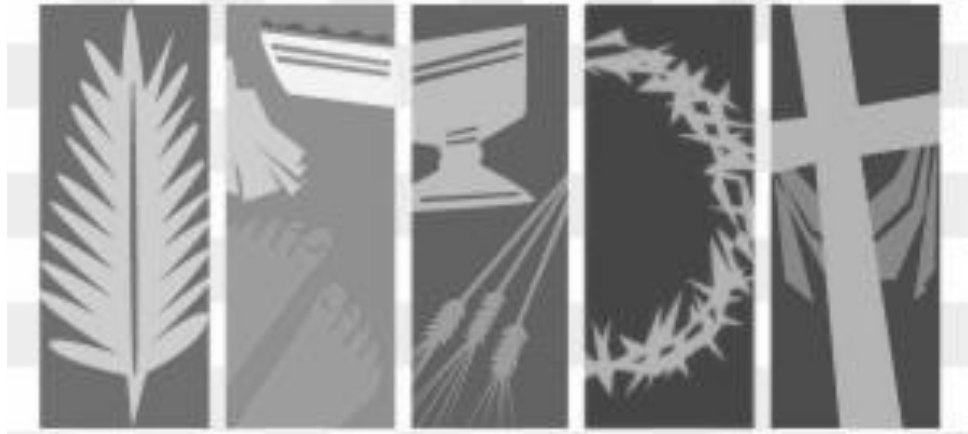


*The First Sunday of Lent*  
*February 18, 2024, 9:30 am*



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

Prelude

“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin” by Helmut Walcha

Welcome & Announcements

Peter Sillin

Opening Hymn, #150

Forty Days and Forty Nights

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Litany

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation.  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Celebrant* 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?

*People* **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?**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation.  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Kyrie, #835

Wonder, Love and Praise

The Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*silence for reflection*

*Celebrant* Have mercy, O God,  
*People* **against you, you alone,  
we have sinned.**  
In your compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.  
Create in us a new heart  
and give us a steadfast spirit.

**Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us.  
Amen.**

*Celebrant* As tender as parent to child,  
so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth,  
so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

*People* **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Blessing of the Paraments

*Celebrant* The paraments that lovingly and carefully adorn our chancel help to mark the changing seasons of the liturgical year and to honor the significance of the sacraments and liturgies that are offered in this space. Today, a new set of paraments is presented to be consecrated and commissioned into service at St. Bart's.

*People* **We give thanks to God and accept these paraments as a sacred trust, to use them with reverence and with respect.**

*Celebrant* In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate these paraments to the glory of God. Let us pray:

*People* **Loving and gracious God, grant us your blessing as we consecrate this gift of paraments to your glory, that they may be an enduring witness before all of your people, and that our lives may be consecrated to your service. We pray this in the name of our Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

### The Lessons

#### First Lesson, Genesis 9:8-17

*Linda Perkins*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all

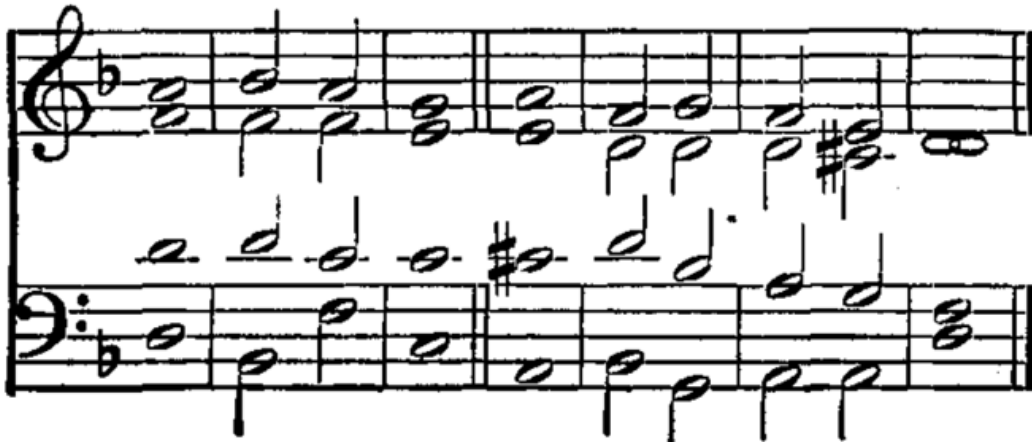
future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*Lector* Holy wisdom, holy word.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25, 1-9 (*chanted*) Anglican Chant #618

*Hymnal 1940*



1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my ' trust in ' you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let mine ' enemies ' triumph ' over me.
2. Let none who look to you be ' put to ' shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disap- ' pointed ' in their ' schemes.
3. Show me your ' ways, O ' Lord, \*  
and ' teach ' me your ' paths.
4. Lead me in your ' truth and ' teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I ' trusted ' all the day ' long.
5. Remember, O Lord, your com- ' passion and ' love, \*  
for they ' are from ' ever ' lasting.
6. Remember not the sins of my youth and ' my trans- ' gressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the ' sake of your ' goodness, O ' Lord.
7. Gracious and upright ' is the ' Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches ' sinners ' in his ' way.
8. He guides the humble in ' doing ' right \*  
and ' teaches his ' way to the ' lowly.

