

# Readings + St. Bartholomew, Apostle + Sunday, 24 August 2025

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and courageously to preach your word. Grant that your church may proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## First Reading Exodus 19:1-6

<sup>1</sup> On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai.  
<sup>2</sup> They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.  
<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

## Psalmody Psalm 12

Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; the faithful have vanished from among us.

**People tell lies to each other; they use smooth words but speak from a double heart.**

May the LORD cut off all lips that flatter, and the tongues that speak boastfully—

**those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"**

"Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, I will rise up," says the LORD, "and give them the help they long for."

**The words of the LORD are pure, like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.**

O LORD, watch over us and save us from this generation forever.

**The wicked prowl on every side, and everyone prizes that which is worthless.**

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

*Paul writes:* <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

## Holy Gospel John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to Philip, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked Jesus, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, "I tell you the truth, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son-of-Humanity."