



The Scroll

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Reflections from the Priest in Charge:

I love the great 50-days of Easter, also known as Eastertide and Paschaltide, that begins on Easter Day and continues through the Day of Pentecost. We get to exchange the self-denial of Lent for fifty days of feasting!

Why fifty days? After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended into heaven, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.

Luke tells us in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus “presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” Then in chapter two, we find the followers of Jesus gathered for the Day of Pentecost, which means “fifty.” It happened during the Hebrew feast of Shavuot, which is why the followers of Jesus were gathering. The Hebrew festival was originally a harvest first-fruits celebration, and later it had evolved into a commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

So, the Great Fifty Days are a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

Like Lent, Eastertide is often a time to take on a spiritual practice. My plan for this year’s Eastertide is to try to start each day with journaling as a focus on 50 days of gratitude. I hope it will be a way to give thanks for the many ways that I see God’s blessings around me.

One thing that I need to remind myself of is that my journaling goal is just an attempt, and regardless of how successful I am, this will be a “guilt-free” exercise. I do believe my journaling will be an opportunity for spiritual growth. I also recognize that trying to build new practices into my life is often easier said than done. I am great at beginnings, but not always so great at following through. Regardless of the results, though, I know that doing my best to take time each day to intentionally give thanks to God will be joy-filled. God knows the intentions of my heart.

How might the Spirit be nudging you this Eastertide? Is there a spiritual practice you might want to explore during this time? Consider taking a daily outdoor walk or some porch time to enjoy the gifts of nature or gather for coffee with spiritual friends. There is so much to give thanks for as we celebrate the gift of Eastertide.

Blessings!

Joseph+



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From Your Senior Warden

My mother used to say that growing old wasn't for sissies...which is true...but I have also decided that being a Christian isn't for sissies. It is a hard job and takes a lot of work! We are faced with so many challenges, financial, relationships, children, grandchildren, jobs, retirement, aging, and death that sometimes it is hard to be a Christian. Just for some examples, the foremost message, love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:30) is not always easy, sometimes we don't love ourselves let alone that person who is different than us or who is an obnoxious human being. Turn the other cheek (Matt. 5:38) is especially hard to do when you know you have been wronged. When doubt and fear looms, we feel so unsure and lost and often ask "why me". We need to ask for help. Matt. 9:24 "help me overcome my unbelief".

As a Christian, we first need to look inward to see what we need to do for ourselves with all our faults, to accept that we are only human, will never be perfect, but can do our best. Secondly, we need to look outward to our fellow human beings to accept them with all their faults.

The Bible makes it clear that struggling is part of every believer's walk. Being a part of a church family can make that walk a little easier...reach out to those in need; but even more important, swallow your pride or whatever it is that holds you back and ask for help, prayers, or just a hug when needed.

There is always a place for you here!

Bobbie Quinn

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St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement

God has called us to be a diverse community where all may encounter God's love. God strengthens and nourishes us through the sacraments and speaks to us through scripture, tradition, and reason.

Our worship services are fully accessible in person and online, supported by a variety of music, good sermons, and relevant teaching. We provide a unique mix of the traditional and contemporary in both music and liturgy.

We strive, with God's help, to serve all who hunger for the unconditional love of Jesus Christ, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

All have a place here.

- *St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement Adopted by the Mission Committee on May 21, 2023*

Beloved,

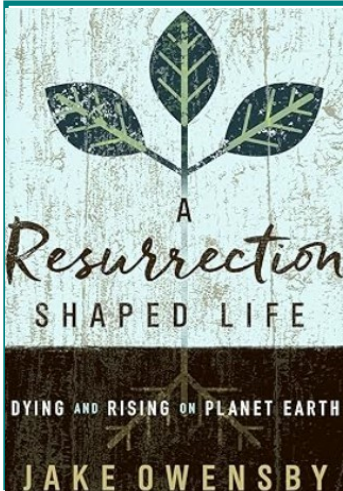
Prepare to experience a deeper dimension of the wonder and majesty of Easter this year. *This is probably my favorite service of the church year.*

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER is, in a nutshell, the most symbolic, meaningful, personal, and experiential service of the church. It is both incredibly powerful and deeply spiritual as the liturgy recounts and demonstrates how we move from the Passion and death of Jesus Christ to his Resurrection.

