

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

9:30 am

Holy Eucharist

Prelude "Prayer" from *Suite Gothique* Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Welcome The Reverend Florence Ledyard

Opening Hymn *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!* page 9

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Gloria Hymnal S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

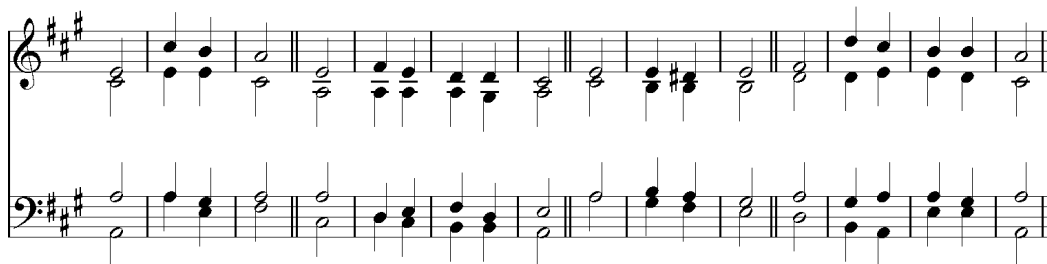
The Lesson

Acts 3:12-19, read by James Sangree

When Peter saw the wonder and amazement caused by his healing of the lame man, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Answer me when I call, O God, defender / of my / cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
 have mercy on / me and / hear my / prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dis- / honor my / glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 and run / after / **false** / gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders / for the / faithful; *
 when I call upon the / **LORD**, / he will / hear me.

Tremble, then, and / do not / sin; *
 speak to your heart in / silence • up- / on your / bed.

Offer the ap- / pointed / sacrifices *
 and / put your / trust • in the / LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see / better / times!" *
 Lift up the light of your countenance up- / on us, / **O** / LORD.

You have put gladness / in my / heart, *
 more than when grain and / wine and / oil in- / crease.

I lie down in peace; at once I / fall a- / sleep; *
 for only you, LORD, / make me / dwell in / safety.

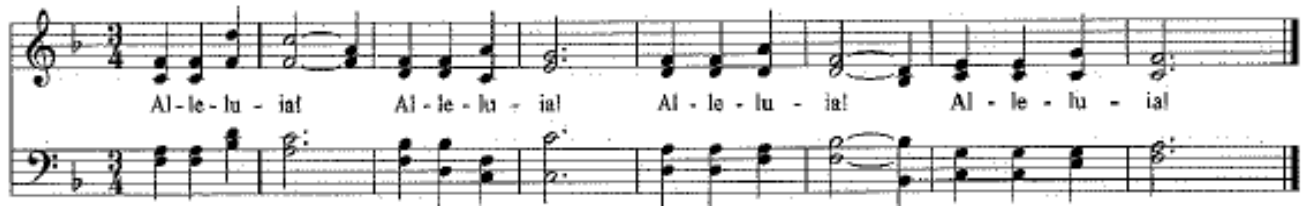
The Epistle

1 John 3:1-7, *read by Leah Kulp*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48, *read by The Rev. Neva Brown*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Florence Ledyard

Nicene Creed, *all stand*

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.

The Prayers of the People, *led by Josh Crockett*

Intercessor See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. So let us appeal to the Lord.

Speak peace to your Church, Lord Christ. Open our minds to your truth. Open our hearts to your presence. Send us forth into the world as witnesses to your resurrection. Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Speak peace to our world, Lord Christ. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance; give the people of the world hope. We offer thanks for our many blessings, remembering _____. Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Speak peace to the earth, Lord Christ. You entered into the created order and blessed it. Give us eyes to see signs of redemption. Give us courage to responsibly care for all that you have made. Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Speak peace to those who work for the end of hunger and poverty, Lord Christ. You know the pangs of hunger; you know also the depth of our community's need. You also know the depth of the needs of our various communities. Comfort and encourage those who become discouraged in their work. Set free all those who are hard-pressed; fulfill all those in need. Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Speak peace to the sick and sorrowful, Lord Christ. When we call upon you, you hear us. You do wonders for the faithful. In your name we pray that our loved ones would have their health restored, remembering _____. Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Speak peace to those who are dying and those who are grieving, Lord Christ, remembering _____. Having been baptized into your death, O Christ, we await the day when we will be like you, experiencing the fullness of your resurrection. Answer us when we call, O Lord;

People **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor O Lord, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people. And grant us the strength and courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.

