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Bartholomew the Apostle

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10.30 am

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Thank you for joining us for this online act of worship

As we celebrate St Bartholomew today, our trusty compendium tells us:

“It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael though it is not a certainty. The gospels speak of Philip bringing Nathanael to Jesus and calling him an Israelite worthy of the name. He is also present beside the Sea of Galilee at the resurrection. Although he seems initially a somewhat cynical man, he recognises Jesus for who he is and proclaims him as Son of God and King of Israel.”

Bartholomew has long been venerated as a martyr, someone who lost their life in the service of Jesus Christ to gain everything. In our baptism, we share in the death of Jesus in order to share his resurrection life now enjoyed by Bartholomew and promised to us.

Before the worship begins, you might like to prepare some bread and wine (or juice or something similar) to share when it comes time for the **receiving of communion. Technically speaking this won't be consecrated** bread and wine but it is still being set aside for the purposes of spiritual communion, what in times past early Christians would have called an **'agape' meal, a meal of love and thanksgiving.**

You'll see that our service today includes three hymns -please do join in with these at home! Please also join in with the words in bold type.

Welcome to the Melbourne Rectory Dining Room.

We Worship God Together

Hymn

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, Redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words: ROBERT GRANT (1779-1838) Tune: HANOVER Supplement to the New Version, 1708

The Invocation

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We say sorry

Bartholomew was faithful unto death
and now dwells in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate his joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

A time of quiet is kept.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God's forgiveness is declared.

May the God of love and power
✠forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God and highest praise
His people sing on earth;
Worship and thanks to you we raise:
Grant peace, our world's new birth.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb once slain,
To take away all sin,
Have mercy on our selfish gain,
Your love all people win.

For you are God the Holy One,
You are the Lord Most High,
Who with the Spirit praises run

In Father's glory nigh!

Words: NEIL THOMPSON

Tune: WILTSHIRE G T Smart (1776-1867)

The 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 that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Gospel Reading
Luke 22.24-30

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever would become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Alleluia.

John 15.16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

A dispute also arose among the disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

We Pray

After each prayer petition, the following response is used:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.
Holy is your name.

After a time of quiet,

God of mercy,
you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

We Share Holy Communion

The Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

cf Ephesians 2.13,14

The peace of Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The altar is prepared whilst the hymn is sung.

When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: ISAAC WATTS(1674-1748) cf Galatians 6.14

Tune: ROCKINGHAM Ad E. Miller (1735-1807)

Prayer of Offering

God of faithfulness,
your servant Bartholomew praised you in his death.
Receive all we bring before you this day,
and give us the strength of will
to proclaim your righteousness and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is the great prayer of thanksgiving where, like Jesus at the Last Supper, we offer our bread and wine to God.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
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 Lord's Prayer

After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.



Sharing of Communion

The priest invites us to share communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

We share bread and wine whilst music is played.

We pray after Communion

The priest introduces the post communion prayer.

Let us pray
Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We receive God's Blessing

Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name,
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross,
for all He loved His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter moon,
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified,
He sends His Spirit on His Church,
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King,
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
this gospel message we proclaim,
we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Words: EDWARD JOSEPH BURNS (b.1938) Tune: FULDA William Gardiner (1770-1853)

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with Bartholomew and all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the ✠ blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:
thanks be to God.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Thank you for being part of today's worship.
Stay safe and may God be with you.

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