pat, Nicole, Yolanda, Sharot, Alison, Maureen, Hildred, Keith, Ian, Mandisa, Christien, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jaime, Carol, Jim, Brady

Those with long term needs: Joe, Carmella, Grace, John, Robert, Travis, Aimee, Jennifer, Jane, Carmen, Olivia, Laura, Morgia, Thelma, Elly, Stanley, those affected by the wars in the Middle East, the Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Philippines, Georgia, Armenia, China, Latin America and our troops at home and abroad.

Holy Week at St. Bart's



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday March 29, 2026, 10:00 am

Liturgy of the Palms, Procession of the Palms, Reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist.



Maundy Thursday April 2, 2026, 7:00 pm

Washing of the Feet, Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday April 3, 2026, 12:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Cross, Communion from Reserved Sacrament.



Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter April 5, 2026, 10:00 am

Festive Easter Liturgy and Holy Communion

THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY

	12:00 pm – Noon	7:00 pm
Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson	
Music Director Organist		William P. Fenimore III
Usher		
Acolyte		
Deacon	The Rev. Art Knight, Deacon	
Old Testament Reader & Psalmist		Sharon Eggleston
New Testament Reader	Catherine Clemons	Francess Bowen-Metzger
Video Team		Ricky Rahming, The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight, Carolyn Gage, Lillie Kumar
Altar Guild	Gail Powers, Arlene Adams, Sidney Bacon, Christine Haliburton, Candi London	
Flower Guild	Arlene Adams, Edie Bennett, Catherine Clemons, Laura DeRose, Lillie Kumar, Emma Waring	



Welcome to St. Bartholomew's!

We're so glad you're here—whether it's your first visit or your hundredth!

If you're new, please fill out a **Connect Card** (in the pews) and introduce yourself to **Candine** after the service.

We look forward to getting to know you and sharing this journey of faith together.



Choir Rehearsals

Love to sing? Speak to Bill Fenimore about our choir.

Rehearsals are **Sunday mornings promptly at 9:00 AM.**



Healing Service

Thursday, February 19th • 1:00 PM • Chapel

A quiet, 30-minute service of **laying on of hands** and **Holy Eucharist.**

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Healing Service
Thursday
February 19, 2026
1:00 pm



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Breakfast*

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❄️ WINTER WEATHER SERVICE UPDATES ❄️

Winter has arrived, and we want to ensure everyone stays safe and informed.

In the event of winter weather and the potential need to cancel services, updates will be communicated promptly through **Mailchimp**, **Realm**, **Facebook**, and **Realm announcements**.

- **If services are not cancelled** and you are unsure about traveling safely, we invite you to worship with us online via our YouTube channel: **@saintbartscherryhill**.
- **If services are cancelled**, we encourage you to join the **Washington National Cathedral** for worship on their YouTube channel: **@wncathedral**.

If you do not have access to these online platforms, please make arrangements with a friend, family member, or fellow parishioner to call you with service updates throughout the winter season. Please check for updates before leaving for church during inclement weather. Your safety is our priority, and we are grateful to remain connected in worship, wherever wherever you are.

Scam Awareness: Protecting Our St. Bartholomew's Community

St. Bartholomew's Church in Cherry Hill, NJ, is committed to the safety and well-being of our parishioners, both inside and outside our parish grounds.

Unfortunately, scammers sometimes target individuals and organizations connected to faith communities. The following information is intended to help you recognize common scams and protect yourself and others.

Common Types of Scams Affecting Faith Communities

- 1. Impersonation Requests**
- 2. Fake Fundraising Appeals**
- 3. Spoofed Communications**

How to Protect Yourself and the Parish

Verify Before Responding:

If you receive a request for money, gift cards, or financial information that seems out of the ordinary—even if it appears to come from a church leader—contact St. Bartholomew's office directly at the parish phone number or in person. Do not use contact information provided in the suspicious message.

Watch for Red Flags:

- Urgent deadlines or pressure to act immediately
- Requests to pay via gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfer
- Messages with generic greetings or unusual language

Protect Personal Information:

Do not give out personal, financial, or account information in response to unsolicited communications.

Stay Informed and Vigilant

Scams evolve over time. Staying aware of current tactics and maintaining open communication within our community helps keep everyone safer.

OUR STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson, Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Art Knight, Deacon Ret.

William (Bill) Fenimore, III, Music Director/Organist

Elizabeth (Betsy) Murphy, Parish Administrator

ST. BART'S VESTRY

WARDENS: Sharon Eggleston & Gail Powers

TREASURER: Patrick Jjemba

VESTRY:	Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
	Sharon Eggleston	Catherine Clemons	Charles Brown
	Monica Mundy	Gail Powers	Bill Doherty
	Tennyson Sobers	Jazz Tillman	Elijah Mansaray

