

The First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023, 9:30 am



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

“Chorale Prelude”

Healy Willan

Welcome & Announcements

Peter Sillin

Opening Hymn, #143

The glory of these forty days

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

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

Kyrie, #842

Wonder, Love, and Praise



△ Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. △



Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. △



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. △

△ *optional bells*

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant People of God, in the holy trust of God’s love and grace, let us confess our sins.

silence for reflection

Celebrant God of all mercy,
People **we confess that we have sinned against you,**
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that ensnares us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will.
Amen.



² Happy are they to whom the LORD im/putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there / is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way,*
because of my groaning / all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,*
and did not / conceal my guilt.

⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.

⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in time of / trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.

⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.

⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go;*
I will guide / you with my eye.

¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under / standing;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not / stay near you."

¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the / wicked;*
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD;*
shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

Pal Covie

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Estey

Hymn, #147

Now let us all

The Hymnal 1982

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant

People

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say together,
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Peter Sillin

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 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.

O righteous God, we sin against you, against one another and against ourselves. Yet you loved the world so much that you sent your son Jesus to reconcile the world to yourself. We confess our sin with sorrow but not despair. We claim your abounding grace. God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

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 be heard, calling for a turning-about, and that there may be a new beginning of doing justice, loving peace, honoring truth, and walking humbly with you. God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

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 no 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.

We remember before you our loved ones in need of your healing touch, remembering especially 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; Sveta; Ron; and Nathaniel.

I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud, as well (pause for intercessions). God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

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 Brook Taliaferro and Margaret Sicari (mother-in-law of Anne Berg's daughter Amanda). I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud (pause for intercessions). God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

We thank you for the many blessings of this life. 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

People

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 bountiful love and 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

"Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought"

by Thomas Ford

*Almighty God, Who hast me brought
In safety to the present day,
Keep me from sin in heart and thought,
And teach me what to do and say.*

*Prosper me, Lord, in all my works,
Help me with thy continual grace,
Keep me from Satan vile that lurks
To trap my soul in ev'ry place.*

*Almighty Lord and God of love,
Direct mine heart and guide my ways,
Amend my miss, my mind remove
From all that from thy glory strays.*

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.**

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 through eternity,
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus, #255

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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

the celebrant continues...

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 Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice 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

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#150 Forty days and forty nights

#142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

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

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Praeludium in G Minor"

by D. Buxtehude

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Estey
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
Music Director: Dr. Christina Edelen
Musicians: The St. Bart's Choir
Chalice Bearer: Peter Sillin
Lector: Pal Covie
Ushers: Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Altar Guild: Jan Burson, Mary Louise Chin

Flower Arranger: Anne Reiman
A/V: Joe Michaud
Bread Baker: Chrystena Hahn
Counters: Tom Hyndman, Pamela Trudo
Snow Removal: Peter Chandler
VPOW: Peter Sillin
Coffee Hour: Jamie Michaud

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

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