THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER

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PROPER 16

24 AUGUST 2025

8:15am • 10:30am
Holy Eucharist Rite II











320 East Davis Street Burlington, NC



HC-B.ORG

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with Holy Comforter today.

If you are a guest or visitor, and feel comfortable doing so, please complete an information

card. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

We, the people of Holy Comforter

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

We care

If you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers, or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship, please call the church office at (336) 227-4251.

Our Parish Mission Statement

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, and as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by David and Mary Telander in thanksgiving for the congregation of Holy Comforter activities and support.

All are invited for Sunday hospitality in the parlor after the service.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

523 • Glorious things of thee are spoken



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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The presider prays

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

8:15am *BCP356*

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.

10:30am · S-280

(Gloria lyrics on next page)



Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

8:15am • Psalm 71:1-6, In te, Domine, speravi

BCP 683

- ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; * let me never be ashamed.
- ² In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; * incline your ear to me and save me.
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; * you are my crag and my stronghold.
- ⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, * from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- ⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God, * my confidence since I was young.
- I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; * my praise shall be always of you.



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THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 12:18-29

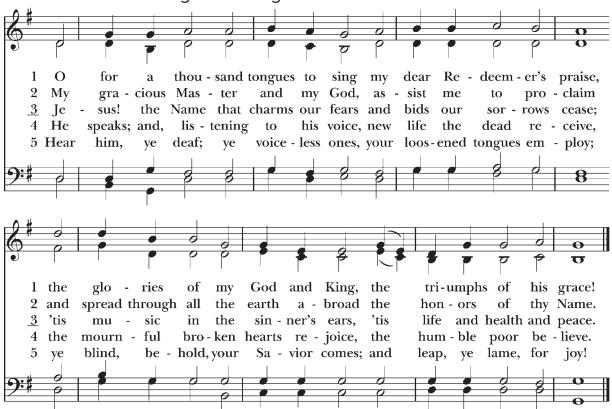
You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

493 • O for a thousand tongues to sing



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Presider and People

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 BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who

are alone.

Intercessor For President Donald Trump, Governor Josh Stein, and all

elected and appointed government officials, that you might guide them to wise decisions with justice and compassion.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Intercessor *People*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the

needy.

Intercessor *People*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the

Truth.

Intercessor For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our

Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

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

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in

your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.

The Presider concludes with a suitable Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

The Presider then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider & People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The presider pronounces absolution.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Waited for the Lord Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint. O blest are they that hope and trust in him.

DOXOLOGY HYMN • 380

Verse 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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

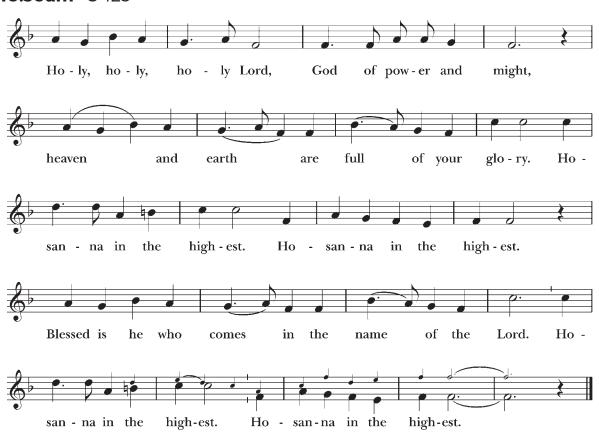
The Presider adds a proper preface.

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:

SANCTUS

8:15am • BCP 402
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 people stand or kneel. Then the Presider 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,

Presider and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider 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 [_____ 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 364

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

Presider and People

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:15am BCP 364

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30am • *S-155*

The choir sings the fraction anthem.



Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation. The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion, and everyone is welcome to receive a blessing. Although it is traditional to drink from the common cup, you may choose to "intinct" by dipping your bread into the chalice. You may receive only the bread, if you prefer. Reception in one kind does constitute full communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the altar may cross their arms over their chest. Communion can be brought to you at your pew; please ask an usher.

If you are not baptized and are feeling God's call in that direction, please speak to the priest, who will be delighted to explore this with you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Lord, My God arr. Hal Hopson

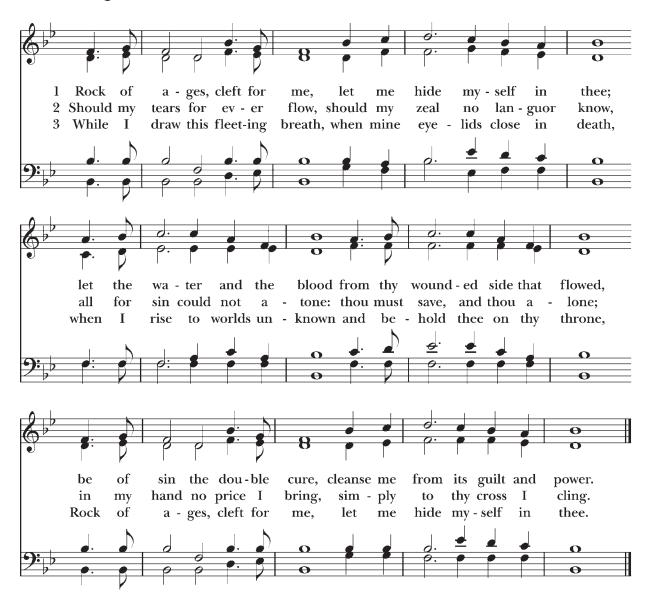
O Lord, my God, you are my refuge O let me never be dismayed; In mercy hear my prayer to you.