People **Amen.**

The Peace, *greet one another in the name of the Lord*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Things to Consider

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 and Benedictus

Hymnal S-128

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, *contemporary*

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. 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, *followed by silence*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

For the Agape Meal

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and make the risen Lord to be for us the Bread of life: Grant that we who daily seek the bread which sustains our bodies may also hunger for the food of everlasting life, Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the fruit of the vine: Grant that we who share this drink, which gladdens our hearts, may share for ever the new life of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Eucharistic Meal:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church – wherever that may be, I offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. No matter how I have received you today in our meal of communion, whether by sacrament or otherwise, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me in your grace, Holy Spirit, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me – now and always, wherever I am. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

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Dismissal

Deacon As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and mission as a congregation:

People **We will, with God's help, be a vibrant faith community that is a blazing beacon of God's transforming love in the world. God is calling us to take righteous risks. We accept this call, and will respond by seeking and serving Christ in ALL people.**

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

"Minuet" from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of St. B's ...

Lucy Marshall; Doris Haughey; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Wyvetta Dupree; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Young Sam; Michelle Haynie Madison; Mary Warfield; Ayodele House; Jim Wright; Kathleen DeVale; David McClellan; Dana Przybyszewski; Larry Bucher; Melody Pitts; Tim Wolf; James Graham; Cathy Brookman; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Kate Henshall; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Hope Harbor partner families; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; John and Jean; Nathan; Amanda Ash Freeland; Gerry Ash; Kyle Yoder; Barry and Peggy McCormick; Cathy Cain; Lynne Cain; Joan Clinton; Denise Kirkley-Cain; Dan Barr; Jaxson Avery Madison; James Cooper; Gregory Morton; Pamela Stanton; Pushpa Sokhey; Ricky Walston; Mary Warren; Diane McPhillips; Alison Jones; Williams and Kim Williams; Matt P. and family; Roland Daniels; Angie Arellano; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the


1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!


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We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning April 18, 2021



Sunday Join us at 9:30 am when we [“Zoom” into worship](#). Then, after a short break, we’ll gather for our Annual Meeting at 11:00 am (also on the same [Zoom link](#)). A copy of our 2020 Annual Reports Booklet is available [here](#).

The Sunday Brunch Bunch, for all students and youth workers in the Diocese of Maryland, gathers on Sundays from 12:30 — 2:30 pm for fun, fellowship, and formation with guest speakers, special prayer practices, and games to play. Please sign up for a [weekly reminder here](#). Use either of these links to join: <http://bit.ly/sundaybrunchmd> or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88505613100>.

Children’s Word for Kangaroos! The Kangaroo Class (for children age 3 through 2nd grade) meets with Miss Ebony on Zoom from 5:00 to 5:30 pm. If you have not yet received a [Spark Story Bible](#) for your child to use or the Zoom link for the Kangaroo Class, please contact Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu) or Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Youth Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets via Zoom on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Please contact Youth Group Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com) for the link to join. Come for fun, fellowship, and faith. And invite a friend!

† **Monday through Saturday** at 12:00 noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). †
If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Monday We celebrate the life of Lib Shipley at 12:00 noon. Seating is limited due to COVID protocols. If you would like to attend, please contact Maggie at mcaldwell@stbs-md.org to reserve a seat. This service will also be available on Zoom. Zoom information and the bulletin are [available on our website](#).

