

The Order of Vespers

for the Festival of St. Bartholomew (August 24)

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The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41

Hymn TLH #432 – *In Hope My Soul Redeemed to Bliss Unending*
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The Psalmody Psalm 54

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (*Antiphon*) Behold, God is my Helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my life.

Save me, O God, by your name,
and grant me justice by your strength.

Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors are after my life;

they have not set God before their eyes.

Behold, God is my Helper;
the Lord is with those who uphold my life.

He will repay my enemies with evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them!

I will offer you a willing sacrifice.
I will praise your name, O LORD; for it is good.

For he has delivered me out of all trouble,
and my eye has looked with triumph on my enemies.

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.

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Sit

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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The Sermon

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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.