

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Children's Greeting

Mary Curlew

The Lessons

First Lesson, Isaiah 43:1-7

Julie Bliven

Thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth--

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29

Michele Johns

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson, Acts 8:14-17

Julie Bliven

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to Luke
People **Glory to you, O God.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

"Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day"

traditional Carol

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
 I would my true love did so chance
 To see the legend of y play,
 To call my true love to my dance:*

Refrain:

***Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love:
 This have I done for my true love.***

*Then was I born of a virgin pure,
 Of her I took fleshly substance:
 Thus was I knit to man's nature,
 To call my true love to my dance:*

Refrain

*Then afterwards baptized I was,
 So very poor, this was my chance,
 Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
 To call my true love to my dance:*

Refrain

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Joining with the faithful of all generations, let us confess our faith:

People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Michele Johns

Leader The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray, "Walk with us through the waters, O God; walk with us through the fire."

A brief moment of silence.

Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. Strengthen the unity of the Church—those serving you in the east, west, north, and south.

We pray for our siblings in the Anglican Communion, specifically The Church of the Province of West Africa. And we pray for the ministries of the Diocese of Maine, especially St. Alban's, Cape Elizabeth, St. John, Bangor, and for new members of the church, penitents, and seekers.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise for all the blessings of your Spirit.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Break down the walls of division in our city and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands. May we seek reconciliation over estrangement, wonder over certainty, and acceptance over hatred.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with those in need in their trials. May they know that they are precious in your sight. We pray especially for those whose names have been entrusted to our St. Bart's prayer list...

Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Nancy A.; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Don; Matilda; Gregory; Andy; Ruth; Molly; Wes; Alison; Alice; Patrick, Jessie; Nova; Nate; Richard; Bill; Dave & Judy; Steven; Jen; Heather; Vance; Cheryl; Peter; Gary; Ernie; Charlotte; Larre; Jennifer; Ted; Chilton; Matt; and the Hodgkins family.

And we pray for those we name before you now, aloud or silently.

Silence.

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Source and Parent of all, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, especially Tucker Hodgkins, close friend of Mark Desiderio, into glory everlasting. We remember those we name before you now, aloud or silently.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Celebrant

O loving God, in Jesus' baptism you revealed him as your beloved Son. In our baptisms, through the water and the fire of the Spirit, you have claimed us, also,

as your beloveds. Hear the prayers of your people and fill us with the awe of faith to persevere in your name. We pray in the name of Christ.

People **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, #448

O love how deep, how broad, how high

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, S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. 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.

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 Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. 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.

Music at Communion

#116 I come, the great Redeemer cries
#341 For the bread

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Intern
People

Let us pray,
Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, #511

Holy Spirit, ever living

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Intern
People

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

Postlude

"Toccatà" by J. Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Music Christina Edelen
Musicians The St. Bart's Choir
Pastoral Intern Mary Curlew
Chalice Bearer Michele Johns
Crucifer Leanne Greisen
Lector Julie Bliven
Ushers Elizabeth Gillan, Dennis Fitzgibbons
Altar Guild Beth LaSalle
Flower Arranger Michele Johns
A/V Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker John Perkins
Counters Harriet Davis, Tom Hyndman
Snow Removal David Heald
VPOW Joe Michaud
Coffee Hour Carol Hayes & Susie Soule

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Confession & Absolution, Offertory Prayer, Post Communion Prayer: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

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

Blessing: Church of England, Common Worship

The values that guide our Worship & Music Committee's process for creating our liturgies are inclusive, grounded, challenging, and creative. At St. Bart's, we strive to use language and imagery that is both inclusive and expansive for God and humanity.

ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, 1/26 after worship

The Annual Meeting for St. Bart's will take place on Sunday, January 26th, 2025, 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 20th. The meeting will also be livestreamed (same link as the service). Please be sure to attend this important meeting. We will be approving the 2025 budget, voting on the new vestry slate as well as hearing updates from the Wardens.