Episcopal 102 meets via Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We’re exploring some of the stories of the Bible. Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact The Reverend Carol Burnside at shinyredtruck@msn.com or text/call at 410-440-7394. (Interested in preparing for Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church? Please let Carol know.)

The **Finance Committee** meets at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

At 7:00 pm, a 40 West meeting takes place on Zoom.

Tuesday **Children’s Word for Elephants!** The Elephant Class (for children in 3rd through 5th grade) meets with Miss Jo Anne on Zoom from 6:00 to 6:30 pm — please note the new time! If you have not yet received a [Spark Bible NRSV](#) for your child to use or the Zoom link for the Elephant Class, please contact Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu) or Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).

Wednesday A **Sankofa Circle** gathers on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Thursday The **St. Bartholomew Choir (for older youth & adults)** gathers via Zoom at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Please contact Ted Davis (ted@stbs-md.org) for more information.

Saturday **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our Undercroft move! Now we need **one more parish family effort** as we move ALL OF 40 WEST from the Undercroft to the Parish House (in preparation for asbestos abatement in the Undercroft). Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch is provided. Please let Dave Murray (drmur@verizon.net or 443-690-6296) know that you will help.

It is estimated that there are 78 million people in the USA who, due to past experiences or current yearnings, are ready to be welcomed into the life of a local congregation.

So why not Invite A Friend or Neighbor to Zoom Worship This Week?

Community Notes ...

Bach at St. B's returns! Join organist and choirmaster Ted Davis for the 14th edition of Bach at St. B's, consisting of six mini-concerts, all featuring one of Bach's six "English" Suites performed on harpsichord. Concerts will be virtual and will also be available after their initial release time.

- ♪ Sunday, April 25 at 7:00 pm
- ♪ Tuesday, April 27 at 12:15 pm
- ♪ Friday, April 30 at 12:15 pm
- ♪ Sunday, May 2 at 7:00 pm
- ♪ Tuesday, May 4 at 12:15 pm
- ♪ Friday, May 7 at 12:15 pm

We are grateful for all the **Pledges** made to St. B's. If you have not yet sent in your Treasure or Time and Talent pledges, you may find copies of the pledge cards on our [website](#). Or contact Maggie (mcalldwell@stbs-md.org) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message.

[Recordings of St. B's worship services](#) — including sermons — are available on the [St. B's website](#) (<https://stbs-md.org/>). Look for the "MEDIA" tab under "WORSHIP." That is also where you can find our digital devotion, "[A Moment of Peace and Quiet](#)," just below the Sunday services.

A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...

April 25 We gather for **Faith Forum** at 9:00 am. Join our Rector Flo Ledyard as we listen to the video **That Little Voice** (you can preview it [here](#).) We'll talk about how to find our voices when we hear racist comments and how we might respond more faithfully. We meet on Zoom — plan to join us!

A blazing beacon moment of the week: _____!

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Vestry Nominees

Every year at our Annual Meeting, we elect up to 6 new Vestry members: 4 full members for 3-year terms and 2 young adult members for 1-year terms (for those between ages 16 & 22).

This year's Annual meeting is Sunday, April 18 at 11:00 am.

Following is the slate of candidates (four regular members) submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Joshua Crockett

I was born and raised in Fort Washington, Maryland. After graduating from Bishop McNamara High School, I attended Howard University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Legal in Communications and Culture with a concentration in Strategic and Legal Communications. After graduating in 2014, I accepted an offer to join Teach For America as an 8th grade ELA teacher. This exciting career opportunity is what brought me to Baltimore, more specifically, this career opportunity reconnected me with the life and legacy of my maternal great-grandfather, one of the first African American homeowners within the Edmondson Village neighborhood. While working as an 8th grade ELA teacher at Deep Creek Magnet Middle School in Essex, Maryland, I graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Education with a Masters of Education.