9. All the paths of the Lord are ' love and ' faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant ' and his ' testi- ' monies.

**Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*Linda Perkins*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Lector*            Holy wisdom, holy word.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn, #143**

The glory of these forty days

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel, according to Mark  
*People*            **Glory to you, O God.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson*

**Hymn, #147**

Now let us all with one accord

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant*        Joining the generations of faithful witnesses before us and those yet to be, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.  
*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

*Nancy Gunzelmann*

*Leader* Gracious God, you meet us where we are but also invite us into a deeper way of knowing your loving presence in our lives and in the world around us. Restore us, we pray, and help us to be faithful witnesses to your saving power in the world. In peace let us pray: God, in your mercy:

*People* **Receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, our world takes its own way, heedless of your will. We exploit and diminish others and threaten your good creation. Grant that, in the accelerating crises of our time, your prophetic word may ring out, calling us to turn-about and to do justice, love peace, honor truth, and walk humbly once again with you. God, in your mercy:

**Receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all victims of our turbulent social order: for those scarred by new and old wars, for refugees and those hungry and in despair, for the poor, homeless and addicted, and for all who have little access to the world's abundant resources. Awaken us to bring about change for the well-being of those we know and those many more we do not know. God, in your mercy:  
**Receive our prayer.**

God of justice, help us, your church, find our voice to advocate for gun safety measures in our state and local communities. Turn us from our worship of power and give us courage to confront our false gods. We mourn the needless deaths caused by gun violence; we grieve the lack of access to adequate mental health care services in our communities; and we lament the disproportionate impact of violence on marginalized communities. Help us rise above our dread that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change. For you dream of a world where all Your people are safe and all of us live together without fear. God, in your mercy.  
**Receive our prayer.**

Caring God, we remember before you our loved ones in need of your healing, remembering especially those on our St. Bart's prayer list:  
**Charles; Pat; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Samantha; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Beth; and Curt.**

I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud, (*pause for intercessions*).  
God, in your mercy:  
**Receive our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have died, but who are yet one with us in your everlasting love. Pray, beloved, for those who have died, (especially...). I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud (*pause for intercessions*).  
God, in your mercy:  
**Receive our prayer.**

God of abundance, we thank you for the many blessings of this life and give thanks for all that makes our hearts glad this day: I invite your thanksgivings, either silently or aloud: (*pause for thanksgivings*). God, in your mercy:  
**Receive our prayer.**

## Concluding Collect

*Celebrant  
People*

To you, O Great Redeemer, we pray:  
**Those things, O God, that your people have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* Jesus said to the disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (John 14:27)

*People* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.*

## Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* God's blessings are offered to us in great abundance. Let us, then, with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

*Our offerings of bread and wine are brought forward at this time.*

**Offertory Anthem** "Lord, Make Me to Know" by William Byrd

*Lord, make me to know thy ways.  
O Lord, teach me thy paths.  
O Lord, lead me in thy truth, and teach me,  
for thou art the God of my salvation.*

*The offering is now brought forward.*

### Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray,  
*People* **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. 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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We praise and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.  
You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.



But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
 and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
 you would not forget us.  
 Time and again you called us  
 to live in the fullness of your love.  
 And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
 in the chorus of praise that rings though eternity,  
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus, #736

Hymnal 1940

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and  
 earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. A - men.

Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
 that she might conceive and bear a son,  
 Jesus the holy child of God.  
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
 the sacrifice of his life,  
 and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
 Jesus was at table with his friends.  
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
 "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
 Again, he gave thanks to you,  
 gave it to them, and said:  
 "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
 which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with all your saints,  
from every place and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*  
*People*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven**  
**hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**for ever and 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.**

## The 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. 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

**#142** Lord, who throughout these 40 days  
**#592** Teach me

*The Hymnal 1982*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray together,  
*People* **God of abundance,**  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

*from St. Clare of Assisi*

*Celebrant* Live without fear:  
your Creator has made you holy,  
has always protected you,  
and loves you as a mother.  
Go in peace to follow the good road  
and may God's blessing be with you always.  
*People* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn, #448

O Love, how deep

*The Hymnal 1982*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin, by J. Pachelbel

## 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>	Nancy Gunzelmann
<b>Nonvested Chalice Bearer</b>	Barbara Barhydt
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Perkins
<b>Ushers</b>	Jay & Basil Souder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin
<b>Flower Arranger</b>	Barbara Barhydt
<b>A/V</b>	Joe Michaud
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Susannah White
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Hobson, Pam Trudo
<b>Snow Removal</b>	John Duncan
<b>VPOW</b>	Peter Sillin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	The Gillan Family
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Jennifer Weiderman

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

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Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist from *Enriching our Worship 1*

Opening Litany: *Isaiah 58:6-7*

Confession & Absolution: *All Creation Sings*, Augsburg Fortress © 2024

Blessing of the Paraments: adapted from "Zis-n-Zat from Pastor Asher"

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The Nicene Creed: The phrase "and the Son," referred to as the *Filioque*, has been omitted in solidarity with the Eastern Orthodox expressions of the Christian Faith

Prayers of the People: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Gun violence intercession: adapted from "Prayer Vigil: In the wake of the mass shooting in Lewiston" 26 October 2023.