

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, S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. 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.

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.

People **Amen.**

Children’s Greeting

The Lessons

First Lesson, Isaiah 58:1-12

Laurie Hyndman

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**

- 1 Allelujah! Happy are they who fear God *
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 God.
- 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.

Second Lesson, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12*Laurie Hyndman*

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.

Lector
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn, #906

Even when young I prayed

Wonder, Love, & Praise

1. Ev - en when young, I prayed for wis - dom's grace;
2. My foot has firm - ly walked the path of truth;
3. Glo - ry to one who gives me wis - dom's prize;
4. Some-thing with - in my be - ing has been stirred;

In tem - ple courts I sought her day and night, And I will seek her
With dil - i - gence, I fol - lowed her de - sign. My ear was o - pen
I vowed to live ac - cord - ing to her way. She gave me cour - age
My seek - ing brought a gift be - yond com - pare: The gift of lan - guage

to the ver - y end; she is my heart's de - light.
to re - ceive her words; Now wis - dom's skill is mine.
from the ve - ry start; She will not let me stray.
loosed my halt - ing tongue; God's praise is now my prayer.

Gospel, Matthew 5:13-20

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Hymn, #419

Lord of all being

The Hymnal 1982

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Joining with the faithful of all generations, let us say together:
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

Anne Jacobs

Leader It is in the love of God that we find both faithfulness and wisdom. Let us now offer our prayers for the needs of the church, the world, our communities, and for ourselves.

Pause for reflection.

People Sing to the Lord a new song;
Proclaim the Good News day after day.

We pray for the church, entrusted with God's commission to be a light to the world. Grant to our lay and clergy leaders, and to all of us, the will and the wisdom to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray for the members of the Anglican Communion, for this diocese, for the Church of Our Father in Hulls Cove, and for the work of United Thank Offering.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Proclaim the Good News day after day.

We pray for those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of governing nations and peoples. May they hold as paramount the efforts for peace, reconciliation, and the equality of opportunity for all people. We pray for the President, the Congress, and the Courts.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Proclaim the Good News day after day.

We pray for the earth and all its residents and for those who work to preserve it from pollution, waste, and harm. Help us all to understand that conservation and caring for the earth is a cornerstone of faithfulness.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Proclaim the Good News day after day.

Be with those whose strength is depleted, whose bodies or minds are broken, those who are ill or with special needs, remembering especially **Virginia & Jamil; Jenny & Matt; David; Sasha; Paige; Nathaniel; Haskell; Don; Gregory; Andy; Molly; Nova; Steven; Jenn; Vance; Ted; Matt & Shannon; Lem; Carol; Beverly; Diana; Ben; Morgan; Benson; Hana; Celeste; Hans; Pam; Hurshell; Melanie; Joe; Susan; Sue; Brooke; Elizabeth; and the Wollerscheid and Hobson families.**

And we pray for all those we name now, aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Proclaim the Good News day after day.

We pause to remember those whose lives have come to an end and who we commend to God's safe keeping. May they know that peace that passes all understanding. We remember today William Wollerscheid, brother-in-law of Steve and Pam Hobson, and all those we name before you now aloud or silently (*pause for intercessions*).

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Proclaim the Good News day after day.

Gracious God, your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, welcomed children, blessed them, and taught us that in caring for the least among us, we serve Christ Himself. With the whole Diocese of Maine, we pray for all those who are today provided with support from the foster care system: the children who receive care, the foster parents who provide care often at personal sacrifice, and finally we pray for those who relinquish their children to the foster system in hopes that they may find the love and support the child might otherwise not receive. Inspire us by your Spirit to come near to these children and families in prayer and in support.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Proclaim the Good News day after day.

Celebrant Gracious and everlasting God, hear our prayers this day and work in us to bring about your purposes in our lives and in the lives of all people. We ask in Christ's name.

People Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Reconciling God,
People **we yearn for your presence to transform
our grief, pain, and despair.
We confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized
your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,
oppression, and fear.**

**We confess our failure to make room
for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violence systems
that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news.**

**Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.
Amen.**

Celebrant God's grace upon grace flows over you.
Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

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 "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all." (1 Chronicles 29:11)

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to our God.

At this time, the bread and wine are brought forward. The ushers will collect the offering.

Offertory Anthem

"Jesu, Lead my Footsteps Ever," by J.S. Bach
*Jesu, lead my footsteps ever.
Ever all my senses guide;
From all ills my doings sever.
Put all else than thee aside!
Jesu, let thy grace attend me;
From all evil e'er defend me.*

The offering is brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. 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, S127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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,

**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, S169 (sung)

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It starts with a whole rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a repeat sign. The melody continues with quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The lyrics 'My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -' are written below. The second staff has a first ending bracket labeled '1' and 'All' over the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and a second ending bracket labeled '2' and 'Cantor or Choir' over the notes D5, C5, B4, A4. The lyrics 'deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my' are written below. The third staff continues the melody with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and a half note D5. The lyrics 'flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My' are written below. The fourth staff concludes the piece with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and a final whole note D5. The lyrics 'flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.' are written below.

The Invitation

Celebrant God is now in flesh appearing
People Come to the feast of joy!

Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle 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. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing. 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.

Communion Hymn, #505

O spirit of life

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The triune God,
glorious Mystery,
holy Incarnate One,
abiding Comforter,
bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
People Amen.

Closing Hymn, #629

We limit not the truth of God

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Toccatà, by J. K. F. Fischer

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Ushers Pam Waite, Mary Strnad
Altar Guild Jan Burson and Pamela Higgins
Flower Arranger Imelda Schaefer
A/V Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker John Perkins
Counters Pamela Trudo, Marcia Sharp
Snow Removal Joe Michaud
VPOW Kevin Gillan
Coffee Hour Pam Hobson & Jim & Joanne Berg

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