

The Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023, 9:30 am



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude

“An Wasserflussen Babylon”

by J.C. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Mike Perfetti

Opening Hymn, #771

O God of gentle strength

Wonder, Love & Praise

1. O God of gen - tle strength, your
2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have
3. And when life's chal - leng - es e -
4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The

love em - bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness
claimed us as your own. As mem - bers of one
clipse our minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom
path may be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of

of your care my heart rests will - ing - ly.
bod - y, we shall nev - er be a - lone.
spark a flame to drive the dark - ness out.
things un - seen will keep our foot - ing sure.

Words: Patricia B. Clark (b. 1938); © 1995 Patricia B. Clark
Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

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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

Δ Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Δ

Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Δ

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Δ

Δ *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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

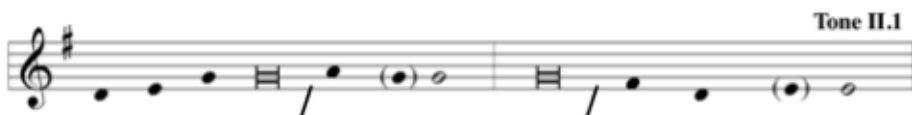
First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Elizabeth Ring

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95 (chanted)



1 Come, let us sing to the / LORD;*
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our / salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving*
and raise a loud shout / to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a / great God,*
and a great King / above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the / earth,*
and the heights of the hills are / his also.



5 The sea is his, for he / made it,*
and his hands have molded / the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and / bend the knee,*
and kneel before the LORD / our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his / hand.*
Oh, that today you would hear/ken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the / wilderness,*
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when / they tempted me.

9 They put me to the / test,*
though they / had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and / said,*
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do / not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my / wrath,*
“They shall not enter / into my rest.”

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Elizabeth Ring

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may

rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Hymn, #658

As longs the deer

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

Anne Jacobs

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; Nathaniel; and Boyd.

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. 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
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

"As Water to the Thirsty"

by Brian Coleman

*1 As water to the thirsty,
As beauty to the eyes,
As strength that follows weakness,
As truth instead of lies,
As song time and springtime
And summertime to be,
So is my Lord,
My living Lord,
So is my Lord to me.*

*2 Like calm in place of clamor,
Like peace that follows pain,
Like meeting after parting,
Like sunshine after rain,
Like moonlight and starlight*

*And sunlight on the sea,
So is my Lord,
My living Lord,
So is my Lord to me.*

*3 As sleep that follows fever,
As gold instead of gray,
As freedom after bondage,
As sunrise to the day,
As home to the trav'ler
And all we long to see,
So is my Lord,
My living Lord,
So is my Lord to me.*

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

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

People

**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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **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

The Hymnal 1982

#686 Come thou fount of every blessing
#332 O God Unseen

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, #692

I heard the voice

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Deacon

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“An Wasserflussen Babylon”

by J. Pachelbel

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	Anne Jacobs
Lector	Elizabeth Ring
Ushers	Jay Reighley, Basil Souder
Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud
Flower Arranger	Barbara Barhydt
A/V	Pal Covie
Bread Baker	Mary Ann Hodsdon
Counters	Dennis Fitzgibbons, Susie Soule
Snow Removal	John Duncan
VPOW	Mike Perfetti
Coffee Hour	Kathy Abernathy & Jamie Michaud

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

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1st Annual ST. BART'S DAY OF SERVICE

We welcome all parishioners to participate in our first ever St. Bart's Day of Service! This is a collaborative way of expanding our outreach and generating interest and momentum for serving our communities via local organizations. Many members of St. Bart's already volunteer their time by working with organizations like Friendship House and St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry. Some of us hear about these things, but don't know how or when to get involved, or admittedly, we might be nervous about volunteering on our own without knowing anyone. The Day of Service is a specific day designed to help address those concerns and bridge that gap.

All you have to do is choose which of the 4 organizations you'd like to volunteer with for the day and sign up to attend. If transportation is a challenge, we can help organize carpools since a whole group of St. Bart's folks will be volunteering together at each location. This year's Day of Service is set for Saturday, May 6th. The times for volunteering vary based on location (see details below). At 2:00 pm, all participants are invited to come back to St. Bart's for casual fellowship and sharing about their volunteer experience (there will be snacks!).

Leading up to the Day of Service, a representative from each organization will come to separate Sunday services in March to share with the parish more about what their group is and does and what volunteering will look like. We hope you will join us! This event is brought to you by a joint effort of the Outreach Committee and Youth Education Committee. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Catherine Richards (cmrolney@comcast.net) or Pal Covie (palcovie@gmail.com). You are also encouraged to sign up on the sheets in the narthex at church (they will be updated regularly with online sign-ups to ensure headcount accuracy).

ORGANIZATIONS

- **Growing to Give**, Brunswick - St. Bart's contacts: Carol Hayes and Harriet Davis. All ages, up to 30 volunteers, shift: 11am-1pm
- **Partners for World Health**, Portland - St. Bart's contact: Catherine Richards. Over 15 years old, 10-20 volunteers, shift: 9am-12pm
- **Furniture Friends**, Westbrook - St. Bart's contact: Peter Sillin. Age & time TBD, a few groups of 2-4 volunteers with a truck for each group, requirement: must be able to lift heavy objects/furniture. Let us know if you have a truck that can be used!
- **Maine Needs**, Portland - St. Bart's contact: Pal Covie. All ages, 12 volunteers, shift: 9am-12pm

*****Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex****



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