

*The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 12, 2023, 9 am*



*The Adoration of the Magi by Benvenuto di Giovanni*

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

Prelude

“Marche Celeste”

by Rossetter Cole

Welcome & Announcements

Pal Covie

Opening Hymn, #529

In Christ there is no east or west

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.”**

*Deacon* 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, #899

Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score for Gloria, #899, is presented in a four-staff format. The top staff is a vocal line in 4/4 time, starting with a whole rest for three measures followed by a half note G4 and a quarter note A4, with the lyrics "Glo - ry," underneath. The second staff is the piano accompaniment, beginning with a chord of G2-B2-D3 and moving through various chords and eighth-note patterns. The third staff is a vocal line with the lyrics "Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,—" and "Glo-ry,". The bottom staff is another vocal line with the lyrics "Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.---".

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,-

Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal - le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.-

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 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 Spir - it, In the glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry,

*Descant*

Lord, Lord we praise you  
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry,

*Descant*

Lord, Lord hal - le - lu - jah.

*Women*

Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we Praise your Ho - ly

*Men*

Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we Praise your Ho - ly

name. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 30:15-20

Laurie Hyndman

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

### Psalm 119, with tune by D. Papadakos

1 Happy are they whose way is ' blameless,\*  
who walk in the law of the ' Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his de ' crees\*  
and seek him with all their ' hearts!

3 Who never do any ' wrong,\*  
but always walk in his ' ways.

4 You laid down your com ' mandments,\*  
that we should fully ' keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so di ' rect\*  
that I might keep your ' statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to ' shame,\*  
when I regard all your com ' mandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned ' heart,\*  
when I have learned your righteous ' judgments.

8 I will keep your ' statutes;\*  
do not utterly for ' sake me.

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Laurie Hyndman

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

## Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

## Sermon

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

## Anthem

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*by Thomas Dorsey*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm,  
through the night, lead me on to the light,  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone; hear my cry,  
hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall,  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone;  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

## 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

*Mary Curlew*

*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; Sveta; Ron; and Nathaniel.

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 us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by The Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Savior.  
*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, #671**      Amazing grace      *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: #255

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a piano introduction consisting of two staves of chords. The vocal part follows with six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name".

of the Lord, of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high -  
 est, 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  
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 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: #325** Let us break bread together

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Second Hymn: #676** There is a balm

*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

Blessed Assurance  
(*hymn on next page*)

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## The Dismissal

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

## Postlude

"Baroque in Rhythm"

*by Claude Bolling*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer	Mary Curlew
Lector	Laurie Hyndman
Ushers	Dennis & Lisa Fitzgibbons
Altar Guild	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
Flower Arranger	Susannah White
A/V	Pal Covie
Bread Baker	Chrystena Hahn
Counters	Dennis Fitzgibbons, Susie Soule
Snow Removal	Joe Michaud
VPOW	Pal Covie
Coffee Hour	Nancy Gunzelmann & Ann Donaghy

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —  
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —  
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

## 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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Fraction: Enriching Our Worship.

Blessing: Church of England, Common Worship

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**Beginning February 26,  
the Sunday morning worship service  
at St. Bartholomew's will start at 9:30 am.**

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