

The Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023, 9:30 am



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude "O God, Thou Faithful God" by J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements Ann Donaghy

Opening Hymn, #149 Eternal Lord 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Linda Perkins

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 (*chanted*)



1 I lift up my eyes to the / hills;*
from where is / my help to come?

2 My help comes from the / LORD,*
the maker of hea/ven and earth.

3 He will not let your / foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will / not fall asleep.



4 Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches / over you;*
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand.

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by / day,*
nor / the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all / evil;*
it is he who shall / keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your / coming in,*
from this time forth / for evermore.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Linda Perkins

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 3:1-17

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Hymn, #401 The God of Abraham praise

The Hymnal 1982

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say together,
People **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

Mary Curlew

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 light our orange candle, today, in continued remembrance of the victims of gun violence in our state and in our nation. May this candle, and all the lives it represents, burn brighter than our nation's idolatry of guns and inspire us to pursue meaningful change in our gun laws. 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

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

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

“O Lord, in Thee is All my Trust”

by Thomas Tallis

*O Lord, in thee is all my trust.
Give ear unto my woeful cries.
Refuse me not, that am unjust,
but bowing down thy heav'nly eyes,
behold how I do still lament
my sins wherein I thee offend.
O Lord, for them shall I be shent,
sith thee to please I do intend?*

*No, no, not so! Thy will is bent
to deal with sinners in thine ire:
but when in heart they shall repent
thou grant'st with speed their just desire.*

*To thee therefore still shall I cry,
to wash away my sinful crime.
Thy blood, O Lord, is not yet dry,
but that it may help me in time.*

*Haste now, O Lord, haste now, I say,
to pour on me the gifts of grace
that when this life must flit away
in heav'n with thee I may have place
where thou dost reign eternally
with God which once did down thee send,
where angels sing continually.
To thee be praise, world without end. Amen.
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:

Ho - ly, 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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<i>People</i>	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.
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The Fraction

<i>Celebrant</i>	We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
<i>People</i>	We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

<i>Celebrant</i>	Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
<i>People</i>	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.

During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Music at Communion

The Hymnal 1982

#634	I call on Thee
#337	And now O Father

Post Communion Prayer

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray together,
<i>People</i>	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, #635

If Thou but trust in God

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

"O God, Thou Faithful God"

by Johannes Brahms

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson	Flower Arranger	Barbara Barhydt
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen	A/V	Pal Covie
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir	Bread Baker	John Perkins
Chalice Bearer	Mary Curlew	Counters	Pal Covie, Harriet Davis
Lector	Linda Perkins	Snow Removal	David Heald
Healing Prayers	John Perkins	VPOW	Ann Donaghy
Ushers	Ann Donaghy, Nancy Gunzelmann	Coffee Hour	Nancy Gunzelmann & Linda Draper
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud		

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

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