ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021 8:00 and 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

+8:00 am *10:30 am

*If you are onsite, we may sing — at least some of our music (the ones so noted in the bulletin). If we cannot, it is because there will be people moving about — but our 4 choir members will delight us with their voices. However, as always, if you are elsewhere, please sing robustly!

*Prelude Toccata for the elevation Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Bill Richards, organist

Welcome The Reverend Florence Ledyard

*Opening Hymn (all may sing) On this day, the first of days page 10

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the

nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Lesson Isaiah 53:4-12 read by Laura Brady at 8:00 am and by Keith Haynie, Sr. at 10:30 am

Surely God's servant has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:9-16 (all may chant)

Garrett S-244



Because you have made the / LORD your / refuge, * and the Most / High your / habi- / tation,

There shall no evil / happen • to / you, * neither shall any / plague come / near your / dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge / over / you, * to / keep you • in / all your / ways.

They shall bear you / in their / hands, * lest you dash your / foot a- / gainst a / stone.

You shall tread upon the / lion and / adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the / serpent / under • your / feet.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de-/liver/him; * I will protect him, be-/cause he/knows my/Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will / answer / him; * I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue / him and / bring • him to / honor.

With long life will I / satis • fy / him, * and / show him / my sal- / vation.

The Epistle

Hebrews 5:1-10, read by Wendy Farthing at 8:00 am and by Henry Pound at 10:30 am

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up

prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

*The Children's Word

Children age 3 through grade 5 may follow the teachers out at this time to gather in the Undercroft; they will return at the Peace to rejoin their families. Children at home may join us on Zoom. Kangaroos (age 3—grade 2) meet in the Rector's Office; Elephants (grades 3—5) meet in the Copier Room. Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.

*Sequence Hymn (sung by the choir only) O Christ, the Word Incarnate

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:35-45, read by The Reverend Neva Brown

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Neva Brown

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.

Led by Brigit Molony at 8:00 am and by Margaret Engvall at 10:30 am

Intercessor Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever

wishes to be first among you must be servant of all." As members of the household of God and

fellow servants of Christ, let us pray together.

Almighty God, give your Church to works of mercy; give us hearts to serve; give us the courage

to follow Jesus. Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People Hallelujah!

Intercessor Almighty God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant to the peoples

of the world peace and freedom. Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People Hallelujah!

Intercessor O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of

your creatures. We are in awe of your greatness. Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People Hallelujah!

Intercessor For the abundance you have bestowed upon us, we give thanks, remembering . Bless the

Lord, O my soul;

People Hallelujah!

Intercessor Jesus, you call us to service: We thank you for the ministries in our various communities with

which any of us work closely. We pray you bless them; bless all those who benefit from their

generosity; and bless our common mission. Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People Hallelujah!

Intercessor Jesus, our great high priest, you know our weakness and our suffering: bless and heal all those in

need, remembering ____. Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People Hallelujah!

Intercessor O God, you alone are able to save us from eternal death: grant us, and all those we love but see

no longer, eternal salvation through your Son, remembering . Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People Hallelujah!

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 Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our

lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we

may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

Enriching Our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant Christ be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. Peoble

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

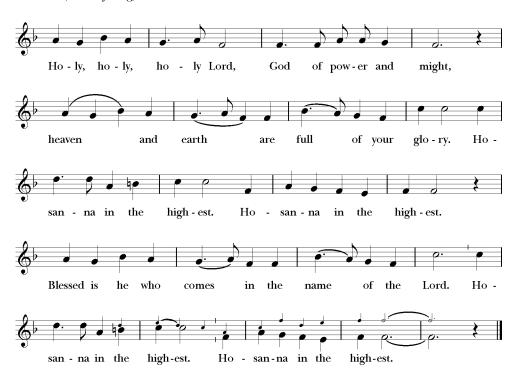
Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing [say] with joy:

+Sanctus and Benedictus

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.

+Sanctus and Benedictus (all may sing)

Hymnal S-125



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Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Bartholomew, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. 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!

At 8:00 am:

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

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.

Blessing

The Commissioning, please face the open door

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!

At 10:30 am:

It took time to develop. The Last Supper eventually became what we know now as Holy Communion which we celebrate on Sunday.

But it took time to develop. The earliest reference we have is from Justin Martyr around 150 AD.

In the meantime, the early Christian community nevertheless gathered to share an Agape Meal in remembrance of the Last Supper.

It was a time for the faithful to break some bread and share some wine to remember Jesus.

But it also was a chance to remember the love of God, the love within the faith community and the love to be expressed to the world.

Agape is Greek for Love Feast.

Every Sunday at St. B's we offer the sacrament of Holy Communion for those on site as well as the Agape Meal for those off site. And occasionally we provide "Take Out @ St. B's" for people to stop by and pick up a consecrated communion kit to enjoy once or twice a month on Zoom. Each meal is unique but each gives us the chance to share a meal and to be "in communion" with Jesus and one another no matter where we are!

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.

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.

