

*The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 4, 2024, 9:30 am*



*The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni*

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church    Yarmouth, Maine**

Prelude

"Flutes" by Jean Langlais

Welcome & Announcements

Laurie Hyndman

Opening Hymn, #1

Father, we praise Thee

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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Children's Greeting

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

*Elizabeth Ring*

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

**Psalm 147:1-12, 21c**

*Pal Covie*

Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!  
2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.  
3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.  
4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.  
5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.  
6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.  
7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.  
8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;  
9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.  
10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.  
11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;  
12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.  
21 Hallelujah!

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

*Elizabeth Ring*

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward?

Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Hymn, #617

Eternal ruler

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## Choir Anthem

"Ubi Caritas" by Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*English translation:*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.*

*Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

*Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.*

*Let us fear, and let us love the living God.*

*And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

## 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*Pal Covie*

*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 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 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, #538

God of Mercy

*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,	
<b>Our Father in heaven,</b>	<b>as we forgive those</b>
<b>hallowed be your Name,</b>	<b>who sin against us.</b>
<b>your kingdom come,</b>	<b>Save us from the time of trial,</b>
<b>your will be done,</b>	<b>and deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>on earth as in heaven.</b>	<b>For the kingdom, the power,</b>
<b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>	<b>and the glory are yours,</b>
<b>Forgive us our sins</b>	<b>now and for ever. Amen.</b>

## 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* 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.*

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

**Music at Communion,** #676 There is a balm *The Hymnal 1982*  
#302 Father, we thank Thee

## 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, #423** Immortal, invisible *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** "Dialogue" by Jean Langlais

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
<b>Music</b>	Christina Edelen
<b>Musicians</b>	The St. Barts Choir
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Pal Covie
<b>Nonvested Chalice Bearer</b>	Jan Burson
<b>Lector</b>	Elizabeth Ring
<b>Ushers</b>	Pam Hobson, Nancy Gunzelmann
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Jay Souder
<b>A/V</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Nancy Gunzelmann
<b>Counters</b>	Dennis Fitzgibbons, Pal Covie
<b>Snow Removal</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>VPOW</b>	Laurie Hyndman
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jay & Basil Souder + Peter Sillin
<b>Prayers in the Chapel</b>	John Perkins
<b>Sunday School Teacher</b>	Kate Ciarimboli
<b>Sunday School Assistant</b>	Carol Hayes
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Jennifer Weiderman

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Opening Acclamation & Fraction: *Enriching our Worship*

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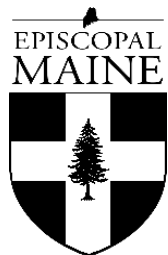
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