At St. Bart's, weather permitting, The Great Vigil is held outdoors in its entirety in our Columbarium/Memorial Garden area. The Vigil begins at 8:00 PM (after sundown) as we move from Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday. Our abbreviated version of this timeless celebration begins with a "Service of light." The flames of a carefully laid fire pierce the darkness with the lighting of the "new fire" which is used to then light the Paschal candle, representing the risen Christ. This "Light to the World" is then carried into the assembly in solemn procession. The service of light concludes with the most glorious of all chants, the Exsultet, which explains the whole story of salvation. We then move into the Liturgy of the Word with stories from the Old Testament. This is the night when the Church around the world welcomes the newest members to God's family and renews our own baptismal vows. It is also when we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter and where we will once again joyfully acclaim: "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" The Great Vigil of Easter embodies the full meaning behind our celebration of the next day. **Come and See!**

*"This is the night, when all who believe in Christ
are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life!"*

Deacon Pam Crossley



Join us for a transformative journey this Easter Season as we explore the depths of resurrection faith and how it can shape our lives. Our Adult Sunday School class, led by Fr. Joseph, will delve into the themes of hope, renewal, and transformation that the resurrection of Jesus Christ brings into our lives and our world. While not a book study, the teachings will be enriched by insights from *A Resurrection Shaped Life* by Jake Owensby. **This series will run from Sunday, April 7, 2024, through May 12, 2024, meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Building.** Whether you are seeking to deepen your faith, or understand the power of resurrection in new ways, we hope that this class will be a source of inspiration and spiritual growth. All are welcome to join us in this journey of faith, hope, and love.

For more information, contact Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org or 478-719-9670.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER LINDA – CENTERING PRAYER

*There is a polish for everything.
And the polish for the heart
is the remembrance of God.*
Rumi

*We must be still and still moving
into another intensity
for a further union,
a deeper communion.*
T S Eliot

On Sunday, March 3rd, the Centering Prayer group used the poetry of T S Eliot and Rumi as the "bookends" for our 20 minutes of silent meditation. In the Christian Wisdom tradition, the heart is the deepest part of our being, the place of the Divine indwelling. Centering Prayer polishes our hearts, removing barriers so that we may quietly rest in deep communion with God.

We meet in the Thompson Building from 9:00 – 9:45 on Sunday mornings. If you would like to learn Centering Prayer, please arrive at 8:50 or email Sr. Linda at lindaelston@comcast.net.





Brown Bag Ministry

Below is a list of items needed to fill bags for May.. Please Bring Donations no later than Sunday, May 19th



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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 - Cans Vegetables | 2 - Evaporated Milk |
| 2 - Boxes Mac & Cheese | 1 - Box Rice |
| 1 - Lemonade Mix | 1 - Peanut Butter |
| 2 - Rolls Toilet Paper | 1 - Jelly |



Saint Bartholomew's
North Augusta, SC

Many thanks to everyone that has contributed to the Brown Bag Ministry. The residents of The Ledges really appreciate everything.

For more information contact Dino Pierucci via text (803) 634-0805

The Kay Bryden Brown Bag Committee wants to encourage the personalization of the donations by adding a note in each bag with a place for those donating the bags to sign with their first name. We have put a card into each empty brown bag for you to sign, or you can add your own card.

If you want to contribute financially, we suggest a donation of \$20.... OR.... if you are not able to donate a full bag, bring what you can; and we will add anything else that is needed. We greatly appreciate your participation in this ministry!

2024 SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S WEEKEND - Aug 16, 17, & 18



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COMING SOON — SAVE THE DATE

We have reserved 50 Tickets @ \$12/each * for Saturday Aug 17th Ballgame between the Greenjackets & the WoodPeckers

This is also a Fireworks night

*(includes \$2 coupon off concessions)



A special thanks to EVERYONE who made this year's Lenten Fish Fry a success. We grossed a total of \$2,288 because of YOUR Participation!!!!

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

“The worship offering is a pure gift to God in thankfulness for what we have already received. It should therefore be an exciting and major part of the worship service.” Lynn A. Miller, author

Year to Date receipts through February, 2024:

	OPERATING FUND		Difference
	Actual	Need	
Pledge	\$ 54,512.16	\$ 44,210.39	\$ 10,301.77
Other	\$ 3,458.96	\$ 1,644.91	\$ 1,814.05
TOTAL	\$ 57,971.12	\$ 45,855.30	\$ 12,115.82

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If you are a member who has not pledged, please consider doing so. Just contact the church office, get a pledge card, and drop it in the offering plate. Pledges are welcome at any time during the year.



A Wish and a Prayer

When you wish upon a birthday candle, God hears it as a prayer. These dreams of your heart ascend to His heart, where they ignite in hope. Hope for happy days ahead, for making more good memories. Hope for loved ones coming together, sharing

smiles and stories and hugs. For reasons to celebrate – big and small – and for joy upon joy. Each candle, like each year of your life, represents God’s faithful care for you. He is always working things together for your good, bringing you more grace, making your hopes and dreams come true.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michael Whitaker
- 1 Cindy Mayberry
- 4 Jayce Raymond Dollar Jones
- 6 Kathy Langston
- 11 Jodie Holodak
- 12 Meredith Holodak
- 14 Sharon Terry
- 17 Judy James
- 18 John Good
- 21 Alex Thirkell
- 29 Aubree Jones
- 29 Michael Shippen



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Lawrence & Kathy Langston
- 9 Joey & Sandy Zeller

Pastoral Emergencies

All pastoral concerns including: hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, child concerns, or relationship issues may go directly to Father Joseph via his secured email at priest@saintbart.org or by phone at 803-279-4622.

