

The Order of Vespers

for the Festival of St. Bartholomew (August 24)

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Hymn

TLH #432 – *In Hope My Soul Redeemed to Bliss Unending*

Stand

Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

Psalm 104

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (*Antiphon*) Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

You cover yourself with light as with a garment,

you stretch out the heavens like a curtain,

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters, you make the
clouds your chariot,

you walk upon the wings of the wind,

You make your angels spirits,

your ministers a flaming fire,

You set the earth on its foundations

that it should never be moved.

You covered it with the deep as with a garment.

The waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they fled.

At the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

The mountains went up. The valleys sank down

to the place which you established for them.

You set a boundary that the waters may not pass over

so that they do not turn back to cover the earth.

You send streams into the valleys,

which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field.

The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

Beside them the birds of the heaven dwell

and sing among the branches.

You water the hills from your chambers.

The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle

**and the herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth
food out of the earth,**

And wine that makes glad the heart of man,

**oil to cause his face to shine, and bread which strengthens
man's heart.**

The trees of the LORD are full of sap,

the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted.

There the birds make their nests.

As for the stork, the fir-trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats,

and the rocks for the conies.

He appoints the moon for seasons.

The sun knows his going down.

You make darkness, and it is night,

when all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey

and seek their food from God.

The sun rises, and they withdraw

and lie down in their dens.

Man goes forth to his work

and to his labor until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made
them all.

The earth is full of your riches,

like the sea, great and wide, where moving things dwell without
number,

living things, the small with the great.

There go the ships.

There is leviathan which you made to play therein.

These all wait upon you

to give them their food in due season.

They gather in what you give them.

You open your hand, and they are filled with good.

You hide your face, and they are troubled.

**You take away their breath, and they die and return to their
dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created.

And you renew the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure forever.

The LORD shall rejoice in his works.

He looks at the earth, and it trembles.

He touches the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live.

I will sing praise to my God as long as I am.

Let my speech be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,

and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD.

Glory | be to the Father, and to | the Son, *

and to the Holy | Ghost;

as it | was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *

world without end. A- | men.

P (*Antiphon*) Bless the LORD, O my soul.

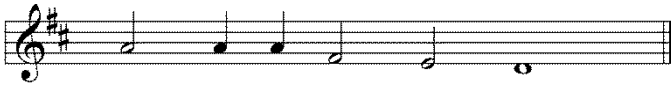
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First Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

After each Lesson:

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



R Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Luke 22:24-30

Hymn

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St. Bartholomew (referred to by St. John as Nathanael), one of the twelve apostles, was from Cana in Galilee. He was one of the early disciples of Jesus, invited by Philip to come and see “the one of whom Moses and the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth” (Jn. 1:45). At first skeptical because of Jesus’ home in Nazareth, Bartholomew was immediately convinced by Jesus’ word and made a bold confession of faith, “You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” (Jn. 1:49). According to some early Church Fathers, Bartholomew took the Gospel first to India, where he left them a copy of the Gospel according to St. Matthew; then to Armenia, where some say he was beheaded, while others claim he was skinned alive and then crucified upside down. Regardless of how he died, we celebrate St. Bartholomew’s day in thankfulness to God for the faithful witness of Bartholomew and of all who have served and suffered in the Office of the Holy Ministry so that the kingdom of Christ may be extended.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God, that we do not take our neighbor’s money or property, nor get them with deceitful products or dealings; but help him to improve and protect his property and livelihood.