

Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist

Sundays 9am – 10am

Holy Communion combining traditional and modern worship, filled with music & prayer



Taizé Service

Tuesdays 7pm – 7.30pm

Meditative music and silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church



Spirituality Group

Wednesdays 11am – 12noon

A discussion group, where each week a chapter from a book is read & discussed



Meditation Group

Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

A bilingual meditation group, focusing on peace and serenity - newcomers welcome



Morning Prayer

Fridays 8.30am – 9am

A spiritual way to start the morning, with time for your own private prayers

AA Group: Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. For more information call: 0690 65 61 22 or 0690 54 17 99.

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Third Sunday of Advent 11th December 2016

Dear Friends,

The Third Sunday of Advent is often called Gaudete Sunday – also known as the 'Sunday of Joy'. We should allow ourselves a little time for joy this week, rather than fretting over all the things we still have to do before Christmas, knowing that the Lord is coming and that He will bring both joy and peace into our lives!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Father Rawlins from his church Ss Simon & Jude in Phillipsburg, St Maarten. Following Father Charlie's resignation, Father Rawlins is our new Priest-in-Charge and he will minister to our community in conjunction with our visiting Priests-in-Residence. Please offer him a warm island welcome.

With blessings

Philip

Donations:

We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – both resident and visitors alike.

Please consider making a donation to keep our Church open and to ensure that we can continue to grow spiritually, as well as offer a professional music ministry and maintain all our fine buildings.

You may wish to discuss with one of our church leadership about how you can most effectively help.

You can donate via our US Charitable Foundation, which is tax deductible for US citizens, and you may also donate online by visiting our website.

Today's Hymns

Processional: Kum Ba Yah #289

Gradual: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #358 (vs 1,2,3&5)

Post Communion: Break Bread; Bind us Together #60

Recessional: Give me Joy in my Heart #153

Mailing List: *If you are new to our Church & would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a visitor card & place it (or your business card) in one of the collection baskets or boxes at the rear.*

The Book of Isaiah – Ch 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Letter of Saint James – Ch 5

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel according to Matthew – Ch 11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?"

"What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

"What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

"This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. "

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

ALL We lift them up unto to the Lord.

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL: 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.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious Father, all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts, and we ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who offered Himself in obedience to your will, the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

On the night He was betrayed, He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said:

"Take this and eat it: 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation; his glorious resurrection and ascension; his continual intercession for us in heaven; and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, in thanksgiving, this holy and life-giving sacrifice. Look with favour on your Church's offering, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may be filled with your Holy Spirit and become one body in Christ, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace. May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us, in communion with the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew and the whole company of heaven, to share in the inheritance of your saints.

With Him, and in Him, and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

(Continuing with the Lord's Prayer on Page 7 of the Booklet)