

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023, 9 am



The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

"Prelude"

Jean Langlais

Welcome & Announcements

Lu Tingley

Opening Hymn, #3

Now that the daylight

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 musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of eight systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The time signature starts as 2/4 and changes to 3/4 in the fourth system. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "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. —". Musical notations include triplets (marked with '3'), slurs, and dynamic markings like '(h)'. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Nina Scribner

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

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

Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

John Perkins

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

[10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

Nina Scribner

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him” —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.]

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Anthem

"O Lord, my God to Thee"

by Jacques Arcadelt

*O Lord, my God, to thee do I lift up my soul.
O Lord, in thee, in thee have I trusted.
Let me not be ashamed,
Let not my foes triumph over me.
O lead me in a plain path;
cast me not off, neither forsake me.
Teach me thy way, Lord, Lead me, lead me in a plain path.
O hide not thy face, Hide not thy face far from me.
Lord God, Lord God, Hide not thy face far from me.*

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith as we say together:
People **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

John 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; Anne, Richard & family; Courtney; Dianne; Diane; Karl; Sudon, Aunt
Niki; Brook; and Sveta.

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.

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, #419

Lord of all being

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 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 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.

Music at Communion

First Hymn Eternal Light (*sung by the choir*)

ETERNAL Light! Eternal Light!
How pure the soul must be,
when, placed within thy searching sight,
it shrinks not, but with calm delight
can live and look on thee.

2 The spirits that surround thy throne
may bear the burning bliss;
but that is surely theirs alone,
since they have never, never known
a fallen world like this.

3 O how shall I, whose native sphere
is dark, whose mind is dim,
before the Ineffable appear,
and on my naked spirit bear
the uncreated beam?

4 There is a way for us to rise
to that sublime abode:
an offering and a sacrifice,
a Holy Spirit's energies,
an Advocate with God:

5 These, these prepare us for the sight
of holiness above;
the sons of ignorance and night
may dwell in the eternal light
through the eternal Love!

Second Hymn: #670 Lord forever at thy side

The Hymnal 1982

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

The Kingdom of God

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

"Pasticcio"

Jean Langlais

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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

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

Welcome New Members: Book of Common Prayer

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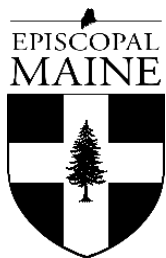
Welcome to St. Bart's! We're glad you're here.

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!



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