

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024, 9:30 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

“For Years Have I Labored to Lead a Pious Life” by Piet Post

Welcome & Announcements

Susie Peixotto

Opening Hymn, #616

Hail to the Lord’s anointed

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Linda Perkins

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

Psalm 111

Laurie Hyndman

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Linda Perkins

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Gospel Hymn, #567

Thine arm, O Lord

The Hymnal 1982

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Choir Anthem

“O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord” by Christopher Tye

*O come, ye servants of the Lord,
and praise His holy name
From early morn to setting sun,
His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart:
He makes His mercies known.
Ye princes come, ye people too,
and bow before His throne.*

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; Courtney; Diane; Karl; Sudon; Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Samantha; Sam; Meghan; Hutch; Debra; Haskell; Hannah; Olivia; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

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 Cheryl Gorman, friend of Deb Wathen-Finn, 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, #449

O Love, how deep

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.

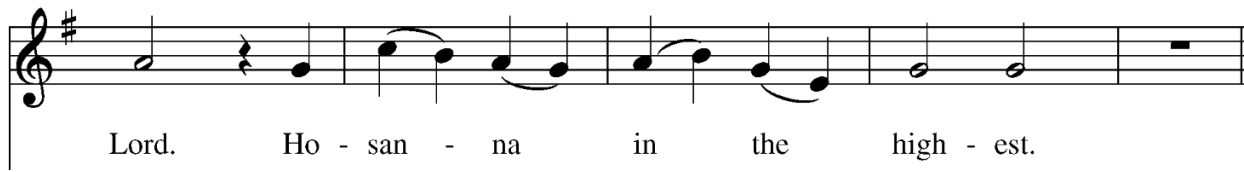
And now, you draw us again to the feet of Jesus
— the crucified and risen Christ —
to offer our gifts of praise to the light of the world.

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



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,	as we forgive those
hallowed be your Name,	who sin against us.
your kingdom come,	Save us from the time of trial,
your will be done,	and deliver us from evil.
on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power,
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours,
Forgive us our sins	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, #443 From God, Christ's deity came forth *The Hymnal 1982*
#339 Deck thyself

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

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "In Thee is Gladness"
(see next page)

The Dismissal

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

Postlude "In Thee is Gladness" by J.S. Bach

In Thee Is Gladness



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	Laurie Hyndman
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Jan Burson
Lector	Linda Perkins
Ushers	Nancy Gunzelmann & Ann Donaghy
Altar Guild	Linda and John Perkins, Jennifer Willard
Flower Arranger	Anne Jacobs
A/V	Joe Michaud
Counters	Pam Hobson, Susie Soule
Snow Removal	Joe Michaud
VPOW	Susie Peixotto
Coffee Hour	Kathy Abernathy + Nancy Gunzelmann
Nursery Care & Assistant	Jennifer Weiderman

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Opening Acclamation & Fraction: *Enriching our Worship*

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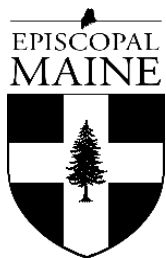
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