Communion Hymn (sung by the choir only)

Jesu, Jesu

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Closing Hymn (all may sing)

Lord, whose love through humble service

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Blessing

Postlude, please be seated

Grand Jeu

Pierre DuMage (1676-1751)

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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!

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

Lucy Marshall; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Mary Warfield; Jim Wright; Phoenix DeVale; Dana Przybyszewski; Melody Pitts; Cathy Brookman; Brad Schlegel; Margaret Schotto; Kate Henshall; Celeste Thurston; Peter Lee; Irene Hardy; Bonnie Kutch; Connie Lee; Bates Churchill; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Carole Novian; Tijon Cox and family; 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; Kyle Yoder; Barry and Peggy McCormick; Cathy Cain; Lynne Cain; Joan Clinton; Denise Kirkley-Cain; Dan Barr; James Cooper; Pamela Stanton; Ricky Walston; Mary Warren; Diane McPhillips; Alison Jones; Williams and Kim Williams; Matt P. and family; Roland Daniels; Angie Arellano; Susan Clarke; Glenn Wightman; Yana Anderson; Kirk; Camille Gustis; Sue Fralic; Michele Mueller; Diane Allen; Andrea Barnard; Amanda Sanders, Darren and Ingrid; Barbara and Danny Honaker; Richard; Terry McIntosh; Art Smith; Jane Jeffrey; Bernard Keels; Nancy Maziarcyk; Young Sam; Sherry; Marion Edmonds; Natalie Conway; Suzanne Zaremba; Roch Kubatko; 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.

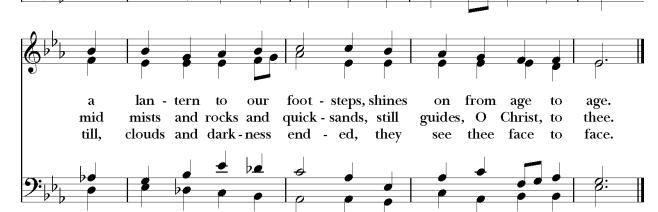


6 God, the blessed Three in One, dwell within my heart alone; thou dost give thyself to me: help me give myself to thee.

Words: Latin; tr. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: Gott sei Dank, melody from Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry

Havergal (1793-1870), alt.



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: Munich, melody from Neu-vermehrtes und

Munich, melody from Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)



Words: William Henry Hammond Jervois (1852-1905)

Music: Lobet den Herren, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. Friedrich Layriz (1808-1859)



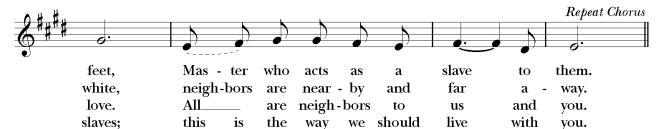




- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
- 2 Neigh-bors are rich___ and poor,
- 3 These are the ones we should serve,
- 4 Lov ing puts us on our knees,

si - lent - ly wash - es their neigh-bors are black____ and

these are the ones we should serv - ing as though we were



Words: Ghanian; tr. Thomas Colvin (b. 1925), alt.

Music: Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu], Ghanaian folk song, adapt. Thomas Colvin (b. 1925)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning October 17, 2021



Sunday

We worship at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Both services take place in the Church. Please wear a mask and practice compassionate distancing. You can also join us for worship at 10:30 am on "Zoom."

Glorius Sullivan, Chairman of the 40 West Assistance and Referral Center, Inc., will be in the Undercroft to welcome you to tour the newly renovated 40 West offices after both the 8:00 and 10:30 am services today.

On Sunday mornings, children ages 3 to grade 5 are invited to participate in **Children's Word.** During the Sequence Hymn, children follow their teachers to the Undercroft. Children at home may join us on Zoom. Kangaroos (age 3—grade 2) meet in the Rector's Office; Elephants (grades 3—5) meet in the Copier Room. The <u>Kangaroo Zoom link is here</u>. And the <u>Elephant Zoom link is here</u>. Newcomers, friends, and parents are welcome to come along.

At 1:30 pm, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, led by Pastor Alex Stone, worships in the Church and on Zoom.

D-Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. We'll be meeting outdoors at the Youth House as long as the weather is nice. And we'll meet on Zoom when we can't be outside. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com). Come for fun, fellowship, and faith — and bring 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 (<u>mcaldwell@stbs-md.org</u>).

Monday

At 3:30 pm, a 40 West group meets on Zoom.

Episcopal 102 (Scripture) 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, or email Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) for the Zoom link.

Tuesday

The 40 West Assistance and Referral Center hosts the Maryland Food Bank "Pantry On The Go" Food Drop on the Parking Lot at 8:30 am.

Tuesday Noon Zoom Bible Study led by Chuck Sullivan and Thelma Smullen meets from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm. The focus: From tribal confederacy to the nation of Israel with Samuel, Saul, and of course, the great King David (1 and 2 Samuel).

At 6:15 pm, the **Vestry** meets. Everyone is welcome, as always. If you would like to come, please contact Maggie Caldwell (<u>mcaldwell@stbs-md.org</u>).