In July of 2016, I accepted a regional staff position at Teach For America Baltimore. As the Manager of Matriculation, I work with incoming corps members to ensure that they are prepared to serve students and families on their first day as Baltimore City Public Schools teachers. I am currently leading the onboarding process for my fifth cohort of new corps members. While working for TFA Baltimore during the day, I am an evening student at the University of Baltimore School of Law. I am planning to graduate at the end of the Spring 2021 semester.

I spent all of my childhood as a member of a local non-denominational church. Throughout grade school, I attended either a non-denominational Christian school or a Catholic school. This combination of academic rigor and faith-based education provided a solid academic and theological foundation for me as a young adult. When I moved to Baltimore, I found myself longing for a local church home that provided a new worship experience. For nearly two years, I visited several churches around Baltimore. My first encounter with the Episcopal Church was a series of YouTube videos featuring prominent Episcopal

Bishops. As I learned more about the Episcopal Church, it occurred to me that I drove past an Episcopal Church every day on the way home. With a bit of apprehension and nerves, I walked into my first 8:00 am service at St. Bartholomew's. I left with two profound takeaways. First, I knew that I had found my new church family. Second, I was prepared to make the adult decision of officially becoming a member of the Episcopal family. A few months later I enjoyed the transformational experience of being baptized in the presence of my newly established 8:00 am. St. B's family.

Since joining the St. B's family, I have always demonstrated a willingness to volunteer in several capacities. I would be honored to continue my service to St. B's family as a member of the Vestry.

Aleah Mohamed

I am a newish member of Saint Bartholomew's. My husband Henri and I started attending in 2019. I am currently involved with a masters program at Loyola, and studied communications and emerging technology at UMBC for undergrad. I served six years in the Air Force, love gardening, and take community seriously!

Serving on the Vestry is an honor and responsibility I'm willing to accept with guidance and accountability. I believe it will encourage me to grow as a leader, and hopefully strengthen my connection with Christ and his church.

Margaret Schotto

I was born in Akron, NY - outside of Buffalo on a self-supporting farm. I am the youngest of 5 but my mom was an emergency foster parent so we had a pretty consistent rotation of kids living with us. I grew up Roman Catholic and participated in youth group with the Free Methodist Church since there wasn't anything offered at my church. I was able to participate in a summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic to build a refugee camp while in

high school with the Free Methodist summer camp that I attended annually. Until 2009, as part of the Catholic churches we attended, I taught Sunday School, coordinated yearly donation drives, worked the food pantry, and helped out wherever the need was.

I have worked in student housing for different universities since 1991 which has taken me from Potsdam in upstate NY to Binghamton in the Southern Tier of NY to Durham New Hampshire to Frostburg Maryland and finally to the Baltimore area for the past 12 years where I work for a private management company with the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

It was while in Frostburg that my wife and I became part of the Episcopal Church and were received in 2009. We have twin sons who are almost 17 years old. Since moving to the Baltimore area, I've participated in the Prayer Walks for the victims of Gun Violence coordinated by Canon Slater and at my previous parish I have served, among many other things, on the Vestry, coordinated the food pantry, and taught religious education when we had children to participate. Our family joined St. Bartholomew's just over a year ago when we needed to find a new church home and Kathleen was familiar with St. B's from doing her internship here. I look forward to helping out by participating on the Vestry.

Steve Smallman

Mary and I came to Baltimore in 1992 to join the executive leadership team of New Song Community Church and New Song Urban Ministries, a community development program located in west Baltimore in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood. One of our ministries was Sandtown Habitat for Humanity and I'm told that there were some St. B's volunteers around during that era (mid-1990s) as part of an ongoing partnership with the Cathedral of the Incarnation. It was also during that time that I first met Michael Sarbanes, a young(er) attorney who helped our Habitat chapter with the acquisition of vacant homes to rehab and sell to community residents—interest free.

