

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle

The Collect:

Rite I:

O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love what he believed and to preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Rite II:

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-18

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm: Psalm 91 or 91:1-4

- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² He shall say to the Lord,
- "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust."
- ³ He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *

and from the deadly pestilence.

- ⁴ He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- ⁵ [You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- ⁶ Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- ⁷ A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, * but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold * to see the reward of the wicked.
- ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,
- There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
- ¹² They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- Because he is bound to me in love,therefore will I deliver him; *I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.]

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-15

⁹ For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. ¹⁰We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. ¹¹To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and

homeless, ¹² and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

¹⁴ I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Gospel: Luke 22:24-30

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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