You are my hope, you are my refuge, My trust is ever in your care; Lord, in mercy hear my prayer to you.

Through dark of night, Your light shines upon my way. For you are near to be my comfort, I will praise your name forevermore.

COMMUNION HYMNS

685 • Rock of ages, cleft for me



PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(10:30 only) For those attending remotely.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

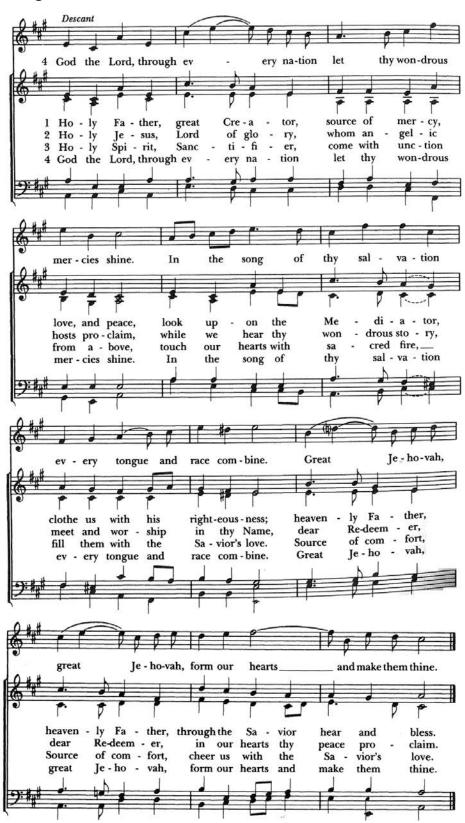
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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**

RECESSIONAL

368 • Holy Father, great Creator



DISMISSAL

The people respond

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lay Ministers

VERGER Steve Swanner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Christin Baker

READERS 8:15am

Peter Dahl

10:30am

1st Lesson - Jane Romer *NT & POTP -* Paige Ysteboe

USHERS 8:15am

Derek Bates

10:30am

Peter & Susan Klopman

ACOLYTES 8:15am

Chalicist & Crucifer - Julie Smith

10:30am

Chalicist - Kathy Hykes

Chalicist - Meredith Patterson
Crucifor Max Nowbayer

Crucifer - Max Newbauer

Left Torch Bearer - Adriane Newbauer Right Torch Bearer - Anna Newbauer Gospel Bearer - Holden Newbauer

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Elizabeth Hansen

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Shara Partin

Jane Spencer Jocelyn Safrit Audrey Deadmon Bea Swajkoski The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Bartholomew on August 24.

One of the twelve apostles of Jesus, Bartholomew is known to us only by his being listed among them in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. His name means "Son of Tolmai, and according to Holy Women, Holy Men, "He is sometimes identified with Nathanael, the friend of Philip, the 'Israelite without guile' in John's Gospel, to whom Jesus promised the vision of angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (Holy Women, Holy Men, 538).

Unfortunately, this is the only information recorded about Bartholomew across the Gospels; few other historically reliable sources are available. Despite this lack of a reliable historical record, tradition has filled in several details around his travels, ministry, and martyrdom.



Detail of St. Bartholomew the Apostle from Michelangelo's

The Last Judgment

This hagiography, or writing of the life of a saint, has come to diverse conclusions. Some sources hold that church historians Jerome and Bede knew of a Gospel of Bartholomew, though such a text is lost to us today. Eusebius of Caesarea writes in the third century that a Hebrew text of Matthew's Gospel was found in India by a traveling philosopher-theologian, attributed by locals to "Bartholomew, one of the Apostles."

There is also a tradition that Bartholomew, along with the Apostle Jude Thaddeus, brought the gospel to Armenia. While there, they are reputed to have converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity, thus enraging the king's brother, who ordered Bartholomew's execution. The story holds that the apostle was flayed alive and crucified at Albanopolis, leading to a common (and sometimes grotesque) depiction of the saint as a man or skeleton holding his own skin.

There are at least 18 Episcopal churches named in honor of the saint, from California and the Dominican Republic to Michigan and Georgia. Perhaps the most famous example is St. Bart's on Park Avenue in New York City, a rare example of Byzantine Revival architecture from 1916 and a National Historic Landmark.

Collect for St. Bartholomew

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.

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