We remained involved with New Song for 28 years, living there in the Sandtown community for 13 of those years. I started an organization called New Song Arts, which used music training and performance

opportunities to teach life skills to community youth. During that time, I also served as Associate Pastor of the church and was responsible for the music ministry. In 2004, I transitioned New Song Arts to a successor and started a marketing and creative agency, Fifteen4.com, and that has been my full-time gig ever since. In 2005, Mary and I moved with our two boys into a home in the Ten Hills neighborhood, right around the corner from St. B's. Little did we know...

Feeling that God was on the move (again) in our lives, in 2018 we left New Song and I resigned as Associate Pastor. I petitioned my Presbytery (think Diocese) to divest me of my ordination with them and was released from that call a couple of months ago in a very amicable manner. (Why we left our socially, politically, and theologically conservative denomination is another story we'll happily tell over coffee—or whisky.)

Having grown up in the church (watch out—we're both pastor's kids), Mary and I are most comfortable when we're fully engaged with a local body of Christ. During the last couple of years we've had the opportunity to repent of "trying to do too much" and have found St. B's to be a wonderful, welcoming place to begin to decompress, listen to God, and learn from you folks what it means to apply the Gospel to our lives in new and exciting ways. At Pastor Flo's initial encouragement to "take it slow," I'm now very honored to have been asked to serve as part of the Vestry and feel ready to get to work should you elect me.

How great is it that we landed at St. Bartholomew's a couple of years ago: wonderfully diverse in so many ways, with a compassionate set of smart leaders, and just a 4-minute walk from our front door? As Pastor Flo might say, "Pretty cool, huh?" We are so blessed to be a part of you and will endeavor to humbly learn and carefully listen for ways we can help advance the mission.

Other biographical info: our two boys are both married and live in Chattanooga, TN. They've given us three wonderful grandkids and we get down to see them as often as we can. My business is in its 17th year and survived 2020 (barely). Thankfully, things seem to be back on track in 2021.

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Great Commission

from Luke 24:36-53.



Easter 3

Jesus sends us to spread the good news!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Moses
- Witnesses
- The psalms
- Jerusalem

The Great Commission is one of the most important stories in the New Testament. It appears in all four gospels. The most commonly cited version is in Matthew 28:16-20. Read the two accounts. How many differences can you find? If you're wondering why there are only 11 disciples instead of 12, it's because Judas was not around after the crucifixion and Matthias had not yet been chosen to join the disciples.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 496-497

Spark Bible pages 1168-1169

Family Prayer

Dear God, you call us out into the world around us. When we want to stay within ourselves, you ask us to go out and share the good news with all. Help us rejoice in Jesus' love not only for ourselves, but for the world around us. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Why do you think the disciples gave Jesus some fish to eat?
- 2 Why do you think Jesus talked about Moses and the psalms? What other time does Jesus talk about Moses?
- 3 Some of the disciples traveled all over the world to spread the good news. Where would you travel to spread the gospel?
- 4 Jesus told the disciples that they were "witnesses of these things." What do you think Jesus meant by that? What were they witnesses to?



Eye Spark

After the Great Commission, Jesus ascended into heaven. The next time you see the sun's rays breaking through clouds, remember how Jesus ascended into heaven.



Ear Spark

Jesus greeted the disciples by saying "Peace be with you." The next time you hear the word *peace* remember that some cultures use this word as a greeting.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Does your church support missionaries or volunteers who are serving abroad? Talk to your pastor and see if your family can write them a letter of support.

For younger kids

Jesus showed the disciples the wounds on his hands and feet to prove that it was really him. If someone didn't believe that you were who you said you were, how would you prove it to them?

For older kids

The apostle Paul traveled all over the world to spread the good news. You can see where he traveled on M14-15 in the back of your Spark Bible. Can you figure out which modern-day countries he visited during his travels?

