

The Season of Epiphany
January 22, 2023, 9 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude "Kyrie" by Francois Couperin

Welcome & Announcements

Kathy Abernathy

Opening Hymn, #126 The people who in darkness walked

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."**

Celebrant 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.

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: Isaiah 9:1-4

Mike Perfetti

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Linda Perkins

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
 one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
 and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
 and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
 cast me not away; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Mike Perfetti

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Anne C. Fowler

Anthem

“O God, Eternal Source of Love” by David Johnson

*O God, eternal source of love beyond our knowing,
Who giveth every gift, the boundless grace bestowing:
Grant soundness to our minds And wholeness to our frame,
And pardon to our souls, that we may praise thy name.*

*O help us to fulfill on earth our holy calling;
O make us hear thy voice, and keep our feet from falling.
So may we serve thee here with all our strength and might,
And may our every deed be righteous in thy sight.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Affirmation of Faith

*Celebrant
People*

Let us affirm our faith as we say together:

**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

Linda Perkins

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; Jenny & Matt; Adam; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Joan L & Elizabeth; Perry; Jim; Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Katie; Paige; Dale; Dave K & family; Anne, Richard & family; Courtney; Dianne; Diane; Karl; Sudon, Aunt Niki, the Mayone family; the Shank family; Beth and Brian; Erin's children Logan, Ethan, and Katherine, and her sister Megan, Jon and 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, former student of Sheri Woolverton; Scott Shank, husband of Judy Shank; and Erin LaSalle.

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**

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, #653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

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.

Put down your nets

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 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, #381

Thy strong word

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world, sharing the light of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

"Offertoire" by Louis Clerambault

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Counters | Pal Covie, Harriet Davis |
| Snow Removal | Joe Michaud |
| VPOW | Kathy Abernathy |
| Coffee Hour | Kathy Abernathy |

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

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Fraction: Enriching Our Worship.

Blessing: Church of England, Common Worship

Notice: The Annual Meeting for St. Bart's will take place on Sunday, January 29th, 2023, following the 9 am 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.

UPCOMING DUTIES

January 29, 9 am – Healing Service & Annual Meeting

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson |
| Deacon | The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer |
| Chalice Bearer | John Perkins |
| Lectors | Pam Hobson, Paule French |
| Litany of Healing | Imelda Schaefer |
| Prayers in the Chapel | Susannah White |
| Ushers | Jay Reighley, Basil Souder |
| Altar Guild | Linda Perkins, Jennifer Willard |
| Flower Arranger | Corey Walmer |
| A/V | Laurie Hyndman |
| Bread Baker | Leftover Bread |
| Counters | Tom Hyndman, Pam Hobson |
| Snow Removal | Ben Redfield |
| VPOW | Laurie Hyndman |
| Coffee Hour | Peter Sillin & 1 NEEDED |

February 5, 9 am – Holy Eucharist

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Celebrant | The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson |
| Chalice Bearer | John Perkins |
| Lector | Nina Scribner |
| Ushers | Ann Donaghy, Pam Hobson |
| Altar Guild | Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin |
| Flower Arranger | Anne Jacobs |
| A/V | Peter Sillin |
| Bread Baker | Mary Ann Hodsdon |
| Counters | Pam Hobson, Harriet Davis |
| Snow Removal | David Heald |
| VPOW | Lu Tingley |
| Coffee Hour | Kathy Abernathy & Sarah Covie |

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!



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, ME
A Congregation of The Episcopal Diocese of Maine

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