

Sunday 24th August, 2025: St Bartholomew the Apostle

President: The Revd Jane Walker

Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

FIRST HYMN:

God of saints, to whom the number of the starry host is known:
many saints by earth forgotten live for ever round your throne.
In the roll of your apostles stands the name Bartholomew,
for this faithful saint we offer, year by year, our thanks to you.


To St John, he is Nathaniel, honest witness, Philip's friend;
Recognised as true by Jesus, his to teach and his to send.
He who met his risen Saviour on the shore of Galilee;
He to whom the word was spoken, "Greater things you yet shall see".

All his faith, and prayer, and patience, all his toiling, and his strife,
all are veiled from us, but written in the Lamb's great book of life.
There are named the blessed faithful of the new Jerusalem.
When Christ comes again in glory, number us, we pray, with them.

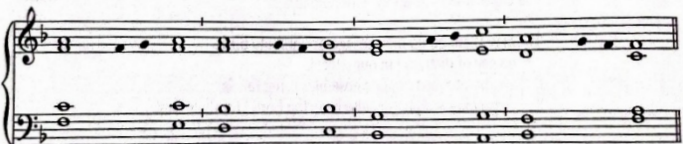
FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:8-13

PSALM 145

Response
cf. vs. 1, 2 I will bless you and praise you for e-ver, O God my King.



Verse



Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; //his greatness is beyond all searching out.
One generation shall praise your works to another// and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
They shall speak of your marvellous acts, //and I will also tell of your greatness.
They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

SECOND READING Acts 5.12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles.
And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them,
but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to
the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick
into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall
on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the
towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and
they were all cured.

GOSPEL HYMN

Not just by far-famed deeds alone God's Kingdom comes to birth;
The memory of countless saints has perished from the earth.

Peter and John and James and Paul have left a mighty fame;
Another of their company is nothing but a name.

Yet unto him no less the call and gallant course to run;
His too to know at journey's end the Master's will be done.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 22.24-30

OFFERTORY HYMN: 420

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:

look upon us with your favour

**that we who follow the path of your will, may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN: 225

Notices and Information for this week. Please take this sheet home with you.

Monday August 25 th	1930 Eucharist
Thursday August 28 th	1930 Eucharist
Saturday August 30 th	1000 Foodbank
Sunday August 31 st	1000 Sung Eucharist

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Saints of God, to Jesu's people
Age to age your glory tell;
In His Name for us you laboured,
Now in life eternal dwell.
Twelve poor men, by Christ anointed,
Braved the rich, the wise, the great,
All the world counts dear rejecting,
Rapt in their apostolate.
Thus the earth their death-wounds purchased,
Hallowed by the blood therefrom,
On her bosom bore the nations,
Laved, illumined - Christendom.
On this feast, almighty Father,
May we praise Thee with the Son,
Evermore His love confessing,
Who from Both with Both is One.



Athelstan Riley