

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024, 9:30 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

"Echo" by Daniel Pinkham

Welcome & Announcements

Laurie Hyndman

Opening Hymn, #381

Thy strong word

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.

Give us grace, O God, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Nina Scribner

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 62:6-14

Laurie Hyndman

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Nina Scribner

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Gospel Hymn, #661

They cast their nets

The Hymnal 1982

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Choir Anthem

"The Call" by Erik Rowley (text by George Herbert)

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
Such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
Such a Light as shows a Feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love.*

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

Laurie Hyndman

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; Matilda; and Gregory.

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, especially Mark Richardson, cousin of Arthur Woolverton, 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, #549

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

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:

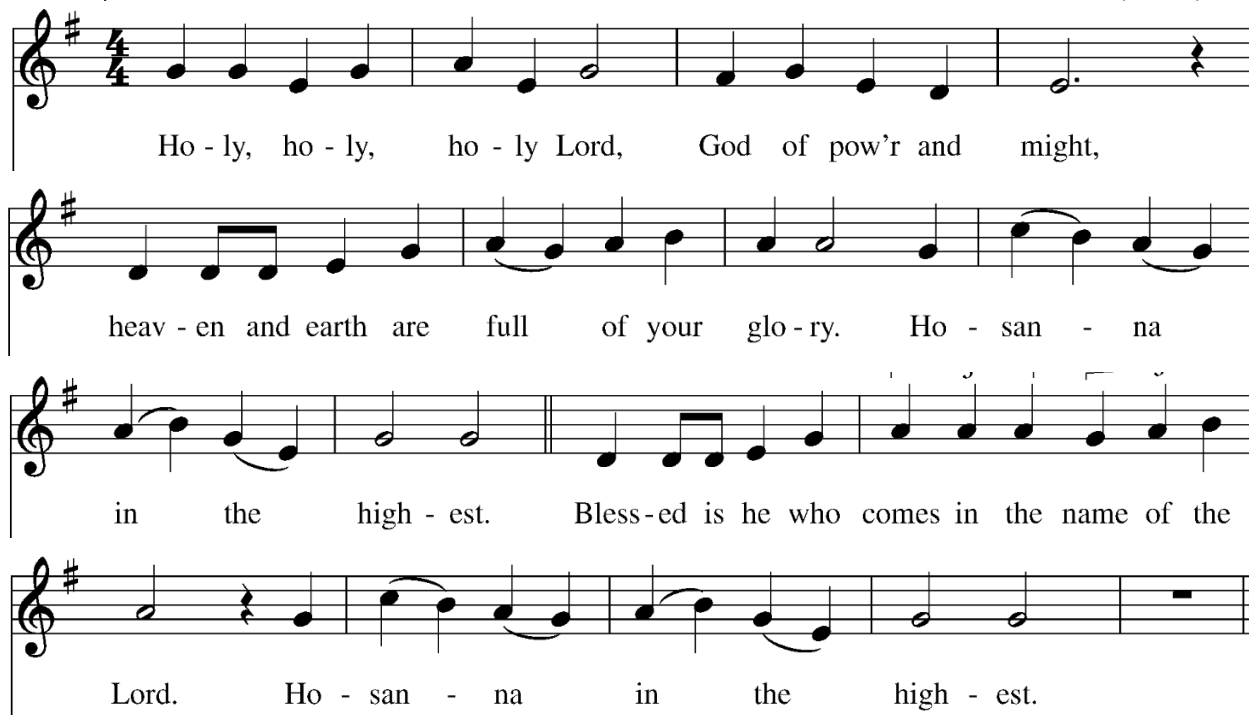
your beloved child, Jesus, is revealed to the whole world
as Savior and Redeemer,
and as the King who reigns in justice and peace.
You made him known first
to the magi from the east,
who came to pay him homage,
though they knew of him only what the silent stars could tell.

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.

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, #807

Put down your nets

Wonder, Love, and Praise

1. "Put down your nets and fol - low me," our
 2. We too are called from our con - cerns to
 3. Do not be temp - ted by the cares of
 4. The phan - tom rich - es we pur - sue are
 5. "Put down your nets and fol - low me," our

1. Lord and Mas - ter said; and so they fol - lowed,
 2. fol - low our Lord's way. By trust - ing him, the
 3. long de - lud - ed dreams; temp - ta - tion's path is
 4. nev - er ours to gain. They fade be - fore our
 5. Lord and Mas - ter pleads; O may we fol - low

1. will - ing - ly, not know - ing where he led.
 2. heart soon learns to cast off yes - ter - day.
 3. wrought with snares and ne - ver as it seems.
 4. eyes like dew af - ter a morn - ing rain.
 5. faith - ful - ly, well know - ing where he leads.

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, #660

O master, let me walk with Thee

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

"Echo Fantasia" by J.P. Sweelinck

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music Director	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	Laurie Hyndman
Lector	Nina Scribner
Ushers	Dennis & Lisa Fitzgibbons
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Corey Walmer
A/V	Pal Covie
Bread Baker	Barbara Barhydt
Counters	Pal Covie, Harriet Davis
Snow Removal	Tom Hyndman
VPOW	Laurie Hyndman
Coffee Hour	Susie Soule + Imelda Schaefer
Nursery Care & Assistant	Jennifer Weiderman

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Opening Acclamation & Fraction: *Enriching our Worship*

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ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, 1/28 after worship

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.

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