

The Feast of Epiphany
January 8, 2023, 9 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

“Howe Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

D. Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

Susie Peixotto

Opening Hymn, #119

As with gladness men of old

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Arise, shine, for our light has come.
People **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Celebrant The God who breathed this world alive
And sustains it day by day
Whose hands flung stars into space
And controls our destiny
People **Says, “Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”**

Deacon The God who filled the ocean depths
And set tides on their way
Who caused mountains to be raised up
And rainbows to display
People **Says, “I have called you by name, you are mine.”**

Celebrant The God who made the fertile earth
And seed within to sow
Whose artistry creates butterflies
And the early morning dew
People **Says, “You are precious in my sight.”**

Gloria, #900

Wonder, Love, and Praise

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. —

(♩ = ♩. of preceding - same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Fa - ther, —

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. — For
Fa - ther: re - ceive
Fa - ther: re - ceive

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, — you a - lone are the

Lord, — you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, —

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. —

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.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1–6, 11

Michele Johns

Arise daughter, shine daughter; for your light has come daughter,
and the glory of the Holy One has risen upon you daughter.
For—watch now daughter!—Bleakness shall cover the earth,
and thick bleakness the peoples;
and upon you daughter, the Holy One will arise,
and over you daughter, God's glory will appear.
Nations shall come to your light daughter,
and monarchs to the brightness of your dawn daughter.
Lift your eyes round about daughter, and see;
all of them gather, they come to you daughter;
daughter, your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' hips.
Then daughter, you shall see and be radiant;
your heart, daughter, shall tremble and swell,
because the abundance of the sea shall turn towards you daughter,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you daughter.
A multitude of camels shall cover you daughter—
young camels of Midian and Ephah—
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praises of the Holy One.
Your gates shall always be open daughter;
day and night they shall not be shut,
so that nations shall bring you their wealth daughter,
being led by their monarchs.

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

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 67

Jan Burson

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,*
show us the light of her countenance and come to us.
- ²Let your ways be known upon earth,*
your saving health among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;*
may God, our own God, give us her blessing.
- ⁷May God give us her blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of her.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:5-10

Michele Johns

Considering the recollection of your faith without pretense, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, now I am persuaded that faith lives in you. For this reason I remind you to reignite the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but one of power and of love and of self-control.

Be not ashamed, then, of the testimony of our Savior or of me Christ's prisoner, rather share in suffering for the sake of the gospel, do so through the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works rather according to God's own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. Now it has been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who negated death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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 of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, O God.**

Now Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod; suddenly sages from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the one born king of the Judeans? For we have seen his star at its ascent and have come to reverence him." When King Herod heard this, he was shaken, and all Jerusalem with him; then calling together all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah would be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for it has been written by the prophet:

*'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
by no means are 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 sages and learned from them the time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go, search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and reverence him." When they had heard the king, they left, and there suddenly was the star that they had seen at its ascent going before them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they rejoiced; their joy was exuberant. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and revered him. Then, opening their treasure, 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

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

by Dirk Janszoon Sweelinck

*How brightly shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
the light in Judah shining.
Thou David's son of Jacob's race,
The Bridegroom, and the King of grace,
for thee our hearts are pining!
Lowly, holy, great and glorious,
thou victorious Prince of graces,
filling all the heavenly places!*

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith as we say together:
People **We believe in God,
the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth,
who loves us like a parent,
protecting, nurturing,
and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ:
God born among us as a fragile baby,
embodying both love and the need for love,
and calling us to rest in God
as trustingly as a tiny child.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
breathed into us at our birth,
always drawing us on to be born again,
encouraging, exhorting, comforting,
nourishing our growth
and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation
of the world to God, through Christ.
Hunted at birth
and humiliated at death,
Christ entered our fearful brokenness
so that we might enter his glorious wholeness
and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child
is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come,
and a call to live in peace
and celebrate living together.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Jan Burson

Leader Siblings in Christ, our Lord Jesus called his disciples to follow Him. We, too, are invited to come and see. Let us offer ourselves to God this day, praying: Christ, you are the light of the world;

People **Give us faith to follow you.**

Holy God, you call your Church to share the good news of your love; we pray for our St. Bart's parish family as we respond to your call to care for the poor, the homeless, the lonely and each other. Create in us generous hearts and willing spirits. Christ, you are the light of the world:

Give us faith to follow you.

Holy God, we commend to you all elected leaders and all who make decisions for our common good, that they may execute justice and promote the dignity of all human beings. Christ you are the light of the world:

Give us faith to follow you.

Holy God, you call us to care for your creation: your works are wonderful. Open our eyes to the beauty of our world so that we might better tend our planet.

Christ, you are the light of the world:

Give us faith to follow you.

Holy God, you search us out and know us: comfort and heal the sick and sorrowful that they may know the consolation and light of your presence, even in darkness. Beloved, pray for those on our St. Bart's prayer list:

Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Erin; Jenny & Matt; Adam; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Joan L and Elizabeth; David; Perry; Jim; Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Katie; Paige; Dale; Dave K and family; Bob; Anne, Richard and Family; Courtney; Dianne; Diane; Karl; and **the Mayone family**.

