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THE FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW



[Bartholomew the Apostle](#)

from Wikipedia

Bartholomew (was one of the [twelve apostles of Jesus](#) according to the [New Testament](#). He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, King of Armenia, to Christianity. He has also been identified as [Nathanael](#) or [Nathaniel](#),^[1] who appears in the [Gospel of John](#) when introduced to Jesus by [Philip](#) (who also became an apostle; [John 1:43–51](#)), although some modern commentators reject the identification of Nathanael with Bartholomew.^[2]

According to the [Synaxarium](#) of the [Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria](#), Bartholomew's [martyrdom](#) is commemorated on the first day of the [Coptic calendar](#) (i.e., the first day of the month of [Thout](#)), which currently falls on 11 September (corresponding to 29 August in the [Julian calendar](#)). [Eastern Christianity](#) honours him on June 11 and the Catholic Church hon-



Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People : **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: **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.**

Gloria:

Hymnal 1982 S280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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 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.**

(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)

The First Lesson - A Reading from Deuteronomy 18:15-18

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm - Psalm 91:1-4

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.**
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

The Second Lesson - 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke 22:24-30

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

A dispute 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

Nicene Creed *(Traditional)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for our family, friends, and neighbors, and for those for whom you have given us a special care:

- * For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache people, that we may honor each other and work together for our common good.
- * In the diocesan cycle of prayer for *Church of St. Matthew, in Tucson.*
- * In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Diocese of Michigan – The Episcopal Church*
- * And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(a short pause)

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and sacrifice to God.

(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)

Doxology

(Hymn #380 v. 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creature here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen**

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving -

BCP Rite II Prayer C

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: *God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.*

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

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

Fraction Anthem S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Come to the rail and extend your hand to receive the bread, wait for the chalice to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, then consume it. If you prefer not to have the wine, you may eat the bread when you receive it. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

All: 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.

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Deacon: *People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?*

People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Please, join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.

ours him on 24 August.

Bartholomew the Apostle is [remembered](#) in the [Church of England](#) with a [Festival](#) on [24 August](#).^{[3][4]}

The [Armenian Apostolic Church](#) honours Saint Bartholomew along with [Saint Thaddeus](#) as its patron saints. *Bartholomew* is English for *Bar Talmai* ([Greek](#): Βαρθολομαῖος, transliterated *Bartholomaios* in Greek) comes from the [Aramaic](#): תּוֹלְמַי-בָּר (bar-Tolmay native to Hebrew "son of [Talmay](#)", or farmer, "son of the furrows".^[5] Bartholomew is listed among the Twelve Apostles of [Jesus](#) in the three [synoptic gospels](#): [Matthew](#),^[10:1–4] [Mark](#),^[3:13–19] and [Luke](#),^[6:12–16] and also appears as one of the witnesses of the [Ascension](#);^[Acts 1:4, 12, 13] on each occasion, however, he is named in the company of Philip. He is not mentioned by the name "Bartholomew" in the Gospel of John, nor are there any early [acta](#),^[a] the earliest being written by a [pseudepigraphical](#) writer, [Pseudo-Abdias](#), who assumed the identity of [Abdias of Babylon](#) and to whom is attributed the Saint-Thierry (*Reims*, Bibl. mun., ms 142) and Pseudo-Abdias manuscripts.^{[6][7]}

In art Bartholomew is most commonly depicted with a beard and curly hair at the time of his martyrdom. According to legends, he was skinned alive and beheaded so is often depicted holding his [flayed](#) skin or the curved flensing knife with which he was skinned; thus, he is remembered and approved as saint of leather makers.^[8]

[New Testament references](#)

In the East, where Bartholomew's evangelical labours were expended, he was identified as "Nathanael", in works by [Abdisho bar Berika](#) (often known as "Ebedjesu" in the West), the 14th century Nestorian metropolitan of [Soba](#), and Elias, the bishop of Damascus.^[b] Nathanael is mentioned only in the Gospel of John. In the Synoptic Gospels, Philip and Bartholomew are always mentioned together, while Nathanael is never mentioned. In John's gospel, however, Philip and Nathanael are similarly mentioned together. [Giuseppe Simone Assemani](#) specifically remarks, "the Chaldeans confound Bartholomew with Nathaniel".^[c] Some Biblical scholars reject this identification, however.^{[9][d]}

[Tradition](#)

[Eusebius of Caesarea's](#) *Ecclesiastical History* (5:10) states that after the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a [missionary](#) tour to India, where he left behind a copy of the [Gospel of Matthew](#). Other traditions record him as serving as a missionary in Ethiopia, [Mesopotamia](#), [Parthia](#), and [Lycaonia](#).^[10] Popular traditions and legends say that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India, then went to Greater Armenia.^[5]

[Mission to India](#)

Two ancient testimonies exist about the mission of Saint Bartholomew in India. These are of [Eusebius](#) of Caesarea (early 4th century) and of [Saint Jerome](#) (late 4th century). Both of these refer to this tradition while speaking of the reported visit of [Pantaenus](#) to India in the 2nd century.^[11] The studies of Fr A.C. Perumalil SJ and Moraes hold that the Bombay region on the [Konkan](#) coast, a region which may have been known as the ancient city [Kalyan](#), was the field of Saint Bartholomew's missionary activities. Previously the consensus among scholars was against the apostolate of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle in India. The majority of the scholars are skeptical about the mission of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle in India. Stallings (1703), Neander (1853), Hunter (1886), Rae (1892), Zaleski (1915) are the authors who supported the Apostolate of Saint Bartholomew in India. Scholars such as Sollierus

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