All concerns will be held in the strictest of confidence.



The school year is almost over and I would like to thank each of you for your prayers, contributions, commitment and generosity to LBC Middle School staff and students. THANK YOU! We are really providing

HOPE...Helping Others Prepare to Excel.

Looking Forward

Anyone who adopted a staff member will continue to reach out to them monthly through May. Ideas include gifting a favorite drink or candy, a desk-top plant, a card specifying how you addressed their prayer requests, note pads, a gift card to a coffee

shop or restaurant or any other clever idea. You can celebrate their half or belated or current birthday. (Marcia Godfrey or Barb McCall were teachers and could help you with ideas.) **There is a box in the Narthex to place gifts for delivery to LBC.**

** Wednesday, March 27th from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

We will host an Ice Cream Social for the LBC Middle School students who met or exceeded their MAPP goals. (MAPP is a very important test, I'm sure!)

We will need **10 volunteers** to help set up tables and supplies, provide students toppings for their bowls of ice cream and then clean up. This will be very much like the Hot Chocolate Party we hosted late last year.

** **Friday, April 19th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** We need **4 volunteers** to judge the LBC Middle School Talent Show!

Sign up sheets for both events are in the Narthex or call Julie Bush 336-602-6754

It takes the entire ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S Village to provide this yearly support for our LBC family. If you would like to get more involved, visit the school or even become a mentor, please contact Julie Bush

EpiscoPals Lunch

*The EpiscoPals is a monthly luncheon gathering for Adults 50+. It is a fun, relaxed time of fellowship and to eat good food! We meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month in a different location. On April 18, 2024 we will gather at **Rockin' Crab at 2807 Washington Rd, Augusta at 11:30.** Please sign up with Phone Number in the Narthex.*

*For more information contact Mike Osteen at **803-315-3549***

Hope to see you there



ST. BART'S TEAM AT THE MASTER'S TABLE

We will be serving at the Master's Table on the **Second Monday of each month**.

This month, April 8th for both Food Prep starting at **8:30 am** and Dining Servers that ends at 12:30 pm

BLT (BAZAAR CRAFTERS) - will meet on April 16th

The BLT's meet on the **Third Tuesdays at 10:00 AM** in the BLT room on the bottom floor of the David Thompson Ministry Center (Admin Bldg) at the top of the hill. All adults are invited to join for fellowship and craft-making followed by lunch. Crafts will be sold during the Holiday Bazaar and the funds raised from this ministry support local missions.



ALTAR
FLOWERS

We invite you to purchase altar flowers in *Loving Memory of* or in *Thanksgiving of*, by signing up for a Sunday in the Flower Book, located in the Narthex. or by contacting Janice at admin@saintbart.org.

The cost is \$45 and may be paid by cash or check, earmarked "altar flowers" in the Sunday collection, or by text-to-give:

Text SAINTBART Flowers \$45 to 73256 using your text messaging. Standard rates do apply.

Centering Prayer

Workshop & Weekly Group

Kick-Off Workshop
Friday, May 3
10am to 11am

The Convent of Saint Helena – Episcopal

Weekly Centering Prayer Group
Friday Mornings

- ✓ 10am Centering Prayer in the Chapel
- ✓ 10:30am Coffee/Tea in the Refectory
- ✓ All are welcome!



Sister Linda will lead the group in centering prayer, which has been an anchor in her life over the last 25 years. Her lived experience and passion for centering prayer make her an ideal guide for the group.



Kevin Sharpe is a teacher of Christian spirituality and will facilitate a variety of bi-monthly centering prayer workshops to help us deepen and commit to a vibrant centering prayer practice.

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SAVE THE DATE

MAY 19

CHURCH PICNIC IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE 10AM SERVICE ON
THE BACK LAWN

HAMBURGERS AND
DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED.
BRING A SIDE DISH
TO SHARE!



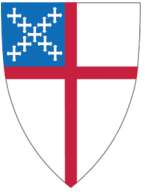
MUSIC BY SIMPLE GIFTS

Save the Date!

To celebrate Pentecost Sunday and welcome in summer, we will be having our church picnic on the back lawn on May 19th immediately following the 10:00 am service.

Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs and a side dish to share.

Come and enjoy the sun, lawn games, and enjoy music provided by Simple Gifts!



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Impacting lives through love, acceptance, and service

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. *Sunday School*

10:00 A.M. *Holy Eucharist Rite II*

10:00 A.M. *Live Streaming to Facebook & YouTube*

11:00 A.M. *Coffee Hour in Parish Hall*

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Any suggestions? Submit to same.