Outreach Committee Meeting: Calling all current members and new interested people! It's time to re-group and plan for the coming program year. We'll get updates and talk about our support of 40 West during the holidays, as well as discuss other upcoming needs. Join us on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 pm by Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83725680901). For questions or concerns ahead of the meeting, please contact Dave Mountain (davidjmountain@ieee.org) or Kim Flash (keflash7@gmail.com)

The main difference between growing and shrinking churches is the word "invite."

Why not invite a friend to St. B's next week?

(In the Church at 8:00 and 10:30 am and on Zoom at 10:30 am.)

Wednesday At 3:00 pm, a 40 West group meets on Zoom.

Episcopal 102 (Church) meets via Zoom on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. What does it mean to be an Episcopalian? If you are not an Episcopalian, this is a great opportunity to figure "us" out. If you are an Episcopalian, this is a great opportunity to remember why! Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact The Reverend Carol Burnside at shinyredtruck@msn.com or text/call at 410-440-7394, or email Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) for the Zoom link.

Youth in 6th grade through recent high school graduates are invited to join friends from around the Diocese at the **Weekly Online Gathering** on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Come for games, check-ins, prayers, and fellowship! Come for any or all! We're at https://bit.ly/episcotime.

Also at 7:00 pm, a Sankofa Circle meets on Zoom.

Thursday One Straw Farm CSA pick-up takes place in the Parish House Kitchen beginning at 4:00 pm.

The St. Bartholomew Choir (for older youth & adults) gathers at 7:30 pm — in the Bishop's Garden (weather permitting) or remotely. All are welcome! Please contact Ted Davis (ted@stbs-md.org) for more information.

Saturday The wedding of Adrienne Barnes and Keith Haynie, Sr. takes place in the Church at 2:00 pm.

Community Notes ...

Advent Is Coming...and YOU Need a Wreath! Advent begins on November 28 and St. B's is taking orders now for those who want one of the beautiful Corian® Advent wreaths handcrafted by Don DeVale (father of John DeVale). Because we will do a special lighting of the candles each week of Advent, you'll be able to follow along and join in at home on our Zoom services. What a wonderful way to celebrate the season! Wreaths are \$15 each and once we get them in, they can be picked up at the church. Limited supplies are available because each is handmade. Wreaths are beautiful "as is" or they can be decorated with holly, evergreens, etc. for a festive look. Please let us know if you are interested in a wreath by emailing Maggie Caldwell at mcaldwell@stbs-md.org.

We are grateful for all the **Pledges** made to St. B's. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may find pledge cards in the Tower Room. They are also available on our <u>website</u>. Or contact Maggie (<u>mcaldwell@stbs-md.org</u>) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message.

A quick look at events in the coming weeks \dots

- October 24 Faith Forum (for adults and older youth) gathers every other Sunday from 9:15 to 10:00 am on Zoom. This day our topic is "Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep," led by Nicete Moodie. Sometimes the arts help us to explore and see God in some new, fresh, and delightful ways. This book is a wonderful anthology of poetry by African Americans since 1945. Come listen and hear creative voices. Everyone is welcome!
- October 30 "Take Out @ St. B's" will be available between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. If you worship via Zoom and would like to be able to have Eucharist during worship on Sunday, October 31, on All Saints' Sunday (November 7), and on The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King (November 21), please feel free to stop by the Church, and, at the red back door, someone will be there to greet you and give you the communion kits you need.
- November 7 Daylight Saving Time ends. Remember to "Fall Back!"

On All Saints' Sunday we remember those departed during the past year. Anyone wishing to add the name of someone who died during the past year should contact the office no later than Wednesday, November 3.

This week's Bible story is

James and John

from Mark 10:35-45.

Jesus is near us at all times.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- James
- · John
- Jesus
- Right
- Left

When James and John ask for seats next to Jesus, they are asking for a place symbolizing special dignity. But Jesus loves everyone - he doesn't "reward" people with special honors.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 336-337

Spark Bible page 1114

Family Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for always being near us and loving us no matter what. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

How does your family show love?

2 How do you know Jesus is always with you?

If you were one of the disciples and you heard James and John ask for a special place in heaven, how would you feel? Why?

4 Talk about a time when you let someone go first. What that easy or hard? Why? How did it make you feel?

Eye Spark

When you see a letter "J" this week, think of this story with Jesus, James, and John and make the shape of a letter J with your hands.

(W) Ear Spark

Next time your hear the word "disciple," say the words, "Follow Jesus!" Disciples are people who follow Jesus.

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For families to do together

Make a simple reminder – something that regularly reminds you Jesus is with you.
What symbol(s) could you use? Where could you put it so that everyone might see it? Keep it simple: post a few sticky notes, use some colored stickers, or dig out an old bracelet. Have fun with it!

For younger kids

Invite someone who may be feeling stressed or sad to dinner. In your grace, pray for them and end with the words," help us to know you are always with us, Jesus."

For older kids

Many people have a cross in their home to remind them of Jesus' presence. Look online for different images of crosses. What different shapes and styles are there? Show someone the simplest one and most elaborate one you discover.



James and John



James and John had something to ask Jesus.

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