

*The Feast of Epiphany  
January 7, 2024, 9:30 am*



*The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni*

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church    Yarmouth, Maine**

Prelude

Noël Etranger by L-C Daquin

Welcome & Announcements

Ann Donaghy

Opening Hymn, #119

As with gladness men of old

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria, #898

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give  
 you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
 receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory  
 of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Children's Greeting

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

*Laurie Hyndman*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

*Michele Johns*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

*Laurie Hyndman*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's churches  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Hymn, #124

What star is this?

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

*The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of our Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

**Anthem**

To Bethlehem, by J.H. Schein

*A babe is born in Bethlehem: Alleluya!  
Great joyaunce for Jerusalem. Alleluya, alleluya*

*The Father's Word on high doth take: Alleluya!  
A mortal form for mortal's sake. Alleluya, alleluya!*

*He took our flesh to man akin, Alleluya!  
In all things like us, save in sin. Alleluya, alleluya!*

*Both ox and ass, though beasts they be, Alleluya!  
Yet in that child their master see. Alleluya, alleluya!*

*Three kings came from afar we're told, Alleluya!  
With gifts of frankincense and gold. Alleluya, alleluya!*

*To thee, good Lord, be glory paid. Alleluya!  
Thou babe of Mary, mother-maid. Alleluya, alleluya!*

*To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluya!  
With Deo Gracias always. Alleluya, alleluya!*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Joining with the faithful of all generations, let us confess our faith:  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Michele Johns*

*Leader*

Gracious Lord, you have called us to follow you; help us be responsive to your call to step forward where you lead. Accept our prayers of concern for your church, the world, ourselves and others. Accept also, we pray, our thanks and praise for all that is good in our lives. In all we do, let us hear your voice:

*People*

**Give us grace to respond to your call.**

O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak. We pray for all people of faith who worship at their peril due to persecution and war. I invite your petitions for the Church, either silently or aloud: (pause for intercessions). Lord, let us hear your voice:

**Give us grace to respond to your call.**

We pray, O Lord, for our nation as it directs its attention to an election of presidential leadership, that a spirit of wisdom, integrity and generosity might prevail. We also pray for the world's leaders, that peace may be established on earth. (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

**Give us grace to respond to your call.**

We recognize that we take your creation for granted. Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Pray, beloveds, for our precious earth: (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

**Give us grace to respond to your call.**

O God, we lift to you the poor, the hungry and those who are homeless in Maine; we also remember those in war torn parts of the world whose basic needs are not being met: (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

**Give us grace to respond to your call.**

Bless, gracious Lord, those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. Give to all the comfort of your peace. Pray, beloveds, for those in need of God's healing this day:

**Charles; Pat; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Anne & Richard; Courtney; Diane; Karl; Sudon; Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Samantha; Sam; Dianne; Meghan; Hutch; Debra; Haskell; Hannah; Olivia; Sue; Deb; Don; and Hazel.**

Are there others we wish to commend to God at this time? (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

**Give us grace to respond to your call.**

We remember before you those loved ones who have gone before us and are now in your blessed presence. Pray, beloveds, for those who have died: (pause for intercessions either silently or aloud). In life, as in death, Lord, let us hear your voice:

**Give us grace to respond to your call.**

We thank you, Lord, for the many blessings of this life. I invite you to give thanks for all that makes our hearts glad this day: Please share your thanksgivings with the congregation as you are comfortable. (pause for thanksgivings either silently or aloud). Lord, let us hear your voice:

**Give us grace to respond with thanksgiving.**

*Celebrant* Help us to hear your voice and give us courage to go where you lead this week, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **The Confession & Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Gracious God,  
*People* **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

*People* **Amen**

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.*

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*At this time, the bread and wine are brought forward. The ushers will collect the offering.*

### Offertory Hymn, #128

We Three Kings

*The Hymnal 1982*

*The offering is brought forward.*

### Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray,  
*People* **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to our God.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to Christ our Sovereign.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you are the fulfilment of all our searching.

Since the time you created all things  
you have had a plan  
— hidden in mystery through the ages —  
to draw all the world into one body,  
and to share with all peoples your promises of glory.



And now the light has risen,  
 the mystery is made known:  
 your beloved child, Jesus, is revealed to the whole world  
 as Savior and Redeemer,  
 and as the King who reigns in justice and peace.  
 You made him known first  
 to the magi from the east,  
 who came to pay him homage,  
 though they knew of him only what the silent stars could tell.

And now, you draw us again to the feet of Jesus  
 — the crucified and risen Christ —  
 to offer our gifts of praise to the light of the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise  
 your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, #851

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*

O God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light.  
 You have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations.  
 You have spread out the heavens like a tent, and set a boundary to the seas.  
 You have filled the world with your creatures and called all things good.

In these latter days, you leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus  
 the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother  
 Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a baby, humbly born, cradled  
 beside the animals and warmed by their breath, human as we are, in need of  
 human love.

Yet kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts, and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen one is enthroned at God’s right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

So, rejoicing in all God has done for us, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Holy God, as you visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine. Make them to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth. Shine your grace, brighter than starlight, on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us.

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

*Celebrant  
People*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction

*Celebrant  
People*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**



## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Musicians</b>	St. Bart's Choir
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Michele Johns
<b>Nonvested Chalice Bearer</b>	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Basil Souder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Chrystena Hahn
<b>A/V</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Chrystena Hahn
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Trudo, Susie Soule
<b>Snow Removal</b>	John Duncan
<b>VPOW</b>	Ann Donaghy
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Barbara Barhydt + Nancy Gunzelmann
<b>Prayers in the Chapel</b>	Imelda Schaefer
<b>Sunday School Teacher</b>	Pal Covie
<b>Sunday School Assistant</b>	Nina Scribner
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	Tasha Gerken-Nelson

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Opening Acclamation & Fraction: *Enriching our Worship*

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## ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, 1/28 after worship

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The Annual Meeting for St. Bart's will take place on Sunday, January 28th, 2024, following the 9:30 am Service. This meeting will be in-person with an option to participate via Zoom for those not able to make it in-person. An invitation to the meeting, along with the Annual Report and the Zoom link, will be sent out the week of January 22nd. Please be sure to attend this important meeting. We will be approving the 2024 budget, voting on the new vestry slate as well as hearing updates from the Wardens.