

The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024, 9:30 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

"Sinfonia #5 in E flat Major" by JS Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Michele Johns

Opening Hymn, #7

Christ whose glory fills the skies

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
People

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

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Michele Johns

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

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

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Peter Sillin

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Michele Johns

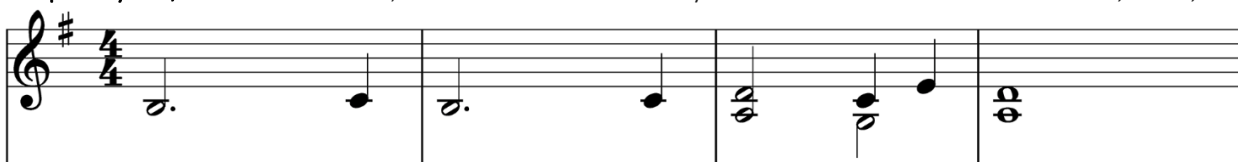
“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

Gospel Hymn, #812

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Wonder, Love, and Praise





1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call - ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2.

3.



heart. _____

heart. _____

Gospel: John 1:43-51

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Sermon

Arthur Woolverton

Choir Anthem Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word, by Ahle/Palmer (For text: # 440 in *The Hymnal 1982*)

The Apostles' Creed

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

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; Hazel; and Matilda.

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, #126

Thy people who in darkness walked

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 As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
People

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

The Invitation

Celebrant Come! For all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **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

304 I come with joy

The Hymnal 1982

312 Strengthen for service, Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **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, #535

Ye servants of God

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

"Sinfonia #6 in E Major" by JS Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Stephen White
Preacher	Arthur Woolverton
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music	Sarah Covie
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	Peter Sillin
Lector	Michele Johns
Ushers	Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Imelda Schaefer
A/V	Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker	John Perkins
Counters	Dennis Fitzgibbons, Tom Hyndman
Snow Removal	David Heald
VPOW	Michele Johns
Coffee Hour	Michele Johns + Carol Hayes
Nursery Care & Assistant	Jennifer Weiderman, Pal Covie

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Opening Acclamation & Fraction: *Enriching our Worship*

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