

**SAINT
STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**
and University Center

6:00 PM
Holy Eucharist
in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S SAINT



THE APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW

Opening Song: God Welcomes All

THE WORD OF GOD, *BCP* p. 355

Saint Bartholomew's Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 4:9-15

I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Liturgical Reading

An Hymn Upon St. Bartholomew's Day

by Thomas Traherne

What powerful Spirit lives within!
What active Angel doth inhabit here!
What heavenly light inspires my skin,
Which doth so like a Deity appear!
A living Temple of all ages, I
Within me see
A Temple of Eternity!
All Kingdoms I descry
In me.

An inward Omnipresence here
Mysteriously like His within me stands,
Whose knowledge is a Sacred Sphere
That in itself at once includes all lands.
There is some Angel that within me can
Both talk and move,
And walk and fly and see and love,

A man on earth, a man
Above.

Dull walls of clay my Spirit leaves,
And in a foreign Kingdom doth appear,
This great Apostle it receives,
Admires His works and sees them, standing here,
Within myself from East to West I move
As if I were
At once a Cherubim and Sphere,
Or was at once above
And here.

The Soul's a messenger whereby
Within our inward Temple we may be
Even like the very Deity
In all the parts of His Eternity.
O live within and leave unwieldy dross!
Flesh is but clay!
O fly my Soul and haste away
To Jesus' Throne or Cross!
Obey!

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

The Sermon

Prayers of the People

We ask your prayers for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.
We ask your prayers for the Nation and all in authority.
We ask your prayers for the welfare of the world.
We ask your prayers for the concerns of the local community.

We ask your prayers for those who suffer and those in any trouble.

We ask your prayers for the departed.

And we name the blessings in our lives.

A Song After Prayers: O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Confession and Absolution, BCP page 360

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION, *BCP p. 361*

A Song During Communion: I Am Remembering Who I Am

Closing Prayer

O Glorious Saint Bartholomew, Jesus called you a person without guile and you saw in this word a sign that he was the Son of God and King of Israel. Obtain for us the grace to be ever guileless and innocent as doves. At the same time, help us to have your gift of faith to see the Divine hand in the events of daily life. May we discern the signs of the times that lead to Jesus on earth and will eventually unite us to him forever in heaven. Amen.



Let's decide on the saint for next week! Here are our choices:

Thomas Gallaudet, who was a pioneer in the education of the deaf

Henry Winter Syle, the first deaf person to be ordained in the Episcopal Church

Augustine of Hippo, author of the *Confessions* and *The City of God* and one of the most important Christian theologians who ever lived.

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