I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud (*a moment of silence for intercessions*). Christ, you are the light of the world:

Give us faith to follow you.

Holy God, if we climb up to heaven you are there; when we make the grave our bed, you are there to light the way home. Pray, beloved, for those who have died:

Evan Mayone.

I invite your own prayers for those who have died, either silently or aloud (*a moment of silence for intercessions*). Christ, you are the light of the world:

Give us faith to follow you.

Holy God, we are thankful for the many ways you show yourself to us: you are in the midst of us and we are so thankful. Open our eyes to see you in our world. Give thanks for all that makes our hearts glad this day: I invite you to share your thanksgivings either silently or aloud in the assembly: Christ, you are the light of the world:

Give us faith to follow you.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Holy God, we thank you for calling us to follow you. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize you in all we meet, and give us grace to love as you have loved us. We ask this through your Son Jesus, the light of the world.

People **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty God,
People **we confess to you**
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant May God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by The Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
People **Amen**

Welcoming New Members

Celebrant Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Bart's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus.

Leader I present Christina & Fred Edelen; Susan Garrett; Jeff & Penni Groves; Rachel Groves; John & Sandra Rush; Marcia & Larry Sharp; Basil Souder; Celeste Pascarella; and Corey Walmer, as well as Dan Hudkins & Susan Bass who are not able to join us in-person today, as members of this community.

Celebrant Friends, do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Bart's? If so, say "I do.

Deacon Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life? If so, say "I will, with God's help."

Celebrant Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us pray together,
People **Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these new siblings in Christ to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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 **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer

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.

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.

The Invitation

*Celebrant
People*

Come! For all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow the Priest with the cup of wine. At this time, you are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People God of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May God give to you and to all those you love
God's comfort and peace,
God's light and joy,
in this world and the next;
and the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, now and always.
People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Deacon Go forth into the world, sharing the light of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

by J. Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Chalice Bearer	Jan Burson
Lector	Michele Johns
Ushers	Ann Donaghy, Pam Hobson
Altar Guild	Linda Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Chrystena Hahn
A/V	Peter Sillin
Bread Baker	Peter Sillin
Counters	Pam Hobson, Pamela Trudo
Snow Removal	Ed Simmons
VPOW	Susie Peixotto
Coffee Hour	Michele Johns

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Prayers of the People: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Confession & Absolution, Post Communion Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Welcome New Members: Book of Common Prayer

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Eucharistic Prayer: Episcopal Common Prayer, www.episcopalcommonprayer.org

Fraction: Enriching Our Worship.

Blessing: Church of England, Common Worship

UPCOMING DUTIES

January 15, 9 am – Morning Prayer

Presider	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Lector	John Perkins
Ushers	Dennis & Lisa Fitzgibbons
Altar Guild	Linda Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Imelda Schaefer
A/V	Laurie Hyndman
Bread Baker	Susannah White
Counter	Dennis Fitzgibbons, Susie Soule
Snow Removal	Peter Chandler
VPOW	Deborah Wathen Finn
Coffee Hour	NEEDED

January 22, 9 am – Holy Eucharist

Celebrant	The Rev. Anne C. Fowler
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Chalice Bearer	Linda Perkins
Lector	Mike Perfetti
Ushers	Nancy Gunzelmann, Pal Covie
Altar Guild	Linda Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Chrystena Hahn
A/V	Joe Michaud
Bread Baker	Mary Ann Hodsdon
Counter	Pal Covie, Harriet Davis
Snow Removal	Joe Michaud
VPOW	Kathy Abernathy
Coffee Hour	NEEDED

January 29, 9am – Healing Service & Annual Meeting

Presider	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Chalice Bearer	Pastoral Care Team
Lector	Pastoral Care Team
Ushers	Jay Reighley, Basil Souder
Altar Guild	Linda Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Corey Walmer
A/V	Laurie Hyndman
Counters	Tom Hyndman, Pam Hobson
Snow Removal	Ben Redfield
VPOW	Michele Johns
Coffee Hour	NEEDED

Notice: The Annual Meeting for St. Bart's will take place on Sunday, January 29th, 2023, following the 9am Service. This meeting will be in-person with an option to participate via Zoom for those not able to make it in-person. More information will be sent via email in the upcoming weeks.

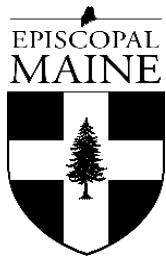
Welcome to St. Bart's! We're glad you're here.

St. Bartholomew's is a place to explore and deepen one's faith through worship, music, education, and open dialogue to help each of us and our community faithfully navigate today's ever-changing world. We are an open, inclusive, creative, and welcoming community.

Building on the vision of those who established St. Bart's 50 years ago, we continue to strengthen and grow our community by grounding our ministries in the love of Jesus Christ, telling our story joyfully, and caring for the needs of our congregation and the greater Yarmouth and surrounding communities.

St. Bart's is a great landing place for those seeking a welcoming and inclusive faith experience.

If you're new here and would like to stay connected or learn more, please sign our Welcome Book in the entry way and a member of our Membership Committee will be in touch!



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