

# The Season of Epiphany

## February 2, 2025, 9:30 am

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude "Chacone" by J.Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements

Gary Sylvester

Opening Hymn, #3 Now that the daylight fills the sky

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria

### 143 Glory Be to God on High

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Charles Wesley

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, And peace on earth de - scend;  
God comes down, He bows the sky, And shows Him-self our Friend.  
God th'in-vis-i - ble ap - pears; God, the blest, the great I AM,  
So - journals in this vale of tears, And Je - sus is His name.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## Children's Greeting

*Mary Curlew*

## The Lessons

### First Lesson, Malachi 3:1-4

*Harriet Davis*

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### Psalms 24:7-10

*Laurie Hyndman*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

## Second Lesson, Hebrews 2:14-18

*Harriet Davis*

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Hymn, #499

Lord God, you now have set your servant free

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Gospel, Luke 2:22-40

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel according to Luke

*People* **Glory to you, O God.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

**Anthem**

“When to the Temple Mary Went” by Johannes Eccard

*When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,  
Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.  
He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said:*

*In peace I now depart,  
my Saviour having seen,  
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.*

*Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be  
as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee;  
and when we must from earth departure take, departure take,*

*may gently fall asleep,  
may gently fall asleep,  
may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.*

**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

*Laurie Hyndman*

Leader Help us to see your presence in our midst, O God, as we pray saying: "O Christ, hear us."

*Silence for reflection*

Leader For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.  
People **O Christ, hear us.**

For The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, for The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown, our bishop, for Rev. Amanda, our Rector, for Mary, our Intern, and for all the holy people of God.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

For the church throughout the world and its mission of reconciliation; for the faithful in every place. For our siblings in the Anglican Communion, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, as well as the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, for St. David's, Kennebunk, and for our siblings in common mission in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

For this nation, for all legislatures and courts; for all those in authority.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

For justice, peace, and freedom among the peoples of the earth.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

For all those who have been displaced from their homes by natural disaster, strife, warfare, poverty, or violence; for all refugees and those seeking shelter.  
**O Christ, hear us.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison. We pray especially for those whose names have been entrusted to our St. Bart's prayer list:

**Pat; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Will; Nancy A.; Karen; Debra; Haskell; 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; Vanya; the family of Nancy Allyn; and the family of Jack Hobson.**

And we pray for all those we name before you, aloud and silently (*silence for intercessions*). May all who call on you receive your grace.

**O Christ, hear us.**

For those we love but see no longer, for all those who have died, especially for Nancy Allyn, Jack Hobson, brother of Steve, brother-in-law of Pam Hobson, and all those we name before you aloud or silently (*silence for intercessions*). May all whom you love be welcomed into your eternal love.

**O Christ, hear us.**

For all prayers of intercession or thanksgiving that this community would like to offer, silently or aloud . . .

*Silence. The People may offer their own prayers*

*Celebrant* Most loving God, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**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, #435** At the name of Jesus (vs. 1,4-6) *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*

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*  
*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.*

***During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.***

**Music at Communion**      258 Virgin born we bow before you /489 The great creator      *The Hymnal 1982*

### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*  
*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, #517**

How lovely is thy dwelling place

*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**

“Toccata” by Tobias Richter

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Pastoral Intern	Mary Curlew
Music	Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart’s Choir
Chalice Bearer	Laurie Hyndman
Lector	Harriet Davis
Ushers	Ann Donaghy, Jennifer Willard
Altar Guild	Jan Burson
Flower Arranger	Imelda Schaefer
A/V	Arthur Woolverton
Bread Baker	Peter Sillin
Counters	Ann Donaghy, Marcia Sharp
Snow Removal	Peter Sillin
VPOW	Gary Sylvester
Coffee Hour	Pam Hobson & Susan Garrett
Prayers in the Chapel	Susannah White

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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.



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