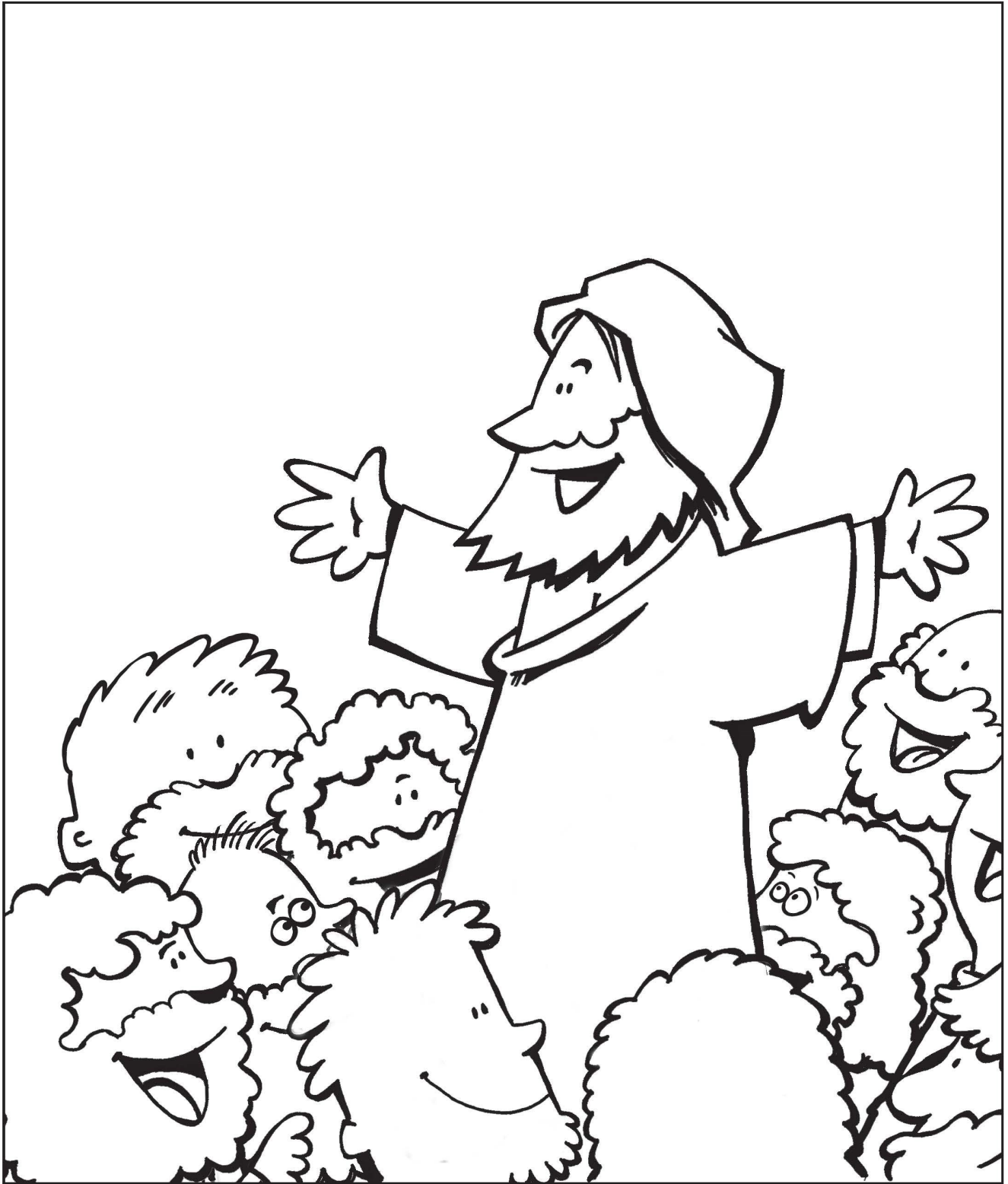


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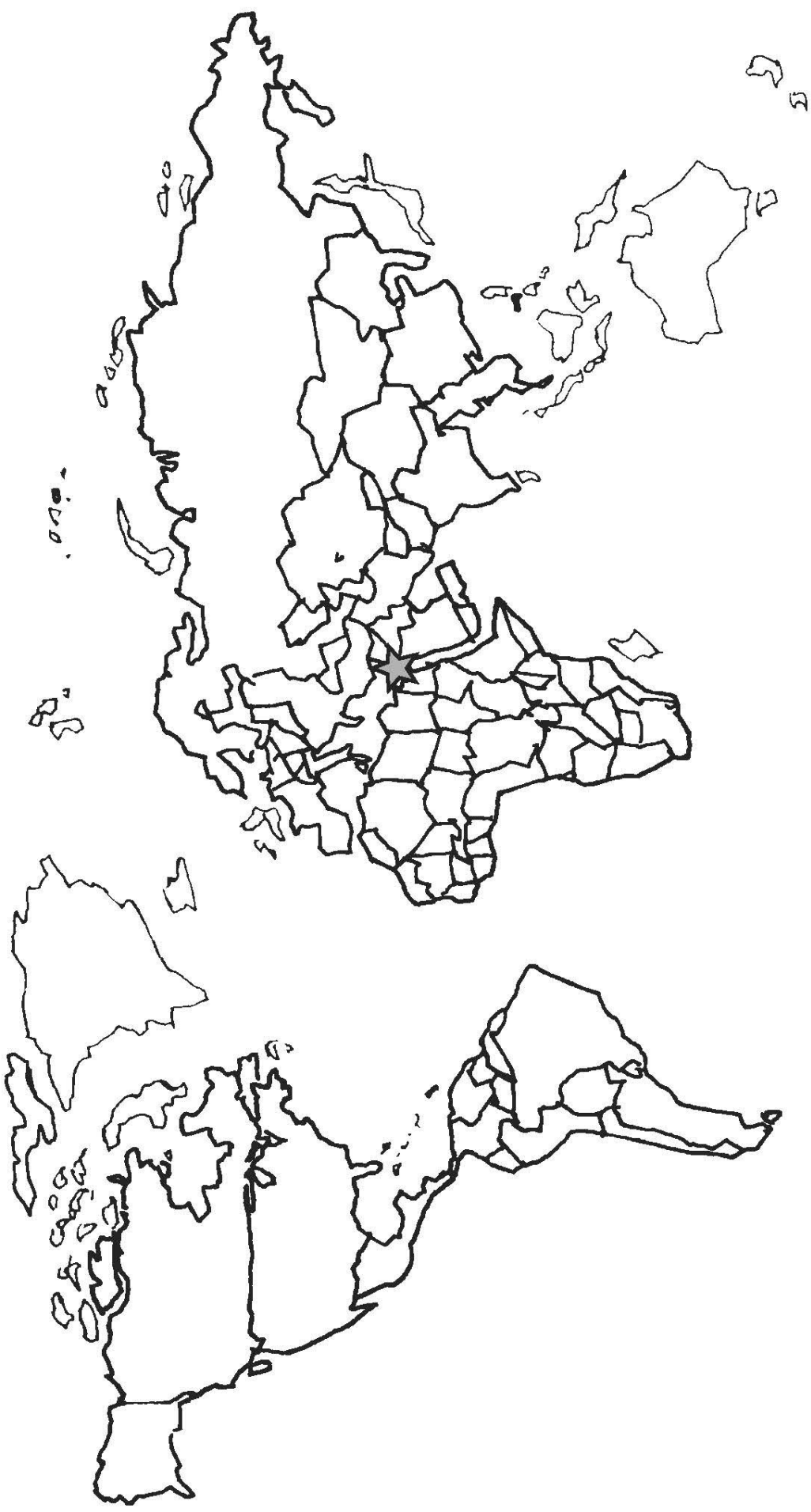
The Great Commission



Jesus told the disciples, “Go everywhere in the world and teach people about me. And remember, I will always be with you!”

Spread the Good News

The disciples spread the Good News about Jesus to many people in many places. Today there are Christians all around the world! Look at the star in Jerusalem. Put a star where you live. Then connect the stars. Look how far the Good News traveled! Then color in the rest of the world.



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