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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Wednesday, 23 August 9:30am

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New Testament references

The name *Bartholomew* ([Greek](#): Βαρθολομαῖος, transliterated "Bartholomaios") comes from the [Imperial Aramaic](#): תולמי-בר-תולמי *bar-Tolmay* "son of [Talmai](#)"^[9] or "son of the furrows".^[9] Bartholomew is listed in the [New Testament](#) among the Twelve Apostles of [Jesus](#) in the three [Synoptic Gospels](#): [Matthew](#),^[10] [Mark](#),^[11] and [Luke](#),^[12] and in [Acts of the Apostles](#).^[13]

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. Tradition records him as serving as a missionary in [Mesopotamia](#) and [Parthia](#), as well as [Lycaonia](#) and [Ethiopia](#) in other accounts.^[14] Popular traditions say that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and then went to Greater Armenia.^[9]

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Salutation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

Priest: Let us pray a prayer of preparation together:

All: **Christ our true and transforming Light: receive our prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no wrongful desires may distract or tempt us, who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen.**

Gloria: Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect of the day:

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All: **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.**

The Word of God —(*Please be seated for the reading of the lessons*)

First Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm: 91:1-4 (*read in unison*)

**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.**

Second Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Reader: 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.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

HOMILY

CONTEMPORARY NICENE CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

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, was

incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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:

Leader: Hear our cry, O God and listen to our prayer.

People: **Hear us and help us, O God**

Leader: Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

People: **Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples in all the nations.

People: **Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially Michael, Jennifer, Allison, Dottie, and Sherry) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

People: **Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

People: **Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

People: **Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Strengthen those who stand for justice; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen.

People: **Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Give to the Congress, the Courts, the President, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth, fairness, and equality.
People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.
People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.
People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: Shower your compassion on prisoners, refugees, and all who are in any kind of trouble.
People: Hear us and help us, we pray.

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Diocese of Yeri – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*
People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Andrew, in Sedona*
People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who call this area home.
People: Lord, bless and keep them.

The Confession:

Deacon: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another:

All: Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you this past week. Some of our sin we know—certain thoughts and words and deeds which we regret or are ashamed of. Some of which is known only to you. In your Holy Name we ask your forgiveness. Free us from our guilt and restore us to your grace that we may rest and live with peace of mind and cleanliness of heart. Amen.

Presider: Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(The Ministers and People exchange signs of peace—handshakes, peace signs, namaste, hugs. etc...)

Offertory:

Presider Let us show our gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

The Doxology: #380 vs 3

**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. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper: The Great Thanksgiving - EOW 1

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider continues: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and surrounded us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

Sanctus

**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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and

show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”*

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit (+) may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit (+) and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

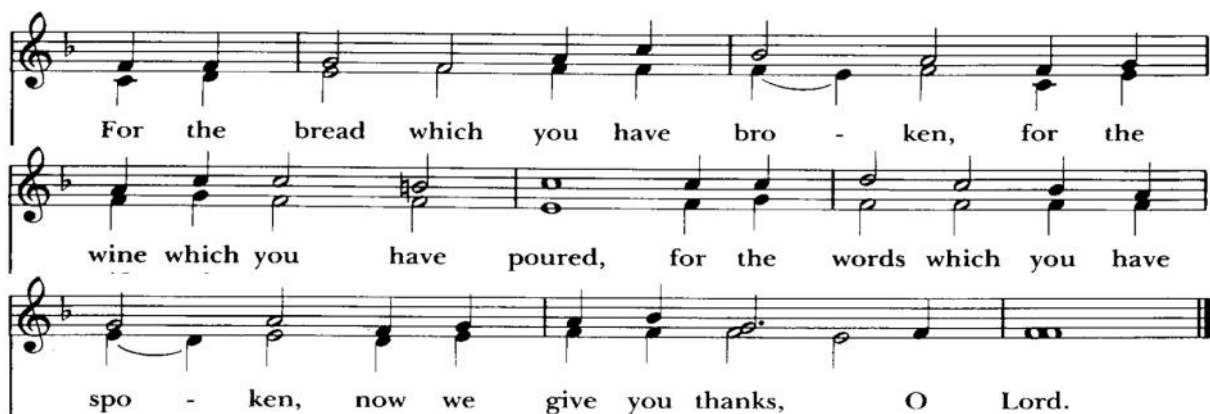
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

CONTEMPORARY LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven, Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread: (Presider breaks the consecrated bread)
Fraction Anthem #341 vs 1:



For the bread which you have broken, for the
wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

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. The bread is gluten free. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left communion rail. To drink a sip from the cup of wine, please go to the right communion rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may choose either rail and then cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude

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

Presider; Let us pray.

All: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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!)**

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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 [Saint Pantaenus](#) to India in the 2nd century.^[15] 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 Sollerius (1669), Carpentier (1822), Harnack (1903), Medlycott (1905), Mingana (1926), Thurston (1933), Attwater (1935), etc. do not support this hypothesis. The main argument is that the India that Eusebius and Jerome refer to should be identified as [Ethiopia](#) or [Arabia Felix](#).^[15]

In Armenia

[Saint Bartholomew Monastery](#) at the site of the Apostle's martyrdom in historical Armenia, now ruinous



Along with his fellow apostle [Jude "Thaddeus"](#), Bartholomew is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1st century. Thus, both saints are considered the [patron saints](#) of the [Armenian Apostolic Church](#). According to tradition, he is the 2nd [Catholicos-Patriarch](#) of the [Armenian Apostolic Church](#).^[16]

Christian tradition has three stories about Bartholomew's death: "One speaks of his being kidnapped, beaten unconscious, and cast into the sea to [drown](#). Another account states that he was [crucified upside down](#), and another says that he was [skinned alive](#) and beheaded in [Albac](#) or [Albanopolis](#), near [Baku](#), [Azerbaijan](#)^[17] or [Başkale](#), Turkey."^[18]

The most prominent tradition has it that Apostle Bartholomew was executed in [Albanopolis](#) in Armenia. According to popular [hagiography](#), the apostle was [flayed](#) alive and beheaded. According to other accounts, he was crucified upside down (head downward) like [St. Peter](#). He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity. Enraged by the monarch's conversion, and fearing a Roman backlash, King Polymius's brother, Prince Astyages, ordered Bartholomew's torture and execution, which Bartholomew endured. However, there are no records of any Armenian king of the [Arsacid dynasty of Armenia](#) with the name "Polymius". Current scholarship indicates that Bartholomew is more likely to have died in Kalyan in India, where there was an official named "Polymius".^{[19][20]}

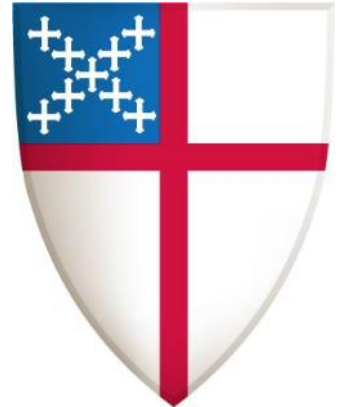
The 13th-century [Saint Bartholomew Monastery](#) was a prominent Armenian monastery constructed at the site of the martyrdom of Apostle Bartholomew in [Vaspurakan](#), Greater Armenia (now in southeastern Turkey).^[21]

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