

**Addresses  
for  
Morning and Evening Prayer**

**according to the  
1943 Lectionary  
of the  
USA 1928 Book of Common Prayer**

**Intended for use  
by Layreaders  
in the absence of a priest**

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**St. Bartholomew  
(August 24)**

St. Bartholomew August 24. Only Morning Prayer so far. Homily for Evening prayer will be written.

### Morning Prayer

**First Lesson: Gen 28:10-12, 16-17**

*Here beginneth the tenth verse of  
the twenty-eighth chapter of the Book of Genesis.*

10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

**16** And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Homily to be written**  
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**Second Lesson: John 1:43-51**

*Here beginneth the forty-third verse of the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.*

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Homily**

Jesus had just been baptized in the Jordan by John.  
 Andrew saw Him,  
 and came to him with his brother Peter  
 Jesus then went into Galilee,  
 there he met Philip and called Him  
 Philip brought his friend or relative Nathanael.  
 This is the man we know as Bartholomew,  
 or the son of Tolomai.  
 As St. John wrote:

*"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him,  
 We have found him, of whom Moses in the law,  
 and the prophets, did write,  
 Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.  
 And Nathanael said unto him,  
 Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?  
 Philip saith unto him, Come and see. "*

This is encouraging.  
 This man that was being called into Jesus' presence  
 was a man of very ordinary prejudices, like us.  
 Nazareth was a hick town.  
 You wouldn't expect much from there.  
 No one would have argued  
 with Nathanael Bartholomew,  
 but he was wrong.  
 Even wrong, he was willing to check it out.  
 Philip said, "Come and see," and he came, and  
 saw.

*Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him,  
 and saith of him,  
 Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!*

the LORD, so shall your seed and your name  
 remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new  
 moon to another, and from one sabbath to another,  
 shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the  
 LORD.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*  
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**Second Lesson: 1 Pet 5:1-11**

*Here beginneth the fifth chapter of the First Epis-  
 tle of St. Peter.*

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who  
 am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of  
 Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be  
 revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, tak-  
 ing the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but  
 willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;  
 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but  
 being examples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye  
 shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not  
 away.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto  
 the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another,  
 and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the  
 proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty  
 hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for  
 you.

## Evening Prayer

### **First Lesson: Isa 66:1-2, 18-23**

*Here beginneth the sixty-soixth chapter of the Prophet Isaiah.*

1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

18 For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

21 And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith

What you see is what you get.  
That could have been Nathanael's motto.  
Jesus could have been teasing him  
for his bluntness,  
but more likely was paying him  
a high compliment.  
"No guile" - no pretence - no slipperiness.

*Nathanael saith unto him,  
Whence knowest thou me?  
Jesus answered and said unto him,  
Before that Philip called thee,  
when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.  
Nathanael answered and saith unto him,  
Rabbi, thou art the Son of God;  
thou art the King of Israel.  
Jesus answered and said unto him,  
Because I said unto thee,  
I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou?  
thou shalt see greater things than these.*

A blunt man like Nathanael  
was not going to be convinced  
by an easily faked magic trick.  
Such demonstrations are the stock in trade  
of stage magicians doing it for entertainment,  
and also of charlatans and cult-builders.  
Obviously there was more to it,  
and obviously Jesus knew that.  
However it came about, however,  
the skeptic suddenly believed,  
and to the skeptic came a promise:

*And he saith unto him,  
Verily, verily, I say unto you,  
Hereafter ye shall see heaven open,  
and the angels of God  
ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*

We heard the story of Jacob's dream,  
of the ladder to heaven,  
and of the angels ascending and descending.  
Did the future Apostle sense some of that now?  
Did he already know these words to be true?  
It seems likely,  
for his reaction was so much like Jacob's,  
who awoke from his dream and said,

*"Surely the LORD is in this place;  
and I knew it not.  
... How dreadful is this place!  
this is none other but the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven."*

Nathanael became the Apostle, St. Bartholomew  
He is thought to have preached  
in India and Armenia,  
and to have died for his faith at Abanopolis  
on the shores of the Caspian Sea.  
He now dwells in the Holy Place,  
continually worshipping the Most High God,  
continually (as Tradition tells us)  
praying for us that labor here below.

Do we know anyone who is skeptical?  
Have we invited a skeptic to come and see?  
Philip did.

and the result was an Apostle,  
a preacher of Good News, a glorious martyr,  
an intercessor at God's throne.

Let us pray.

Lord, thou hast searched me out and hast known me.  
Thou knowest my every thought and deed,  
and thou hast called me to be thine own.  
Fill me with the certainty of thy presence.  
Lead me to follow thy steps.  
Use me to proclaim thy Good News  
to a lost generation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who died and rose for our salvation,  
and liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
one God, world without end. Amen.

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